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Calvin and of Scotland to Knox. The beginning of history in New England was the fruit of the Puritan revival. The echoes of many an evangelistic campaign still resound throughout the United States and there are still living those who date the beginning of their religious life from the preaching of a Moody and the singing of a Sankey.

EXCELLENT ADVICE HIS message, Governor Withycombe makes a number of excellent recommendations to the legislature. Here is one:

I venture to recommend that this legislature set a record for brevity, particularly in the number of laws passed. Nothing in the general situation demands great activity in the field of lawmaking, and assuredly the popular frame of mind precludes the possibility of the least possible new legislation. A short, sane session, with a few good laws is at this time infinitely preferable to a lengthy assembly, replete with drastic changes and burdened with many enactments carelessly devised.

This is excellent advice. It is counsel that the whole public will approve and applaud. There is no need of multiplied laws. It is the multiplication of bills that opens the way for half-baked legislation to go through. It is while members are busy with hundreds of peanut measures that schemers work their jokers through unnoticed.

However, excellent as is the governor's suggestion, it will probably go unheeded. Twenty-six bills introduced within nine minutes was the record in the house yesterday. The bills, bills, bills, the bills, bills, bills, the wilderness of bills more than anything else, contributes to the demoralization of legislative sessions.

SOME SUGGESTIONS IF THERE is to be endeavor to forward irrigation in Oregon, certain suggestions as to an orderly manner of procedure may not be out of place.

First, everybody concedes the importance of bringing irrigable lands into cultivation; second, the vast majority of people believe it can and should be done only by public authority. The reasons for this are so many it is unnecessary to state more than two:

First, those who settle on the lands should have them at the lowest possible cost, which cannot possibly be the case if it is done by those building for a profit or speculators; second, the work should be so permanent that the water would be guaranteed forever and be just as secure as the title to the land. This can only be done through governmental authority.

What we should do immediately is this. This legislature should appropriate at least \$450,000, as we now have a pledge from the federal government that it will apply a like amount to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior at such places as he may select in the state of Oregon.

This eliminates all local friction and allows the selection to be made by the Secretary, and the rivalry of those representing different projects will not interfere with the passage of the bill. By this procedure they would devote their energies, first, to the passage of the bill, and, second, to having it applied to some particular project.

Meanwhile, irrigation meetings should not merely adopt a lot of resolutions and then pass the subject on to the members of the legislature who know but little about the matter and only have forty days' time in which to consider and prepare laws on a most difficult and complicated subject. What the irrigators should do, is to appoint the very best and most trustworthy committee having no special interest to serve, to prepare a law. Naturally such a committee should be absolutely above suspicion as to having anything in mind but the general good. This committee between the sessions of the legislature should prepare a law based upon the principle of the establishment of a broad, logical, and continuous policy of irrigation development.

RELIGIOUS REVIVALS TO SAY that the old fashioned revival meeting is out of harmony with the modern idea of religious expansion is to controvert the dictum of Professor William James—an other leading psychologist that it is a very legitimate form of religious expression.

The history of religion is marked by revivals. Buddhism was the result of the return of Gautama to the simpler elements of the early Vedic beliefs. Mohammedanism drew its chief strength from its appeal to the first form of Hebrew monotheism. Confucianism found its sanctions in primitive Mongolian traditions. Christianity itself is a fulfillment of the law of Moses.

According to the earliest document of Christian history extant the popular natal hour of Christianity was a revival movement in which 3000 persons were converted. Among the most notable revivals were those of St. Francis of Assisi among the hill towns of Umbria and the cities of the Lombardy plains; the effect of the preaching of Ambrose of Milan and Bernard of Clairvaux; the awakening of England under St. Augustine; Wycliff and Wesley; the response of Ireland to St. Patrick; of Hungary to Huss, of Germany to Luther, of Switzerland to

bunch of uninformed men on a special subject the obligation and duty in a forty-day session of preparing a most complicated law on a most important subject.

If this line is followed something will be done. But above all, those selected for the committee to prepare the law should be so far above all suspicion of working either in their own interest or in the interest of others that there should be no question about it. Otherwise, the law will be so severely criticized that it cannot stand the fire to which it will be subjected when it goes before the legislature.

IN JUSTICE TO MR. EATON IN THE late speakership fight, The Journal was an onlooker. The man elected is an excellent citizen. So is the man who was defeated. It was a contest in which, whatever the outcome, there was promise that the state would be well served.

But in that fight, many hard things were said by the Oregonian against Mr. Eaton. They were undeserved things. Mr. Eaton is not "a snake in the grass." Nor "a public enemy." Nor a "broker in favors."

Mr. Eaton has been elected representative from Lane county five times. At the late election, he received the highest vote on the legislative ticket. He was nominated not only by his own party, but by the Democratic and Progressive parties.

No higher tribute could be paid any man. The confidence of his neighbors and the people of his own county as expressed in that election is incontestable evidence of Mr. Eaton's standing at home. There is more to the credit of Mr. Eaton. He was one of the pioneer supporters of Statement One. He voted for every Statement one United States senator. He was always on the side of the people in the struggle for popular government in Oregon. He has always been an ardent advocate for reform of rules and committees in the legislature, and at the 1913 session made a strong fight in that behalf. In the legislature, it has always seemed to The Journal that Mr. Eaton was a fair, sincere and consistent supporter of those measures that made for good government.

It seems only just to Mr. Eaton that these things be said in his behalf at this time. A good name is the most precious jewel in a man's life. To rob him of it, is to make him poor, indeed.

For any man to have a worthy ambition for a speakership is not a sufficient offending to warrant a wanton mutilation of his best asset, an honorable fame.

THE WAIST LINE THE latest edict of the Fashion Art League is that the waist line must come back to the place where it belongs. As a result of this decree the woman who is fashionable but fleshy must diet or lace. There is to be no cheating with a movable line that may be anywhere between the shoulders and the knees.

The waist line of a costume is the key to its modishness. In recent years this line has gone up and down the figure from bust to hips and back again and has seldom been seen in its normal location. The mode of 1915 will be a well defined line with a tendency to a pointed front.

There will be a military suggestion in the slight nipping at the center, sides and front somewhat on the lines of an officer's uniform.

It might have been worse, so perhaps we ought to be thankful. With the war to suggest the military modishness, what we might have been up against was our gentle women in equelettes, plume helmet, spurs, brass buttons and with a saber by the side and a military swagger in the gait.

A POLICEMAN'S HEART THERE are many charges of graft, corruption and collusion against Chicago policemen. But in the midst of all these allegations comes the story of Tom Williams, for twenty-five years a patrolman, but now no longer a member of the force. The greater part of Williams' service was in looking after crippled children who attended the Spaulding school. He rode on the bus that took them from homes to school and back again; he carried them from their beds and wheel chairs to the bus, and from the bus to their desks. He has been at this job for years, and in all that time not a single child was injured. The children had to be fed at school. Some of them would have gone hungry had not Williams provided food. He says he never paid for lunches, but Chicago says the recording angel wiped out the record of that statement with a gear. The children did not go hungry. Chicago needs more policemen to protect property, and so Tom Williams received an order to report for other duty. But instead of reporting at the station, he had served long enough to be entitled to a retirement pension. The children needed him, and he proposed to remain with them. It is a pretty story, such as to inspire greater respect for men

who often are criticized unjustly. It is a look into one policeman's heart.

STATE CONSERVATION

By C. W. Lamar, of Portland. The Oregon Conservation commission, with "Cooperation" for its slogan, has submitted to Governor West a report covering its work of investigating the natural resources of the state during 1914, with recommendations for legislation deemed necessary for its protection and development.

The report is remarkable for its exhaustive analysis of each subject and contains a fund of valuable statistical information told in an intensely interesting and inspiring way. It is the result of painstaking research work such as only an intense spirit of local patriotism, with the public welfare of the state as a whole sincerely at heart, could have accomplished. Its urgent plea for a closer cooperative spirit between the federal and state government, and of the state with the county, is a worthy recognition of the old adage that "in unity there is strength," and must be stimulated and encouraged if the "greatest degree of efficiency is to be attained."

This is shown by the splendid results achieved in the past four years, through the combined efforts of the various county and private patrol associations working harmoniously with the federal and state governments, in protecting our forests from the ravages of fire during the dry months of the year. It is stated that in 1913 the total loss of green timber was valued at \$460,25, while for the season just closed, the driest in the history of the local weather bureau, the loss is estimated at not to exceed 20,000,000 board feet. During this time some 400 men were employed by these associations, including the state and the federal government. In normal years approximately \$125,000 is expended by private owners for forest protection, but in seasons like the one just closed, the amount is much greater.

The state spends \$37,500 annually and as a result of such expenditure, received \$10,000 from the federal government. The report recommends an appropriation of \$100,000, an increase over 1913 of \$25,000. When it is understood that "Oregon's forests still constitute, next to land itself, her greatest natural resource," it would appear from the excellent records made that this sum is none too large for its adequate protection and ought to be approved and the amount asked made available for the use of the state board of forestry.

Closely allied with the protection of our forests from fire, is the question of their taxation. It is made clear in the report that it is vital to the success or utter failure of the forest policy of the state, and recognizes the futility of expecting any relief from our present system until constitutional amendments to our general land tax laws have been made.

The report advocates a tax on the land value with a yield tax on timber as a stimulus to the reforestation of our logged off lands, and emphasizes "as of greatest importance in a forest state, the danger that lies in new and radical tax propaganda that does not bear forestry in mind."

The correct solution of this great complex problem is universally recognized as of paramount importance and our law making body will commit a very grave mistake if, for any reason, it should fail to relieve by legislation, as it has in the past, a condition that is actually retarding the development of the state.

Naturally enough, with an increase of 120 per cent in the population of Portland and a corresponding increase in the state as a whole, together with a flood of untold millions expended for the betterment of transportation and market facilities, all within the span of a few years, there came, necessarily, an increase in public expenditures, which means higher tax levies. These are the influences which have contributed largely to, if they are not entirely responsible for, the extraordinary prices now being asked for our lands. It is necessary that we have a readjustment of our assessed valuations, with a more equitable levy, if we are to derive benefit from the expected improvement of financial conditions.

Another momentous question confronting the state for an early solution, and exhaustively considered in this report, as that of reclaiming the vast areas of wild, nonproductive logged-off lands, rich in agricultural possibilities, that are scattered through all of the counties west of the Cascade range of mountains. According to this report, in the 18 counties comprised in this section of the state, there are 2,024,680 acres of improved land. Estimating the average farm to contain 66 acres, we have 30,458 farms in western Oregon upon which a population of 210,000 reside and cultivate 1,321,455 acres with an average value of \$125 per acre.

On the other hand, we are informed that there is in this same section of the state, in every way as rich and as capable of sustaining just as large and prosperous a population, but now a waste and a burden to the state, 2,811,344

acres of this logged off and burned over land with an average value of \$8 per acre. It exceeds the improved land by 786,664 acres and the cultivated land by 50 per cent and is increasing at the rate of 90,000 acres per year.

That we should remain passive and indifferent to such a condition and permit it to exist longer in the face of a crying demand for cheap land, not alone from our home people, but from the thousands in the eastern states with eyes turned westward, seems incredible.

In pursuance of a solution for the reclaiming of these logged off lands, the report, as near as can be computed, gives the cost of clearing the brush lands at \$63.50 per acre and the heavily timbered lands at \$75 to \$180 per acre. Continuing, it says:

If land-clearing can be conducted on a sufficiently large scale and under some sort of business organization employing adequate engineering methods and machinery the present cost can be reduced from one to two thirds, and if some practical process can be devised for saving and marketing the useful wood products obtainable from the logs, the cost, by encumbering the land, could be overcome altogether and in some cases a profit made from clearing operations.

From investigations and experiments which have been made during the past five or six years it has been found that from 25 to 150 or more cords of useful material can be obtained from an acre of the logged-off land in the heavily timbered districts.

The only organization competent to deal with this question in a practical way, is the county with the aid of the state. The interest of the state being the greater of the two, it should, after an accurate survey had been made, acquire title to such lands as are best suited for its purpose. This does not necessarily mean, as is popularly supposed, that we must go to the people for their approval of a large bond issue. On the contrary, it is doubtful if the state would need to advance a single dollar in purchase money. Indeed, it is almost certain that many of the owners of these large tracts of land would be willing to transfer their interests to the state at a reasonable price and accept in return an interest-bearing mortgage, maturing in five, ten or even twenty years, if secured by the land and the good faith of the state.

After obtaining title to such lands considered best suited for agriculture, it would then be a matter of making them attractive to the homeseeker. This can be done, first, by offering the land to him at the actual cost price. Second, a low rate of interest on deferred payments. Third, not less than ten years in which to pay for it. Fourth, by clearing and making ready for the plow, five or six acres, which would be enough to sustain himself and family while making required improvements on the balance of the forty, sixty or eighty acres as the case might be. The county, under the supervision of the county court, can do this, as well as blaze the trails which later would become roads, because it is amply able to buy and operate the expensive machinery necessary to do it.

The same power used to operate this machinery will suffice to turn the stump and other refuse into the products mentioned in this report, such as cordwood, box board and a wood pulp suitable for the manufacture of the heavier kinds of commercial and building paper. These products are of great commercial value and could, with reason, be expected to pay operating expenses, if they did not actually pay the entire cost of clearing the land.

Governmental and private experiments have been made in the belief that resinous products of great commercial value could be extracted from the refuse of these lands which in time would attract capital in the development of an industry of great magnitude. This, it is claimed, would eventually solve the problem of colonizing these waste lands. This plan, however, is entirely too vague and indefinite for consideration. The time is the present, not the future, and in advancing the suggestion that the state and county take over and colonize these lands, we are only applying, in a broader sense and on a larger scale, the principle of the successful real estate firm in handling logged-off lands.

It is of utmost importance that some action looking to a practical solution of this problem be taken at the present session of the legislature. The report concludes with a lengthy discussion of the water and mineral power resources of the northwest and its influence upon the development of the state, recommending the closest cooperation between the state and federal government, especially mentioning the various irrigation projects under way or projected.

MARCHING ORDERS From "The Oregonian's" Magazine. An old Irishman, long desirous of official dignity, was finally appointed marshal in a parade on Memorial day. Veterans, bandmen and school children were lined along the streets of the town patiently waiting the signal to start. Suddenly Mike, on a prancing charger, dashed up the street. After inspecting the dignified procession, he gave his horse the quick kick. Then, standing up in his saddle, he yelled with a voice filled with pride and authority: "Ready, now! Every one of ye, kape shute with the horse!"

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

The average man likes to work—his wife's relations. Most men wouldn't do a thing if they didn't need the coin.

The heart of a pretty girl may be as chilly as a dog's nose. Some men are good because they find it cheaper than being bad.

The man who does things can afford to let his wife do all the talking. A woman's work is never finished—if she is trying to reform some man.

The more indignant women can become over a scandal the more they enjoy it. A woman is never more anxious to hide her age than when she begins to show it.

Women will find it awfully monotonous to be in the fashions never change there. If the silly actions of a man are not due to his being in love, they are probably natural.

A woman has to be in society at least six months before she acquires the art of being real rude. If a man coaxes his wife to accompany him on a business trip it is a sign that the trip is going to be short.

Even when the doctor doesn't know what is the matter with the patient—he usually knows enough to keep his lack of knowledge to himself.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Eugene's anti-dog ordinance will become effective February 1. After that there is to be no more running at large. Coquille Sentinel: Efforts are being made to add another school district to the new consolidated district on Coos Bay. The south of Coos Bay consolidated district, but has only 10 residents of school age, while its assessed valuation is more than \$100,000.

Speaking of gold strikes, the Baker Herald says: "When central Oregon has been explored all its possibilities for gold, we invite them over to eastern Oregon to see the real thing. At that, we wish good luck to all those who are trying for riches over there." The Helix and Adams school boards have combined to secure a manual training instructor, who will divide his time between the two schools. Walter K. Burgess, graduate of Washington state college, is the man.

There is but a single criminal case on the docket for the present term of circuit court, Josephine county, and there was but a single indictment returned by the grand jury. From the county clerk's office it is learned that the county is getting better, or the evildoers are getting more careful.

Under the direction of R. T. Jackson of the department of agriculture, residents of the west end of Umatilla county are being urged to make a demonstration upon the jackrabbit, using poison as a weapon, one ounce of strychnine per bushel of alfalfa, and spread over 15 pounds of chopped alfalfa, taking precautions to protect sheep and cattle.

HOW THE JUNIOR PARTNER GOT IN

By John M. Oakison. "You ask me who gave me my start?" "The senior partner gave me. I worked and made my opportunity. Like you, I came to this place when I was about 19."

"For the next year my old employer sensibly took no interest whatever in me. But at the end of that time, when my father died and my mother and sisters came to live with me, he called me to his study and asked me, 'How much money I had saved.' I showed him my bank book. 'My bank book showed only a \$100 credit, but I had scrimped and saved to get it. At the same time, I had not so much as 'tight wad,' and I had picked friends, too, who talked about other things than money. Well, the old man made me his junior partner."

"It wasn't much of a store then—" "You don't have to be told anything more of the history of the man who was made a junior partner. But the old man's salary was \$100 a month, and the bank's little magazine gave a prize, went on to say something of the young man to whom the veteran was talking. He was on the point of quitting his job with the firm; he said that his salary was \$100 a month; that he was in debt, and that the boys he was accustomed to train with had more to spend than he.

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