

# NEBULOUS IDEAS PLENTIFUL, REAL ISSUES UNSOLVED

## Legislators Favor "Reconstruction" and Aid for Soldiers, But Definite Plans Lacking.

### ROAD SUBJECT UPPERMOST

#### Immediate Assistance for Returned War Heroes Needed; Road Building Work to Aid.

Salem, Jan. 15.—Two of the most nebulous yet the most frequently heard expressions about the legislative hall, are "reconstruction" and "making provision for the returning soldiers."

Senators and representatives are all in favor of "reconstruction"; they are all in favor of "making provision for the returning soldier," but in all the talk that has been going on about the subject, there has not been a definite, concrete plan suggested, and apparently no one has any definite ideas on the subject.

Governor Withcombe, in his message, recommends land development, reclamation of arid and swamp lands and the clearing of logged-off lands. Nearly every senator or representative who has expressed his views has but little use for the land question as a practical means of giving immediate employment or relief to those who will need it when the boys come trooping home.

#### Immediate Needs Uppermost

As Senator Huston pointed out, the boys are coming home now and something must be done to meet an emergency now existing. He says the boys do not want to tackle any logged-off land proposition, and but a very small percentage of them will be attracted by land development projects.

At this time, the two practical means of providing employment appear to be through a greatly enlarged state road building program and the construction of irrigation projects by state aid and in cooperation with the government, if that cooperation along this line can be obtained.

The road building offers an opportunity for the quickest action and this fact will be brought into use in support of the road building program as soon as it is presented to the legislature. One apparent thing about the road building program is that senators and representatives are all talking about it and looking for it, but they seem to be expecting it to come from some outside source.

The road building program is not being formulated by the law makers. They are merely waiting for somebody else to hand it to them. Senators frankly confess this, and they are anxious to see what the program is really going to look like.

#### Road Building Has Sway

But this fact is very apparent. There is more surface sentiment in favor of launching state road building on a larger scale than ever heretofore at-

tempted, more than has existed at any preceding legislative session this early in the game.

As to the irrigation program in connection with the reconstruction program, they are discussed in only a far off, hazy sort of way, and if anything is done in that line the fact that employment will be given to men in connection with the construction work will appeal to the legislators almost as strongly as what may be hoped for from the reclamation of the land.

In providing for the returning soldier, if new employment is not provided, the problem of unemployment will not be solved as every time a home coming soldier takes an existing job that is now held down by one who did not go to war, what one must find employment some place else.

So the need, as viewed by senators who wish to do something constructive, is to provide new employment and before the session is much older there will be a great leaning toward road building as a means of doing this.

## Ill With Influenza Carl H. Borquist Commits Suicide

Probably delirious from the effects of influenza, Carl H. Borquist, about 45 years old, committed suicide at his home, 47 East Twenty-fourth street north, about 1 o'clock this morning by firing one shot from a revolver into his right temple. His death, as near as can be judged, was instantaneous.

Mr. Borquist was a salesman for the Robertson Hardware & Steel company and was taken ill this week. His case appeared to be only a mild one and last evening when the family went to bed he seemed to be resting well.

At the time the shot was fired, his wife, Dora, Borquist, was sleeping in the same room and was awakened by the shot to find her husband lying dead on the floor. The coroner was called, but it is probable that an inquest will not be held. The body is in charge of the Breeze & Snook Undertaking company.

The Borquist family have been residents of this city for some time. Mr. Borquist is survived by his wife and one daughter.

## St. Helens Editor Is Convicted of Libel

St. Helens, Jan. 15.—Ham Kautzman, editor of the Columbia Herald, was convicted of publishing an improper and libelous article in his paper. The jury was out less than two hours. The trial attracted much interest and the attempt of attorneys to inject in the case matters not pertaining to the indictment caused heated personalities. Kautzman was allowed until January 20 to file a motion of appeal.

## House's Condition Very Satisfactory

Paris, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—The condition of Colonel House, who is still confined to his bed with indigestion, is very satisfactory, Gordon Auchincloss, non-in-law, informed the United Press today. He added that House expects to be out within a few days.

## ROAD BOOSTERS OF PORTLAND SCORED

### Senator Thomas Calls for Joint Session to Consider Highway Needs for State.

By Will T. Kirk  
Salem, Jan. 15.—A revolt against Portland manipulators framing and putting through the legislature big highway bonding bills during the rush hours of the legislature broke out in the senate this morning.

It was led by Senator C. M. Thomas of Jackson county, who introduced a resolution providing for a joint session of the senate and house at 10 o'clock next Monday morning to consider the road building question. At that time the members of the senate highway committee will be invited to appear before the legislators and outline their ideas for highway legislation.

Senator Thomas reviewed the manner in which the \$5,000,000 bonding bill was crowded through the legislature during the closing hours of the 1917 session and declared that it was "rotten and vicious, and it is a marvel that the highway commission has been able to administer it as well as they have."

### Rumors Rouse Resentment

Senator Thomas' resentment has been aroused by the rumors of a \$10,000,000 bonding bill, which is being introduced in Portland and about which members of the legislature seem to have no definite information.

Rising to a question of personal privilege, Senator Thomas said: "Two years ago many members of both houses of the legislature came to the capitol in favor of good roads legislation. I was one of that number. I heard rumblings of bond bills which were coming up. I talked to that member and that member seeking information and could not get any."

"Members of the highway committees were milling around, and then, when the rush hours of the session arrived, they descended upon the legislature, a crowd of lobbyists with road bills in their pockets."

### Charges Bill Withheld

"Members of the legislature were invited to go to a certain hotel in this city and there were shown a bill which they were asked to sign. Friends of mine went there, but when they came away they could not tell me what was in the bill."

"Do you think I could get a copy of the bill? No, I was not one of the chosen few."

"A few days before the close of the session, I was asked to come to a committee room in this capitol and a member said he wanted to read the road bonding bill. I asked to see the bill. He told me he didn't have time to let me see it. I wanted to get the bill into my hands, so I could see what was in it."

"Do you think I could get it? No, the bill was sent to the printer, and still I could not get a copy of it."

"Finally at 6 o'clock at night a copy of the printed bill was put on my desk, and it was on the calendar as a special order of business for 8 o'clock that night."

### This Was an Insult to the Members of this Legislature

"This was an insult to the members of this legislature. Now again we hear rumors of a big bonding bill coming up from Portland."

"We are here this session with two important questions before us, one being the providing of employment for returning soldiers and the other the construction of roads. The road building program will offer the best channel for providing the employment."

"We hear rumors that again a swarm of lobbyists is going to descend upon us with a \$10,000,000 bonding bill."

"Lawyers in Portland are now drafting this bill. There is to be a repetition of the last session. I don't intend to permit it, if God will help me to prevent it."

### Last Bond Bill Condemned

"If we permit this to be done, we implicitly admit that we do not possess the ability to enact the legislation which we were sent here to enact. I will not admit that the 17 lawyers in this senate cannot draft a bill which will meet the situation, or that the attorney general, the legal adviser of the state, cannot draft such a bill. I will not admit that interested parties in Portland can draft a better bill in the interest of the people of the state than we can draft here."

"The \$5,000,000 bonding bill passed by the last session was vicious. It was rotten, and the marvel is that the highway commission have administered it as well as they have. Let the highway commission come before us and tell us of the mistakes of the past and of the legislation that ought to be enacted now."

"Let us preserve the dignity of this honorable body, and let us, not someone else, enact the legislation of this session."

Former Premier Joseph Caillaux, who has been in prison for some time on a charge of treason, will seek election to the French chamber of deputies.

## Switching Charge Is Protested by State Commission

Salem, Jan. 15.—Taking the stand that switching charges should not be made at terminals at the same city, where both are under government control, led the public service commission Tuesday to write to C. A. Prouty, director of public service and accounting in the railroad administration in Washington, D. C. The letter was written by H. H. Corey for the commission and took as an example a current charge of \$50 being made by the S. P. & S. railroad for switching charges to the O-W. R. & N. track in Portland after the first company had received hauling charges for the load from Rices spur on the Astoria division.

The load of wood was hauled to Portland and the extra charge was put on for hauling it to a team track in the O-W. R. & N. yards in East Portland, called the Foundation spur. The commission holds that since both lines are controlled by the government and there is no competition between them, the charges should not have been made.

Mr. Prouty, to whom the letter is addressed, is the representative of the shippers' interests in the railroad administration.

## Seattle Boys Leave Home; Picked Up in Salem by Officers

Salem, Jan. 15.—Three boys, each about 15 years old, were picked up here Tuesday afternoon and found to be runaways from Seattle. They were Doyd Tyo, James Radigan and Walter Bagley.

The Seattle police department was notified with the result that young Bagley's father came this morning and toured the party back to Seattle. The boys had taken a better interest in their parents and bought their tickets as far as they could. They had a total of 50 cents when taken into custody, and were bound for San Francisco.

## Boy Scouts Hustle Out Packages to Families in Need

Roseburg, Jan. 15.—Local Boy Scouts were much in evidence in this city last Saturday, when they were instrumental in delivering packages for the local relief board to needy families.

The work was turned over to the county juvenile officer, Miss Agnes Pitchford, who in turn solicited the help of the Boy Scouts for the work. This relief board, which is conducted by the local churches, gathers up many articles of wearing apparel, as well as articles of food, and the needy families are supplied through this board by donations. Much relief is administered in this way every winter.

## STATE GUARANTY OF IRRIGATION BONDS TO COME BEFORE HOUSE

### Representative Gallagher of Malheur County Putting Bill in Shape for Action.

Salem, Jan. 15.—Guaranty of irrigation bonds by the state through the provisions of a constitutional amendment that will give the officials of the state that power, is the plan now being whittled into shape for submission to the legislature and through it to the people by Representative Gallagher of Malheur county.

As the law now stands irrigation districts can vote bonds and guarantee them, as ratified by the secretary of state after the project has been examined and approved by the irrigation securities committee.

Mr. Gallagher would like to have authority given the state to underwrite or guarantee bonds that had been certified under the provision of the present law.

The reason for this is that bond buyers, during the past two years have been making a big margin off of irrigation district bonds.

Practically all those sold, and the total runs close to two million dollars, have been sold at 90 cents on the dollar. This has resulted in a loss of some two hundred thousand dollars to the settlers of the various irrigation districts of the state. It is believed by Mr. Gallagher and other irrigationists that irrigation bonds would be sold at par or above, if they were guaranteed by the state.

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It will be presented to the house in a short time.

## Relief From Over Taxation Is Sought By Senator Hurley

Salem, Jan. 15.—Senator Hurley has introduced a bill intended to give relief to sheep men and other large owners of personal property from over-assessment and consequent over-taxation.

His bill provides that when the county board of equalization finds that personal property has been overtaxed the county court is authorized to rebate the excess tax from the general fund of the county. The present law provides that the tax collector is to make such rebata, but as the sheriff collects the taxes by the time the rebate is determined he has paid the tax money over to the treasurer and has no funds with which to comply with the law.

The United States, Great Britain and Italy have agreed upon a plan for taxing over German passenger tonnage.

## Senate Bills Introduced

Salem, Jan. 15.—Senate bill No. 1, by Farrell—Amending chapter 151, laws of 1911, so as to authorize Multnomah county to levy additional tax of 1/2 mill for maintenance of public libraries.

S. B. 2, by Dimick—Defining criminal syndicalism and sabotage and providing for curbing overt acts of lawless elements seeking industrial revolution.

S. B. 3, by Huston—Providing that preference shall be given to ex-soldiers and ex-sailors in employment on all public works in this state.

S. B. 4, by Huston—Amending public utility law by providing that public service commission shall not have authority to alter or set aside any rate previously fixed by contract between any public utility corporation and municipal corporation prior to November 7, 1912.



## Health and Happiness

Women of today seem to listen to every call of duty except the supreme one that tells them to guard their health. Home duties, church duties, war activities, and the hundred-and-one calls for charitable enterprises soon lead women to overdo. Nervousness, headaches, backaches and female troubles are the inevitable result.

Philadelphia, Pa.—"I was very weak, always tired, my back ached, and I felt sickly most of the time. I went to a doctor and he said I had nervous indigestion, which, added to my weak condition, kept me worrying most of the time—and he said if I could not stop that, I could not get well. I heard so much about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound my husband wanted me to try it. I took it for a week and felt a little better. I kept it up for three months, and I feel fine and can eat anything now without distress or nervousness. Health and happiness? Yes, I have both now."—Mrs. J. WORTMAN, 2842 North Taylor Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The majority of women nowadays overdo, there are so many demands upon their time and strength; the result is invariably a weakened, run-down nervous condition with headaches, backache, irritability and depression—and soon more serious ailments develop. Avoid them by taking in time

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