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LEA AGAIN CHOSEN TO HEAD FAIR

Election to Fifth Term Is Made Unanimous at Annual Meeting of State Board in Salem Yesterday

TRACTOR BUILDING WILL BE ERECTED

Directors May Decide to Make Duration of Exposition Ten Days

A. H. Lea was yesterday elected at the annual meeting of the state board of fair directors to serve his fifth consecutive term as secretary of the board and manager of the Oregon state fair. His election was unanimous.

The board has under serious consideration Mr. Lea's recommendation that the duration of the state fair be increased from a week to 10 days, but no decision will be reached until after conference of the board with the North Pacific Fair association in Portland January 26.

The board voted to construct a new tractor and implement shed on the fair grounsd at an estimated cost of $10,000, and also to build new walks, fountains and other improvements, the cost of which will be determined later. The legislature will be asked to appropriate for the rebuilding of the livestock barns that were chushed by the heavy snow of December. The estimated amount of money necessary is $10,000.

M. L. Jones was elected to the presidency of the board, W. H. Savage vice president and A. N. Bush of Salem was re-elected treasurer. All department heads were chosen but these will not be announced for several days.

A resolution was adopted prohibiting all games and all shows savoring of immorality from operating on the fair grounds.

The board begins the new year with a clean slate, all notes having bOeen taken up and a small balance remaining in the treasury.

INSPECTOR TO BE RECOMMENDED

Police and Plumbing Committees Hold Joint Session to Discuss Plan

Appointment of a city plumbing inspector will be recommended to the city council by the committees on police and plumbing as result of decision reached at a joint meeting last night of the two committees. Gerald Volk, chairman of the plumbing committee, presided. All members of the two committees were present except R. W. Craig chairman of the police committee, who is in California.

Whitman College Quintet Will Be Here Wednesday

Willamettеu niversity will play its firste onference basketball game at the Salem armory Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week. This marks the entrance of Willamette university into big athletics. The opposing college is Whitman with an enviable record of past successes.

Whitman has had all northwest conference selections for many years, including the names of such stars as Garver, Dement and Rich. Willamette and Willamette's friends are much enthused over this game.

Leon Faber, a basketball expert of Portland will referee both games. The W. U. squad wil be selected from the following men: Wapato, McKittrick, Jackson, Irvine, Gillette, R. Dimick, Ganzans, Socolofski, and R. Rarey.

Big Five Packers Meet with Federal Officers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Representatives of the big five Chicago meat packers met today with department of justice officials in the first of a series of conferences for drafting the legal form of the decree to be entered divorcing othr activities of the packers from the business of packing meat.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Watts Is Dead at Age of 73 Years

Mrs. Sarah Jane Watts, widow of the late William Watts, who died about 19 years ago, died at a local hospital yesterday. She had been in poor health for several years. She was 73 years old.

Mrs. Watts is survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Eva Judson of Salem. Her husband was an active member of the Ancient rder of United Workmen.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 p. m. today at the Rigdon chapel. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

San Francisco Gets Ready for Democratic Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—San Francisco today began active preparation for the 1920 Democratic convention to be held here during the week of June 28.

The board of supervisors late today unanimously appropriated $15,000 toward furnishing entertainment for delegates and visitors. Chief of Police White issued orders intended to cleanse the city of all criminal radicals and prevent an influx of pickpockets and confidence men.

ORTON WOULD CUT OFF BILLS TO BE OFFERED

Measures to Expedite Legislation Are Introduced at Special Session

DEAD SOLON HONORED

All Senators But Two Want Death Penalty Restored in This State

Senator Orton introduced a resolution providing that in order to expedite business and to make it possible for emergency legislation to have first consideration after the first two days members be allowed to introduce bills, memorials and resolutions only by consent of two-thirds of the members present and voting. Further, it provides that at 11 o'clock on Wednesday of this week the senate go into committee of the whole to decide what measure shall receive consideration.

As a special committee to draft resolutions in honor of the late Senator Walter A. Dimick, President Vinton appointed Pierce, Smith of Coos and Curry, Baldwin, Gill and Eddy. President Vinton announced that the ranking member of all committees of which Senator Dimick was chairman will take his place as chairman of the respective committees. Senator Jones of Lane county becomes chairman of the resolutions committee. This order was later changed and President Vinton named Senator Eddy chairman of the resolutions committee and announced he would fill other vacancies today.

The names of all members of the senate with the exception of Banks of Multnomah and Strager were signed to a joint resolution introduced yesterday referring to the people the question of restoring the death penalty in Oregon. The resolution is identical with a measure introduced by Senator Dimick at the session of 1919.

Senator Farrell introduced a concurrent resolution calling for adjournment of the special session at noon next Saturday and it was referred to the resolutions committee.

Smith of Coos and Curry introduced a senate joint resolution limiting legislation to the program outlined in the governor's message plus memorials and resolutions referring measures to the people.

A joint memorial was introduced by Senator Patterson of Polk and Benton counties providing that children of parents who are not citizens of the United States and who cannot become citizens must retain citizenship of the countries to which their parents are subject even though they may have been born in the United States or its territories.

Senator Baldwin introduced a bill to amend the state banking laws by providing that the number of bank examiners to be appointed by the state superintendents with approval

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REPUBLICANS OF WEST IN CONVENTION

Hays Strikes Keynote in Words: "No Closed Season for G. O. P. Until Victory in November

LOYALTY IS PLEDGED BY WOMEN OF OREGON

State Delegation Includes Many of Most Prominent Members of Party

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Republican men and women from six western states, gathered here for a regional conference, applauded today when Will H. Hays, Republican national chairman, declared there will be "no closed season in Republican politics between now and victory in November."

"We need not less politics, but more attention to politics, for only by this means can the best candidates be obtained, said Hays. Things don't happen in politics or anything else; they are brought about. I have no use for the person who is too busy or too uninterested to pay attention to practical politics. He is entitled to no consideration."

Women Voters Organize.

Organization of women voters was the overshadowing topic of today's conference at which Miss Mary Garret Hay, chairman of the executive committee of the women's division of the Republican national committee ,occupied the chair. Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter, Mrs. John G. South, chairman of the women's division of the national committee, and Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston were others of the Republican women on tour, who were active in the opening sessions of the coast conference.

Republican national committeemen of western states an dthe territory of Hawaii met tonight with National Chairman Hays for what was expected to be one of the most important sessions of the year. W. H. Crocker of California, Ralph Williams of Oregon, Samuel Platt of Nevada, Samuel A. Perkins of Washington, Allen B. Jaynes of Arizona and R. W. Shingle of Hawaii, were the national committeemen here for the meeting.

Reports Feature Session. . . .

Reports from state chairmen and chairmen of the women's division in coast states, indicative of the delegates' confidince of Republican success in November featured the afternoon session. For Washington, state Chairman S. A. Walker and Mrs. J. H. Mendenhall told of plans to put their state back in the Republican fold. Others in the delegation were M. T. Harston, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fox, E. I. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Aylmore, Mrs. G. H. Guy and David Whitcomb of Seattle, Senator R. A. Hutchinson and Miss Jeanette Donaldson of Spokane, National Committeeman Perkins of Tacoma and Mrs. Josephine Preston, state superintendent of public instruction of Olympia.

Portland Women Pledge Loyalty.

Mrs. Lee Davenport and Mrs. George W. McMath of Portland declared that Oregon alone among the coast states in the Republican col-

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MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR IS GIVEN SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

In presenting his message to the special session of the state legislature yesterday Governor Olcott made but one recommendation in addition to the original six purposes for which the session was called particularly. The additional recommendation relates to a revision of the parole law, removing the parole privilege from persons convicted of the graver crimes against the person, and in these instances imposing flat sentences. Further a tightening up of the general parole system is urged.

The six original reasons for calling the session are all covered in the message. These are the questions of more compensation for injured workmen under the compensation act, a further appropriation under the educational aid bill for soldiers, sailors and marines, remedial legislation relative to the guarantee of interest by the state on irrigation and drainage district bonds, capital punishment, ratification of the suffrage amendment, and fish and game legislation.

The message follows in full:

Emergencies Are Produced

To the members of the senate and the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature:

You have been convened in extraordinary session for the purpose of considering certain subjects which, information at hand, has led the chief executive of the state to believe of suficient importance to warrant your careul and early consideration. These are abnormal times and abnormal times are productive of emergencies. It could scarcely have been expected that in your regular session last year human wisdom could have conceived of meeting all possible contingencies during a biennial period fraught with shifting conditions.

To grapple with and overcome the essential emergencies and, as far as possible, to alleviate burdens and solve problems leading to constructive ends, I have exercised the constitutional duty of the executive to "on extraordinary occasions, convene the legislative assembly by proclamation." Following further the constitutional provision I will state to you here in joint assembly the purposes for which you have been convened.

Workmen's Compensation — My primary object in calling together the legislators at this time is to meet a grave emergency seriously affecting the welfare, and, in many instances, the lives of the men and women employed in the industries of our state.

Compensation benefits provided for injured workmen by the workmen's compensation law were established by the legislature in 1913, when living costs were very materially less than now. If the compensation payments were properly rated at that time, it is self-evident they are wholly inadequate under present conditions.

They are so low that the families

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Frenchman Sets New Mark by Beating Railway Time

PARIS, Jan. 12.—A French distance runner named Guillemot yesterday ran eight miles in 39 minutes 29 4-5 seconds, a record for France. The course was laid out from Versailles common to Pretacatalan, in the Bois de Boulogne, and Guillemot ran the distance in better time than the railroad trains average between Paris and Versailles.

The eight mile world's running record is held by Alfred Schrubb, who made it in England in November, 1904. His time made in a ten mile run, was 40 minutes, 16 seconds.

RODGERS IS TO BUY WOOD HULLS

Unfinished Ships to be Purchased from Government at $5000 Each

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—George F. Rodgers, president of the George F. Rodgers Shipbuilding company of Astoria, has taken a contract from the Emergency Fleet corporation to remove all unfinished wood hulls for which orders have been cancelled on the ways of all the shipbuilding yards of the United States at the rate of $5000 a hull, it became known here today on receipt of word from Mr. Rodgers who is now in Philadelphia.

There are at present on shipbuilding ways on the Pacific coast, Atlantic and Gulf Coatsts, 34 wood hulls which have not been finished and which will not be completed because the contracts for their construction were cancelled by the fleet corporation following the signing of the armistice.

AID MEASURE TO BE CHANGED

Abuses Are Said to Exist Under Soldiers' Educational Enactment

Abuses of the educational aid act for soldiers, sailors and marines, passed by the legislature of 1919, will be prevented by a change in the bill that will be included in an amending act to be introduced before the special session. Changes needed in the act were outlined at a conference Sunday afternoon participated in by Senator Walter M. Pierce, author of the bill, W. T. Vinton, president of the senate, representatives of the attorney general's office and heads of private and state educational institutions.

Abuses Are Cited.

Senator Pierce cited instances where young ex-service men are receiving the $25 monthly benefit provided by the act and are spending only an hour or so daily in school. Abuses are said to exist both in the public schools and in the higher institutions.

By a decision reached at the conference the amendment will make it necessary that not less than 60 hours of day work must be done in school each month to receive the maximum of benefit under the act, or 24 hours of night school work. Heads of the educational institutions will be required to report as to whether the student is meeting the requirements of the act.

A scale of benefits under the act will be fixed, and students who attend school only an hour or so a day will receive allowances of less than the $25 monthly maximum. The amendment will further provide that all men who volunteered or who were drafted into the service prior to November 11, 1918, will be entitled to the benefits of the act.

Tax to be Increased.

For the reason that applications under the act have been by far greater than anticipated the amendment also will provide that the millage tax appropriation be four-tenths instead of two-tenths of a mill. This would raise about $400,000 on the basis of the present valuation of the property of the state. This amendment will have to be submitted to the people for their vote. Because of the deficiency of about $300,000 which is to arise under the law as it now stands the legislature will be asked to appropriate $400,000 to meet the requirements of the approximately 3000 men who have taken advantage of the act, and to cover any further deficiency that may appear before the legislative session of 1921.

Three Forged Checks Are Passed on Salem Merchants

Three forged checks aggregating $50 were passed upon Salem merchants Saturday evening by an unknown person.

The forger used a different name to each check, signing the names as, George E. Merrill, George E. Maloney and George E. Harris and the purchases were confined to necessities such as groceries and a cap. For the cap he wrote a $5 check and his cash gain was close to 60 cents.

The description in the hands of the sheriff are that he is a young man, about five and one-half feet tall, weighs close to 150 pounds and is of dark complexion. From other sources it was intimated that he wore an army coat.

SETTLEMENT ON TREATY DRAWS NEAR

Further Progress Made Toward Compromise Reported by Democrats and "Mild" Reservations of G. O. P.

SMITH OF GEORGIA TO CONFER WITH LODGE

Bryan Urges Ratification by Friday in Order to Join League

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Further progress toward compromising the senate peace treaty controversy, was reported tonight by Democratic leaders and "mild reservation" Republicands but spokesmen for Republicans favoring the Lodge reservations and those opposing the treaty declared they could see no early action.

Among "sounding out developments was further exchange of views between "mild reservation" Republicans and Snators Kendrick, Wyoming and McKellar, Tennesee, Democrats, on reservations suggested by the two Democrats. "Mild" Republicans expressed confidence that the Kendrick McKellar drafts would form the basis for a definite presentation from the Democratic side latter with general Democratic support.

Smith to Meet Lodge

Another development was the designation of Senator Smith, Georgia, by a group of Democrats to consult Senator Lodge in an attempt to adjust the dispute over article ten. Democrats and "mild reservation" senators expressed hope that Senator Lodge would agree to modification of the foreign relations committee reservation to article ten.

The Democrats must secure President Wilson's approval of any compromise suggestions, Republican spokesmen said, before substantial progress can be made. Some of the Democratic senators said they hoped negotiations would reach a stage where conferences between the president and Democratic senators on some definite proposals would be in order.

Bryan Urges Speed

Telegrams from William Jennings Bryan, urging ratification by Friday when the inaugural meeting of the league of nations council is to be held, reached several senators today. Some Democrats said they believed it might be possible to dispose of the treaty by then, but Republicans held such action improbable.

Hapsburg Hunting Lodges Are Listed for Selling

GENEVA, Jan. 12.—The hunting estates and lodges of Tyrol of the late Emperor Joseph are advertised for sale. The emperor considered these the finest in Europe and kept a detailed record of his bags from 1858 to 1890. The game killed numbered 43,138.

King Edward and the former kaiser are credited with important bags. English and American sportsmen have sent agents to Innsbruck with a view to acquiring the royal hunt-grounds, which are thet private property of the Hapsburgs.

Coyotes Bother Farmers at Foot of the Cascades

Farmers near the foothills of the Cascades report that more coyotes infest that region this winter than have ever been known to road over their farms before. They are making inroadas on herds of sheep and goats and even invite themselves to visit flocks of barnyard fowls. One man reports the loss of 50 white leghorn chickens. Fear is expressed that coyotes, like jack rabbits, are making their way across the mountains from eastern Oregon and may become increasingly troublesome.

FISH AND GAME FIGHT LAUNCHED EARLY IN HOUSE

Bean by Resolution Asks for for Investigation of Commission

SMITH TAKES ISSUE

Smith of Baker Joins Squabble—Resolution Is Adopted

Imputations of tying the hands of the governor insofar as the fish and game fight is concerned flew back and forth in the house yesterday when the house joint resolution No. 4 by Bean of Lane was introduced. Smith of Multnomah lead the attacking forces against the resolution, which was adopted. It provides for investigation of the affairs of the fish and game commission by a committee of five members of the legislature. The resolution was accompanied by a request from the commission asking an investigation.

Smith Leads Attack

Smith attacked the resolution on the grounds that an investigation could not be completed during the present session which, according to indications is to be short, and that if the investigation was in process at adjournment the governor could do nothing if he wanted to straighten out the mess and if he did not want to he could hide behind the cloaks of the commission being "in process of investigation." Smith moved for an amendment requiring the committee to report at the present session.

Bean Replies

Bean took issue on the ground that it was probable a thorough investigation could not be completed by the end of the session but that sufficien information could be secured on condition of affairs of the board to enable the legislature to go ahead with fish and game legislation.

Bean was asked by Dodd of Umatilla, if he thought it proper to enact legislation without a full report. Mr. Bean replied that proper legislation could be enacted without any investigation if the house so desired as the integrity of the members of the commission could not be question and that they, themselves, had requested the probe.

Propriety Questioned

Smith claimed that the matter was strictly speaking, a matter for the governor to work out except for the fact that he had announced it as one of the reasons for calling the special session. He said the session should not take the responsibility from the governor. He predicted the investigation would extend for a longer period than that of the present session.

Baker Man Joins Squabble

Smith of Baker joined in the controversy at various times and in one

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GOVERNOR WANTS TO KEEP PRIVILEGE OF NAMING COMMISSION

When waited upon by a sub-committee from the joint fisheries and game commission of the senate yesterday afternoon, when a copy of the Norblad-Handley-Bean fish and game commission bill was presented to him for his opinion, Governor Olcott stood "pat" on his declaration that there must be an entirely new commission of which none of the present board shall be a member, and that the deal must be new throughout.

The governor let the committee know that election of members of the commission by the legislature, as proposed in the Norblad-Handley-Bean measure, is utterly unsatisfactory to him and that he wants the appointing power retained in the executive office so that there may be a power of removal and responsibility may be centered.

The governor's attitude on the method of selecting the commissioners was not clear to some members of the committee.

In statements he has made Governor Olcott has emphasized his determination that fish and game administration must be removed from political influence, and apparently he was not led into the belief that this would be possible if the legislature were allowed to name the members.

Senator Thomas told the committee that a bill conforming with the governor's plan for two distinct commissions would make its appearance later in the day. He asserted that sportsmen of the state want the appointive power and responsibility for the acts of the commissions to be centered in the executive office.

Dr. A. K. Downs, prsident of the Oregon Sportsmen's league, addressing the committee, asserted that general sentiment in the state is for two separate commissions that the same sentiment is opposed to the legislature electing members of the commissions. Referring to a statement of Senator Norblad that 75 per cent of the sportsmen's clubs were in favor of the Norblad-Handley-Bean bill, Dr. Downs said Norblad was utterly mistaken.

"Of course there are certain clubs," said Downs, "that are Carl Shoemaker clubs. He organized them and goes before them with his propaganda."

When the house resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to investigate the state fish and game commission reached the senate it was referred to the joint game and fisheries committee.

AMENDMENT ON SUFFRAGE IS RATIFIED

Mrs. Thompson in House Beats Senator Farrell by Five Minutes—Vote in Both Unanimous

RESOLUTION PROVIDES FOR MOVING CAPITAL

Bean Would Cut Number of Stenographers Down to Ten for House

Resolutions ratifying the national woman's suffraage amendment was the first legislation in both branches of the special legislature which convened yesterday.

For the introduction of the resolution an interesting race developed between Senator Farrell, Republican, of Multnomah county and Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Democratic representative from Wasco county.

Mrs. Thompson Wins.

Mrs. Thompson won; she introduced the resolution at 10:40 o'clock.

Senator Farrell was delayed in the introduction of his resolution by Senator Banks, who insisted on talking on a resolution limiting the number of clerks to be employed.

Farrell's resolution was introduced at 10:45 o'clock, five minutes after Mrs. Thompson's resolution. The senate, however, was the first to pass the resolution.

Passes in Haste.

It passed that body at 10:50, and the house, six minutes afterward.

It is now ready for Governor Olcott for transmittal to congress.

The vote of both houses was unanimous.

Mrs. Thompson in her address of introduction said that the war had done more toward bringing woman suffrage to a national issue than had the work of 50 years previous. She decried the fact that "conservative England and revolutionary Germany' granted the ballot to women before the United States "which should have set the pace" had done so.

A. A. Smith Sees Injustice.

A. A. Smith of Baker declared the legislature "has an opportunity to perform an act of justice for women." Joe Richardson of Multnomah spoke of the work of the Republican party in bringing woman suffrage to a national issue and of its consistent efforts in constructive legislation.

Move of Capital Up.

The move to move the capital from Salem to Portland was introduced by D. C. Lewis of Mupltnomah as house joint resolution No. 2. The resolution provided that the question be placed on the ballot for the general election in 1920 and that it provides for the securing of a tract of 160 acres within 5 miles of the city of Portland for cite for the capitol.

Speaker Jones remarked: "Do I understand that this resolution would convert the present capitol building into an insane asylum?"

Ivan Martin of Marion jokingly moved that the matter be referred to the Marion county delegation.

Bean Would Cut Force.

L. E. Bean of Lane started something when he attempted to secure action of the house to use only ten stenographers for the entire body instead of a stenographer for each representative. He said the employment of so many was a "gross extravagance." Someone shouted "what office is Brother Bean running for?" Mr. Bean gave the assurance that he was not running for office.

The move was made when Browne'l of Umatilla introduced house resolution No. 6 providing for the use in the extraordinary session of the rules of the 1919 assembly. Mr. Bean moved that the resolution be amended in rule 68 which provides for a stenographer for every representative. The amendment was adopted and the resolution. The resolution with the amendment carried without record vote but with a few voting no.

Road Maintenance Held Burdensome to Counties

Senators Eddy of Douglas county and Banks of Multnomah county are joint authoris of a bill providing that the state shall bear the entire burden of maintenance of public highways instead of placing half the burden on the counties as is now the statutors requirement.

Sawmill Employe Almost Killed in Freak Accident

BANDO., Or., Jan. 12.—William Burpee of Bandon was near death tonight as the result of an accident at the sawmill at Bullards today. The main drive belt broke while running at a high speed and the end struck Burpee on the head and threw him 20 feet, causing injuries from which he was not expected to recover.