

HISTORIC CHAMPOEG SCENE IS ENACTED

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tered in beneath a tiny aperture in a curtain, revealing improvised seats in tiers. On these we were arranged, the old man giving directions in his excited, emotional way. It was all set as for a play. No minor detail of the setting must be overlooked. Suddenly a curtain ascended somewhere and the picture was revealed—a large canvas of 7 by 11 feet. In the half light it was very real. There lived again those splendid pioneers, gathered upon the river's bank in front of

the famous old warehouse of the Hudson Bay company. It seemed a scene rather than a painting, with the life-like appearance of the men and the sunlight permeating the center of the assemblage. The outstanding feature of the drama portrayed was the moment when Joseph L. Meek stepped out of the building, appeared with uplifted hand and called for "a divide." His opponent, Father Blanchette, the leader of the Canadians, is seen with elevated chin, and back turned to Meek, an expression of victory written upon his face. Around them a number of both parties are crowding with expectant looks to witness the result.

In the middleground, under a tree, a group of Indians, are seen observing with apparent curiosity, the actors of the "pale faces." Winding its way into the farther distance the "Beautiful Wilamette" may be seen, on the border of which a number of tepees are faintly outlined in the dim and lazily-ascending smoke from their campfires. Out of the darkness behind us came the voice of the old man, but it was not the voice of an old man now. It was instead the voice of eternal youth, the voice of an artist—of one who had created something. "Four years ago I came here to look over the possibilities; to see what there was, and I saw the wonderful historical value of such a painting. But the arduous effort showed me that there was little material to be found to aid me. Only 35 portraits of the 105 who voted were to be had. Two years and three months I work upon the picture of Joe Meek, and three times I paint him over, first from a daguer-type and then from portraits each taken before or after the event in May, 1842. It must be a composite picture you see. Numerous sketches of all were made, while creating in my own mind the essential or striking characteristics. "Years I spend in visiting the descendants of the pioneers, learning their habits, their personal traits and these, insofar as possible, I have endeavored to incorporate in the picture. "But it is a long and tedious task, full of discouragements and set-backs. First when I came here there was no place in which to work, but an old empty saloon. There for 18 months I work upon my canvas, when comes an invitation from contractors of the memorial building to make this place my headquarters. Two days before I move the saloon catches fire and I lose everything—everything, yet nothing, for I save my canvas, only because I have it taken down and rolled for the removal. "Of the 52 men who saved Oregon to the union, the artist was able to secure sufficient data to paint in as portraits Dr. W. H. Wilson, W. H. Gray, J. R. Robb, Rev. Josiah L. Parrish, T. C. Hubbard, Joseph L. Meek, William Cannon, Rev. J. S. Griffin, Robert Newell, F. X. Matthieu, A. T. Smith, George Gay, Rev. Augustus Hines, Rev. David Leslie and a number of those who appeared on the opposing side. An immense frame to encase

the painting is being hand-carved by the artist, who is combining the state flowers of the commonwealths which originally made up the territory under contention 77 years ago—Oregon grape for Oregon, syringia for Idaho, rhododendron for Washington and the bitterroot for Montana. The next legislature will be asked to purchase the canvas to hang as a memorial the epochal event which is being commemorated by competent judges not only as a splendid conception of a wonderfully dramatic scene, but excellent in technique, the embodiment of infinite idealism. "Twilight deepened the blur of blue across the old Willamette," and it was time for departure. The last memory of Champoeg is that of an old, gray-haired man standing in a doorway, with a violin tucked beneath his chin. Faint melody drifted down across the distance—it was Tosti's "Good-Bye."

senate cause of its co-ordinate power in the ratification of treaties." Among the domestic issues discussed in the conference, taxation and tariff were foremost.

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The people of the State of Oregon last month by a vote of 5 to 1 defeated a proposition to limit interest in this state to 4% and 5%. They realized that nothing but business disaster and commercial paralysis would follow the adoption of such a measure. Who would loan money in Oregon at 4% and 5% when other investments, just as sound, were available at 6%, 7%, 8% and higher?

The property of this company in the State of Oregon today is not earning 1% upon each dollar invested. With such a showing on present investment, how can we expect additional investment?

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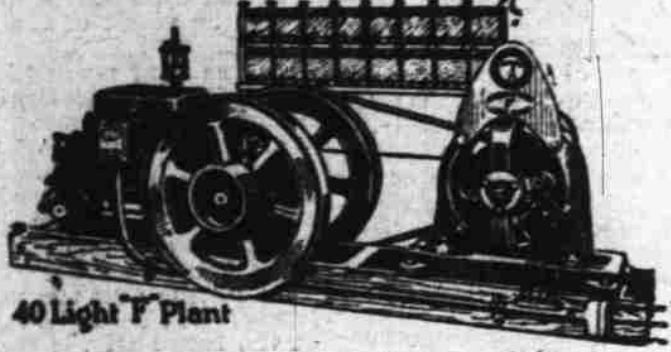
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CONGRESS IS FLOODED WITH BILLS

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Thousands from preceding sessions will die unless enacted before March 4.

Congressmen introduce bills. Among the new house measures was a bill by Representative Osborne, Republican, California, to exempt all Liberty and Victory bonds from taxation.

Representative Baer, Republican, North Dakota, introduced a resolution to provide for an immediate embargo on wheat.

Representative Christopherson, Republican, South Dakota, offered a resolution to stabilize prices of all leading farm products.

Representative Dickinson, Republican, Iowa, proposed a special committee to investigate fluctuations in prices of grain, livestock and cotton.

Representative Sinnott, Republican, Oregon, proposed an embargo on wool.

Representative Ayers, Democrat, Kansas, proposed a constitutional amendment authorizing a majority of the senate to ratify treaties.

Representative Langley, Republican, Kentucky, submitted a resolution requesting congress to announce to the world that President Wilson in dealing with the Armenian question was not in any way obliging this government to use its land, sea or air forces, finances or other resources.

Representative Bland, Republican, Indiana, introduced a resolution to investigate relations between the United States, Haiti and the Dominican republic with particular reference to conduct of American officers.

MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT TO BE READ

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capitol and that he ought not to possibly endanger his progress toward health by the fatigue and strain that such a record-breaking appearance would entail.

There is nothing to prevent the president from changing his mind before noon tomorrow, but the probabilities are he will not go. His message has been completed and is ready for transmission by messenger. There has been no intimation as to its contents, but there have been various reports that the president discusses taxation, the agricultural situation and many other subjects.

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UNIQUE PAGE IS WRITTEN IN HISTORY

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congressional leaders and with his political advisers took place in the office of Senator Lodge, where he went as soon as he reached the capitol and remained most of the day. Among the senators who saw him were Brandegee, of Connecticut, Curtis of Kansas, Calder of New York, Watson of Indiana, New of Indiana and Borah of Idaho. Will H. Hays, the republican national chairman, Marry M. Daugherty, former Senator Weeks of Massachusetts and former Senator Sutherland of Utah, also were present.

Gospel of Understanding

"I preached throughout the campaign the gospel of understanding," said Mr. Harding tonight in explaining the purpose of his visit, "and I am trying to put it into practice immediately. I don't want these three months to be wasted in gaining any partisan advantage. I have asked senators particularly to expedite the appropriation bills, so that none of them shall go over to the next session and so that we shall have the decks clear for a very likely extra session."

Asked how soon the extra session might follow his inauguration, he replied that the exact time had not been fixed, but that he thought it would come "very soon."

In his discussion of foreign affairs with those who called upon him, the president-elect is understood to have indicated no definite plan for an association of nations, but to have shown confidence that his conferences to begin in Marion next week would furnish a basis for agreement.

"I am trying," he said tonight, "to find a line where we can essentially get together on matters of foreign relations. I am trying to get together with the

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Several towns in Washington have had located in their midst, plants, which by virtue of their products might just as well have been situated in Salem.

It is true that in some cases inducements have been offered the owners, but there is no reason why similar inducements should not be prepared by Salem and offered where necessary if it means the difference between a factory locating in Salem or elsewhere.

Other towns in the State of Oregon desire new business undertakings. But I believe that the one way to get anything is to go out and get it!

In other words I shall receive at the annual general meeting of the club on Thursday night, nomination as Industrial Director for 1921 for the club. And I think that by "going after it" I shall have a better chance of success.

Probably an advertisement to solicit votes for such an office may be a little unique, but I take the Salem Commercial Club seriously, and I am convinced that such an organization does even more to mold the destinies of a community than even a city council. Councillors advertise for support, and I consider it logical to do the same.

Therefore, Gentlemen, I respectfully solicit your votes for which in return, I will, if elected, offer devotion to the office in addition to doing what I can to advocate the most rigid economy in the management of the club (even trading off a billiard table, if necessary so that a little money might be available for prizes for a Salem Corn Show—a Salem Flower Show—a Salem Poultry Show, and competitions in accord with the "Salem Beautiful" movement.) And I will, should ever the occasion arise, emphatically denounce any movement which might have a tendency to cause a clique.

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