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THE PRESENT LEGISLATURE

The members of the Oregon Legislature in session at the Capitol are, generally speaking, fair minded, intelligent, earnest and able.

As fine a body as ever assembled under the big dome to make laws and give directions for the conduct of the business of the state government.

They need no advice as to their duties—

Though advice from any source will not be resented by the earnest representatives of the people working in the state house with an honest desire to serve their commonwealth and their country in the best possible ways.

Here is one suggestion: Congress ought to be memorialized early in the session in favor of protective tariff legislation for the products of Oregon.

For our wool, our fruits, especially our cherries, our flax and hemp, our poultry products, our hides and skins, etc., etc.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House, which has the making of the proposed new tariff law in hand, is now holding daily hearings; this committee began that work last Thursday.

Perhaps there should also be a memorial concerning the emergency tariff legislation—though this will likely be a fruitless effort; due to the free trade President fortunately on the last leg of his administration.

The work of the enrolling and engrossing committees of the Legislature will be dove-tailed in together at the present session, through an arrangement made by Hon. Frank Davey and others, and several hundred dollars, if not some thousands, saved to the taxpayers. There is no doubt that economies in other directions might be made in the machinery of legislation, by an efficiency expert—in every direction, the interests of the overburdened taxpayers ought to be looked after, and no doubt will be, at the present session.

The high cost of living and the high cost of everything else must be trimmed to the point just above where efficiency and quality might be endangered. The state government must be carried on, and all the useful branches of its various activities maintained. But economy ought to be the watchword.

We confidently challenge the most inflated imagination to conceive of a more colossal folly than for the very three nations who are the sole economic hope of civilization today to pour billions of dollars into the sea at this most critical of times; and all absolutely to no purpose. These three nations are, of course, the United States, the British Empire and Japan. They possess the only three important navies. Any one of them is already impregnable against attack by any nation or group of nations, outside of the Big Three.

Yet there are men who soberly suggest that they shall all rush into a warship-building orgy in open competition with each other which will, for a measurable period at all events, leave them each year exactly where they are relatively at the present moment.—Philadelphia Ledger.

What is Franklin Roosevelt doing to occupy his mind since the election? We do not need as much money as we think we do. This may be cryptic, but it is the truth.

If left to Mrs. Harding she would likely pick a "kitchen cabinet." One that was a good judge of waffles.

England has paid a billion dollars to her indebtedness to us. Just in time to settle for that New Year turkey.

Cuba is the profligate neighbor next door, cocky and independent and profiteering when skies are fair and conditions favorable, but needing help when the weather grows cloudy and the skies drip rain.

It used to be the cry, "buy a bale of cotton," to boost the price, now it is "burn a bale." The southern cotton planters do not seem to have reached the point always occupied by other acri-

culturalists, that the price of their product is determined by the supply and the demand.

One cannot lift himself over the fence by his bootstraps, try it though he may. It is the same in the cotton business as it is in wheat and corn and other agricultural crops.

The rush of immigrants to the United States still continues in great numbers and the most of them are coming supplied with money. As Ponzi is in the penitentiary they will probably be able to hold on to some of it.

Thursday's Salem slogan subject is gooseberries and currants. It is very important that this industry should be pushed in the Salem district. If you have any information worth while under this head, please hold up your hand.

Some of the pussfoots (or is it pussfeet?) of the American Legion seem to be mealy-mouthed as to whether that outstanding bunch in Kansas should fight the perch-climbers of the Non-Partisan

League who have finally been pried loose from North Dakota and are now attempting to get under the skin of the farmers of Kansas and separate them from their money, after making them believe that they have a grudge at society in general and the present order of things in particular.

The governor of Kansas deems it necessary to make a public exposure of the actions of the former doughboys who were risking their lives in France at \$30 a month, in defence of world democracy and civilization and decency, while the Non-Partisan gang of Socialists and Anarchists under Townley were sowing sedition at home.

No one with red American blood instead of Russian ice water in his veins ought to need any excuse for fighting to the last ditch the Bolshevism that is to beget the Non-Partisan League, any more than any good citizen would need an excuse for attempting to prevent the spread of smallpox or the yellow fever.

The Pilgrim tercentenary is over and the question is not yet settled whether Isaac Allerton and company landed at Plymouth Rock from the Mayflower or the Speedwell. There seems to be a lot to be said on both sides of this proposition.

Personally we are noncommittal.

KEEPING THE PEACE. Senator Knox is said to be recommending an amendment to his German peace resolution declaring that when the peace of Europe is at any time threatened the United States "would regard such a situation as a menace to its own peace and freedom and would consult with the powers with a view to co-operating in the defence of civilization."

The senator from Pennsylvania is represented in the dispatches as saying that if this had been the avowed and announced policy of the United States before 1914 it is improbable that the war would have occurred.

Wonder if he believes it? Somebody gets up in our congress and offers a resolution that if anybody talks fight the United States may take measures to protect civilization.

After that the Germans, the Russians, the Bulgarians and the Turks will behave.

The ponderous machinery and impressive obligations of a world court or a League of Nations are unnecessary. All that is required is a breezy resolution by a gentleman of the American congress!

This is one way of avoiding entangling alliances. But it is by slapping the whole world's face at once.

It is well that American congressmen are not always taken seriously.

MORALS AND HEELS. The osteopaths of Washington have declared that the wearing of high-heeled shoes by women is as immoral as the excessive use of drink.

Possibly the idea is that it is hard for a high stepper to be virtuous. It also appears that high-heeled shoes are conducive to race suicide.

They deform the feet, cripple the knee and spine, ruin the temper and digestion and cause consumption. Possibly all this may be true, but unless some stronger argument can be found the women will continue to wear them.

Of course, if it could be found that they were unfashionable that would settle it right away, but until that happens the pipe-stem heels will be worn. Almost any decent woman would rather be deformed and consumptive than unfashionable.

Any kindergarten student knows that.

THE LAST DITCH. The "bitter-enders" are becoming morbid about it. Some of them now realize that a League of Nations is necessary for the peace of the world and that through force of circumstances the United States would have to be a part thereof, but they are equally emphatic that not a paragraph of the Versailles covenant can be retained.

That must be scrapped to the last comma. They are going to tear down the temple just reared and build another one pretty much like it, but not

a stick of the old material can be used in the construction.

Forty-eight families are living in the building and are doing fairly well, but the structure must be torn down and every plank and timber burned while Uncle Sam prepares the plans and specifications for a new home.

And after two years of wrangling and the squandering of a couple of billions to keep up an unnecessary war front they call this "constructive statesmanship!" How do they get that way? Some folks would think it more like a hallucination.

Anyhow, our statesmen give the rest of the world amusement, and that helps some in making life endurable.

THE WORLD COURT. Twenty-two nations have already signed the preamble or agreement for the permanent court of international justice as framed by Elihu Root and others for the League of Nations.

When this is ratified by the parliaments of a majority of the countries forming the League the status of the world court becomes effective. This looks like a fair start toward international justice.

The principle of compulsory arbitration is provided in a separate protocol which has already been signed by four nations. The countries of the world are at least trying to get together on a basis of mutual understanding and it is hardly right that Uncle Sam should essay to gun up the cards.

RATE FIXING. The United States court has held in an injunction proceeding that the low law fixing railway fare at two cents a mile is unconstitutional. The railroads were able to show that their revenues would not cover expenses at that rate and the court holds that the railway companies cannot be made to haul people for less than cost.

Fixing prices by statute is a rather careless proposition, anyhow. No law that sets a figure below cost of service will hold good under any circumstances and if rates are to be made at all they should be established through unbiased experts and made to fit existing conditions.

CROWDING UP. The United States will have a population of 200,000,000 souls by the year 2000, according to the reckoning of actuaries. That sounds like a nice even combination. An auditor would say that we would have 199,921,929 in the last seven-eighths of 1999.

The actuaries are much sweeter. How we are going to find jobs for two hundred million persons is another matter and we are not going to let it bother us today.

SAFETY ZONE. It is announced that the Panama canal is now practically impregnable against attack from land, sea or air. Nevertheless it might be a good idea to carry some earthquake insurance.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST. All set: Legislative wheels are grinding.

This should be the pruning season for the solons; make it symmetrical.

Remember, tonight's the night for the Apollo club concert. It will be great; so should be the audience, to the capacity of the armory.

It's a pity that all the competent young men and women look

FUTURE DATES. January 11, Tuesday—Apollo club concert.

January 12, Wednesday—Open Forum meeting of Commercial club.

January 14, Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. O. A. C. at Salem.

January 15, Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.

January 16, Sunday—Annual Institute Y. W. C. A.

January 20 and 21, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.

January 28, Friday—Triangular inter-scholastic debate, Salem. Everett and Oregon City high schools competing.

January 28 to 30—Interstate convention of Y. M. C. A. at Salem.

February 3, Thursday—Bonne day, show and sale, state fair grounds.

February 12, Saturday—Lincoln's birthday.

February 14, Monday—Basketball, Willamette vs. University of Idaho, at Moscow.

February 15 and 16, Tuesday and Wednesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.

February 17, Thursday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Walla Walla Y. M. C. A., at Walla Walla.

February 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Gonzaga, at Sponago.

February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.

February 22, Tuesday—Washington's birthday.

February 24 and 25, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Salem.

March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.

April 15, Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Salem.

April 16, Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.

May 20, 27 and 28—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.

October 2, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. U., at Gearhart.

November 11, Friday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.

November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

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ing for jobs in the legislature cannot be accommodated.

Salem is the undisputed loganberry center of the world; the greatest Oregon (Italian) prune market on earth; the dairy center, the fiber flax center of the United States; the Oregon strawberry center; the walnut center, and so on through a long list, and this valley is the only place in the United States where filbert growing has developed on a commercial scale.

Salem must make more certain her lead as the filbert center. It will take only a few more plantings, and they are coming. A planting of 100 acres would fix it, and this ought to be

OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

County fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief.

Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

WANTED! 2,000 of the prettiest girls in SALEM to attend the Opening of "THE CHARM SCHOOL" at the Oregon Theatre Next Sunday

WALLACE ERID, Supt.

SILVERTON PERSONALS SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 10. (Special to The Statesman)—Ben and George Kaufman have returned from their tour of Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henriksen and Mrs. Marie Bunes motored to Portland Friday in the former's car. While in Portland they called

at the home of Mrs. Hans Jensen, who has been ill for some time. Mrs. Jensen is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Mae of Silverton.

Dr. C. L. Wilson of Silverton was recently married in Portland to Miss Opal Gilmore of Riddle. They returned to Silverton the last of the week and have taken apartments at the Pottruff residence.

L. E. Inman is having his office and display room in the Silverton Blow Pipe company's building enlarged.

Alvin Williams is spending the week at Hubbard. Mr. Williams

purchased a large home in the Hubbard district last fall. Mrs. Hatt E. Allen of Salem has been a visitor at Silverton this week.

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Saturday Ends Our Big JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE It's now going strong. Throngs of people have taken advantage of the wonderfully low prices offered in this sale. You will never regret it after you have seen these shoes. NOTE THESE PRICES: MEN'S and WOMEN'S HANAN SHOES, regular \$21. All sizes \$14.95 WOMEN'S WITCH ELK SHOES, Brown and Smoke \$ 9.95 MEN'S DRESS SHOES, sizes up to 8, black lace regularly sold up to \$12—every pair Guaranteed, go at \$ 4.95 MEN'S WORK SHOES, all sizes, dark tan sewed shoes, double soles, regular \$9 grades, to close out \$ 4.95 WOMEN'S BROWN and BLACK SHOES, up to \$12, all sizes, two bins, to close out, get a pair now at \$ 4.95 BOYS' DRESS SHOES, all styles, all sizes, black and brown, including English lasts, up to \$9 grades, go at \$ 4.95 BOYS' HEAVY SHOES, sizes up to 6, regularly sold at \$5, while they last, black only, go at \$ 2.95 CHILDREN'S SHOES, regularly sold at \$3.50, and sizes up to 13, brown and smoked horse, to close out \$ 1.95 CHILDREN'S SHOES, regularly sold at \$4.50, and sizes up to 2, brown and smoked horse, some high-cuts, to go at \$ 2.95 OLD LADIES' COMFORT SHOES up to \$5 grades, broken sizes, to close out while they last \$ 2.95 Men's and Women's Felt and Leather House Slippers, regular \$3 grades, go at \$1.95 Men's and Women's Felt and Leather House Slippers, regular \$4 grade go at \$2.35 Regular \$5 grades go at \$2.95