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INSTITUTIONS NEED DEFENSE AGAINST FIRE

Necessity For Improvement Extends to Nearly All the Buildings Located Here; Some in Dangerous State.

LADDERS USELESS AT GIRLS' SCHOOL, REPORT

Conditions Not Only Dangerous But Would Invite Disaster

Nearly all the state institutions located at Salem are in need of better protection against fire, and some of them are in a dangerous condition, according to reports filed with the ways and means committee of the legislature last night by the state fire marshal's department. The reports mention the industrial school for girls, the state training school for boys and the institution for feeble-minded as more seriously in need of better safety facilities than other institutions.

TAXES HELD UP BY HIGH EXPENSE

Government Expenditures Must be Reduced Its Good's Warning

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Warning the house that the mounting wave of high taxation would not roll back without a sharp and sweeping reduction in government expenditures, Chairman Good of the appropriations committee, declared today the time had come to call a halt. Huge figures were hurled over the heads of members as Mr. Good told dramatically of the vast sums expended and the appeals for more. There was a shout of approval when he insisted that the appropriation bills must be passed before March 4, so that the framers of a new tariff law may know the amount of cloth out of which they must patch the nation's coat.

9 Phone Calls Before 8.30 A.M.

That was the result of a "house to rent" ad. inserted in The Statesman yesterday morning by Gertrude J. M. Page, one of Salem's most wide-awake real estate dealers. Mrs. Page is a business woman of exceptional ability. She knows the value of printer's ink. She knows how to write a good ad. and uses lots of it.

IMMIGRANTS UNABLE TO EARN A LIVING

PHYSICAL DEFECTS AND DISEASE HANDICAPS

9,799 Foreigners are Admitted by Officials Who are Unfit For Citizenship

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Figures were laid before the house immigration committee today by the public health service to show that out of 10,002 immigrants who arrived at Ellis Island in the last half of 1920 and who the health service certified as unable to earn a living because of disease or physical defects, 9,799 were admitted by immigration officials. The figures as presented also showed that out of 112 persons certified as having mental defects, 50 were admitted and that out of 536 persons classified as having loathsome or contagious diseases, 167 were allowed to land.

The committee, after its session telegraphed Dr. J. W. Kerr, public health official at Ellis Island, to appear before it. Reports from Rupert Blue, former surgeon general, now in Europe, Dr. Cumming said, led him to believe "every precaution" was necessary to prevent typhus from getting into the United States. There was every indication, he added, that typhus would spread in Europe.

Italy long had objected to inspection of immigrants and ships by representatives of the public health service, he continued. As a result, American consuls at Italian ports have been instructed to withhold from the vessels bills of health, he said. Dr. Cumming said he knew of no provision of law which would permit the landing of persons affected with dangerous or loathsome diseases and that the public health service was not authorized to follow up cases which it has certified as inadmissible, but which had been admitted.

MOVIE CENSORSHIP BILL HAS HEARING

Legislation Against "Eternal Triangle" Pictures Is Urged

The long drawn out and sensual kiss of the screen drama and the "eternal triangle" class of pictures should be the target of censorship in the opinion of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of the woman's protective department of the Portland police department, who was among those appearing at a hearing on the Childs-Fletcher censorship bill Tuesday night.

While Portland and Salem clergymen and others who were heard last night stand for state censorship, all did not approve of the pending bill. Ralph McAlister, secretary of the Portland church federation, objected to the legislative provision and urged a state commissioner to serve without pay, but who would use the \$6000 fund provided in the bill for paying the salaries of viewers.

Joseph A. Hill, of Hill Military academy, declared that parental influence is the most effective guard against harmful results from the pictures. Dr. Bryan J. Clark, president of the Portland Ministerial association, and Monroe Everett, chairman of the committee on motion picture censorship of the church federation, were among others who appeared. Dr. Clark mentioned a resolution recently adopted by his association urging state censorship. Local censorship, he said, is not effective.

Mr. Baldwin objected to the present system because films censored in Portland are not shown in the country towns until the deleted portions of the films have been returned. Rev. W. T. Milliken of Salem said the films had come to stay, are a tremendous factor for good or evil, and should be censored by protection of the youth.

Melvin G. Winstock, representing the motion picture industry, insisted that any state censorship law would be unconstitutional and that the problem would be solved by national censorship which is now contemplated.

HEALTH PROMOTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9.—Nine county medical societies throughout Oregon have by unanimous vote joined the newly organized league for the conservation of public health, according to an announcement today by Dr. Frank Brooks, chairman of the executive committee.

W. G. HARDING IS DECLARED PRESIDENT

Joint Session of Senate and House Declare Harding and Coolidge Elected to Highest Offices.

MARSHALL PRESIDES OVER SOLEMN BODY

Large Gallery Audience of Women Watch Half Hour Proceedings

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The election of W. G. Harding as president and of Calvin Coolidge as vice-president was formally declared today at a joint session of the senate and house.

CRITICISM HEARD ON WAR BUREAUS

American Legion Concludes By Presenting Favorable Legislation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—After hearing criticism of the government bureaus dealing with war veterans, the legislative committee of the American legion today concluded a three-day meeting by going to the capitol where they interviewed members of congress concerning legislation favored by the legion.

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ANNUAL BOY SCOUT CONCLAVE FRIDAY

300 BOYS TO TAKE PART IN HIGH JINKS

Results of Months of Training to Be Shown in Exhibition at the Armory

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BRYAN TO LEAD PARTY REORGANIZATION PLAN

MIDDLE CLASS DEMOCRATS TO BE AROUSED

Clubs and Forums for Discussion of Vital Problems To Be One of Methods

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SECOND STEP IS TAKEN IN POWER PLAN

Resolution Proposes Constitutional Amendment For Development of State Resources.

SENATOR JOSEPH'S BILL INTRODUCED EARLY IN THE SESSION, CALLING FOR A SURVEY OF THE STATE TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF POSSIBLE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT, HAS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATURE A DETERMINATION TO AVAL THE STATE OF ITS ENORMOUS POWER RESOURCES, AND HAS LED TO THE SECOND STEP IN THE MOVEMENT AT THIS SESSION.

LEGISLATURE AGOG OVER POSSIBILITIES

Bonds of State to Create the Necessary Fund Proposed By An Amendment

Senator Joseph's bill, introduced early in the session, calling for a survey of the state to determine the extent of possible hydro-electric power development, has created in the legislature a determination to avail the state of its enormous power resources, and has led to the second step in the movement at this session.

This is a joint resolution, introduced in the senate yesterday and sponsored by Senators Joseph and Woodson, proposing a constitutional amendment by which the state would be empowered to issue bonds up to 4 per cent of its assessed property valuation for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and developing hydro-electric power plants.

The proposed authorization of bonds would be regardless of the limitations elsewhere provided in the constitution.

Enthusiasm State-Wide. Senator Joseph's bill has aroused statewide enthusiasm. Already the senator has addressed the Rotary and the Commercial clubs of Salem on the subject and the convales of industrial enthusiasts held in Pendleton last week.

Such a policy of development would hasten the day when our railroads would be electrically operated; would enormous savings to the public; would promote the canalization of the Columbia and other rivers through the erection of slack water pools back of each dam built for the development of power; would make possible the pumping of water to thousands of acres of arid lands adjoining our streams, which land cannot afford to pay the high charge and profits demanded by private capital, and which new policy, if adopted at this time, will afford early development through the world.

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