

ROUND ABOUT THE LOBBY

In the absence of a minister to pray for the house Thursday morning the session was opened with a vocal solo by Miss Emma Hewlett, one of the pages, and the reception given the effort by members would indicate that the innovation helped them as much as an invocation would have done.

A. R. Hunter, member of the house from LaGrande, held down the chair for a short time Thursday. He is half of the Democratic membership, but no one had observed the striking facial resemblance to ex-Speaker Champ Clark, of the national house, until Hunter began wielding the gavel like a veteran.

Mrs. J. B. Bell is a guest for a few days of her husband, Senator Bell and probably will keep him in tune. She is accompanied by their daughter Helen.

E. O. Immel, who is again here from Eugene on legislative business, when asked how things were going, replied, "All right, apparently," with emphasis on the last word, which so well expresses the situation here upon

TENURE BILL IS KILLED

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"The amendments to the bill," said Hume, "were hastily drawn up by three members of a legislative committee meeting in Portland behind closed doors, in consultation with some one unknown but doubtless members of the school board."

In the course of his speech, Hume explained his concurrent resolution to have the tenure question deferred until the next session of the legislature, pending a study of conditions by a specially appointed committee.

Senator Banks, defending the bill, said he never had been in favor of the original Staples bill, but that he had stood almost alone in the Multnomah delegation for referring the question to the people and that finally most of the delegation had come around to that view.

Banks wants Bill Referred. "The teachers do not want this referred to the people," said Banks. "The board does not want it referred. I do. I am going to tell you why I do. Because it will settle once and forever who is right and who is wrong."

Banks said that his name and the names of Senators Farrell and Gill had been scratched from the original adverse report, but denied that the action was irregular or involved chicanery.

Senator Eddy moved to defer action on the bill until next Tuesday and that a committee be appointed to work out satisfactory amendments. This was seconded by La Follett, but protested by Staples, Moser and Banks, and the motion failed.

Gill moved to lay the whole matter on the table. The motion failed after a wrangle between Joseph and Moser that stirred the sergeant-at-arms.

Resuming the debate, Joseph opposed the bill, declaring the issue of a campaign would disrupt the schools.

Senator Ryan opposed the bill. Farrell defended it and said neither side had ever sought to influence his vote. Vinton, Lachmund and Jones opposed the bill in speeches. Senator Strayer, in a fiery speech, opposed it.

"In our courts," said Strayer, "we are so jealous of the rights of our citizens. From the justice court to the supreme court, we have the right of appeal, yet some of you Multnomah senators want to deprive the teachers of appeal to an unbiased tribunal, a principle directly in conflict with the constitution."

Senator Thomas termed the referendum clause foolish and said passing the buck to the people would not end the controversy but would only put an obstacle in the way of later constructive legislation. He advocated the Hume resolution.

By Staples' request, Senator Moser closed the debate. "Not two members of the school board," said Moser, "but four are in favor of this bill. Of course they would rather it not be referred to the people, but because of the pussy-footing of the opposition early in the session it was found that it would not be possible to pass the bill otherwise."

"Mr. Woodward opposes this bill and sheds his crocodile tears for the teachers because of a pre-election promise."

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INDIAN DEBATES SPREAD REFORMS

Reports of Congress Held In India Reveal Twenty Two Thousand Present

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Details of the debates in the session of the Indian National Congress held at Nagpur, Central India, in December, have just been received in the mails by the India Information Bureau of New York, with the texts of resolutions, addresses, etc., at the congress, which have been briefly referred to in cable messages before a Salem audience presages a large hearing, while Mr. Young is known all over the land because of his third-of-a-century connection with the labor movement. The economic questions of the day will be discussed in a fair and impartial manner, and those who go to hear these speakers will have a better and broader understanding of the aims and objects of the great labor movement. Everybody is invited and there will be no admission and no collection.

American Soldiers Abroad Need Medical Attention

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Arrangements for providing medical attention for disabled American veterans in foreign countries are being worked out by the war risk bureau and the soldiers' relief organizations of the allied nations. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury LaPorte, in charge of war risk insurance, said tonight.

The plan is to have American medical authorities where necessary, and furnish treatment for service men of the allied countries, who are in need here. The expense would be borne by the respective countries on the basis of services rendered.

Such an arrangement, Mr. LaPorte declared, has been practically completed with Canada.

REUNION CALL MADE

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Feb. 12.—A call for the first reunion of the 26th infantry regiment of the 91st division to be held at Lewistown, Mont., during the state convention of the American legion next June has been issued by Colonel John H. Parker of St. Louis. J. Ward Crosby of Livingston is in charge of arrangements.

"SALEM BEAUTIFUL" PROGRAM OUTLINED

Floricultural Society Will Plant Flowers on Court-House Grounds

Tentative plans for the beautification of Salem during the coming year made Friday night at the annual meeting of the Salem Floriculture and Improvement society, include many changes and improvements which aim at making of Salem the flower city of the west.

A special committee was named on planting more flowers and shrubs and on the improvement of window boxes, and Saturday of the first week in April was set apart for sale and exchange of flowers and plants. The president announced that this month was the most favorable time for setting out annuals or transplanting them from one place to another. This is also the time for sowing sweet peas and setting out gladioli for early blooms.

The club is making plans through its secretary for planting a large bed of continuous blooming gladioli on the courthouse grounds, the work to be taken in charge by Dibble and Franklin, who are growing these bulbs on a large scale.

A committee was also named to confer with the light and telephone companies and secure the aid of property owners on the principal blocks to plant Boston ivy on the poles around each block. These decorations cover the unsightly poles and in the fall of the year they will resemble columns of fire and gold. The city will also be asked to restore the street names on corners so that strangers can find their way about town.

Announcement was made that on the second Saturday in March the Salem Woman's club would devote their program to landscape gardening and would have a talented and experienced man "talk" on Salem beautiful and how the owners of individual grounds could help the general scheme.

Labor Council Will Have Well Known Speakers

The Salem Trades and Labor council is making big arrangements for the coming meeting at the armory on next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, when President Otto R. Hartwig of the State Federation of labor and C. A. Young, international organizer of the A. F. of L., will be the speakers. The meeting is open to the public, and these notable men will have a message that everybody will be interested in. Mr. Hartwig is so well known that the fact of his appearance before a Salem audience presages a large hearing, while Mr. Young is known all over the land because of his third-of-a-century connection with the labor movement. The economic questions of the day will be discussed in a fair and impartial manner, and those who go to hear these speakers will have a better and broader understanding of the aims and objects of the great labor movement. Everybody is invited and there will be no admission and no collection.

MARION HOLSTEIN BREEDERS ORGANIZE

H. W. Cooley of Jefferson Is Elected Head of the Association

Breeders of Holstein cattle in Marion county met Friday in this city and effected an organization of the Marion County Holstein association, a representative attendance from various parts of the county being present. Officers of the association were elected as follows: H. W. Cooley, Jefferson, president; Eugene Finley, Jefferson, vice president; S. J. Berning, Mt. Angel, secretary-treasurer; Frank Durbin, Salem, S. J. Klein, Silverton, H. L. Morse, Woodburn, directors.

Among items of business which will be taken up at the next meeting of the association, February 26, will be the question of a cow testing association, a picnic for Holstein breeders to be held in May, and the advisability of exhibiting Holstein cattle at the fair this year. The meeting will be held at 10:30 in the morning.

An invitation to attend this meeting has been extended to the breeders of Holstein cattle in Polk county because of the plan to extend the association to include Polk county soon.

AUBURN ITEMS

AUBURN, Ore., Feb. 12.—(Special to The Statesman)—Lawrence Hammer bought a five-acre fruit tract on the Silverton road, and moved his family there Monday.

George Thompson of Salem bought the Laurence Hammer place in Auburn and expects to keep sheep on it.

The Faithful Workers class and the Golden Rule class of the Auburn Sunday school have organized a choir and will practice each Friday night with their pianist, Miss Mable Williams.

Miss Logsdon, assisted by the older pupils of the school and the young people of the neighborhood are preparing a program to be given at a pie social soon.

Several of the young people of Auburn attended the musical at the home of Miss Dotson in Salem last Friday night. Miss Flayvill Hayes and Miss Georgia Sneed were on the program.

Wilbur Loy had the misfortune to fall and break his ankle last Friday and Wessie Casteel cut through the bone of his index finger on his left hand Saturday morning.

GRAIN HEARINGS ARE UP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Hearing on bills to regulate grain futures exchanges will begin Monday before the senate agricultural committee, Chairman Gronna announced today.

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HARDING'S WORDS HEARD AT SEATTLE

Message Flashed Opening Republican Lincoln Day Banquet

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—From his office at St. Augustine, Fla., more than 4,000 miles away, President-elect Warren G. Harding flashed the message that opened the 19th annual Lincoln day banquet and Victory celebration of the Seattle Young Men's Republican club here tonight.

More than 1,000 guests were assembled in the auditorium when the President-elect pressed the button, sending a flash which was followed by his message of greetings and congratulations. Among the guests were almost the entire personnel of the state legislature and state officials.

The president-elect's message, sent by direct wire from his office to the banquet hall, follows: "St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 12, 1921.

"James R. Kinne, president.

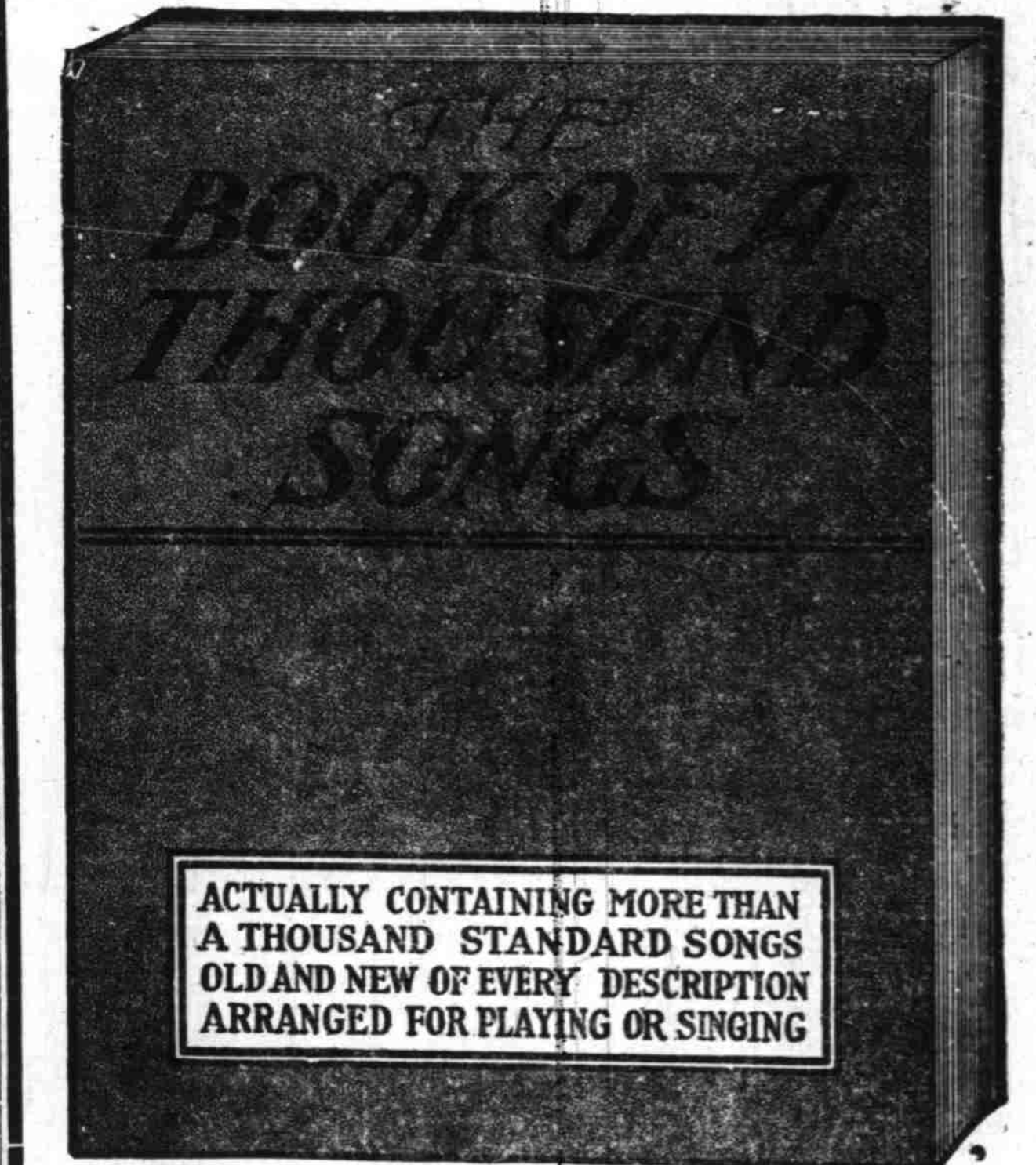
"Young Men's Republican Club, Seattle, Wash.

"The career of the great Lincoln who piloted our country successfully through its period of greatest tribulation, may well be the model for true Americans today. If we will be guided by the ideas that are to be drawn from the study of his life I know that our country will again emerge prosperous and with increased prestige from the period of difficulties into which the great war and its attendant perplexities plunged our own country and indeed the world. My greetings and congratulations to your organization which is helping to make Lincoln an example to the whole nation.

"Warren G. Harding."

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