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HOUSE BILL NUMBER ONE

Hon. J. D. Lee, Representative from Multnomah county, has introduced only one bill in the Oregon Legislature at the present session—

House Bill No. 1—
 Though it has been followed by the introduction of some 348 more bills in that branch of the Legislature alone; a vast mass of largely undigested propositions, many of them of little or no consequence, and some of them vicious—

Until it appears that there will have to be a sort of wholesale referendum movement, in an attempt of the overburdened taxpayers to protect themselves.

Mr. Lee's bill sought to provide for an Oregon State Commissioner of Promotion and Industry, working under the State Board of Control, to assist chambers of commerce and commercial clubs and county agricultural agents and all such societies and all individuals working for the upbuilding of the whole state and all its industries—

A concrete scheme for giving prospective investors and settlers the information and the help they need in getting industries established and in getting people onto the land.

Mr. Lee's idea was to furnish practical help, in the way of statistical facts and other information, and in the way of actual personal service, looking to the larger development of this very generally undeveloped state.

His friends assured him that this was a very much needed work, and it looked like easy sailing—

But when his bill got to third reading it was plain that the other schemes had elbowed it off the boards, and so it was laid on the table; and it is probably too late now to have it taken up.

The Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, for instance, is asking for a larger appropriation, though it has its offices in Seattle and proposes nothing for Oregon in a concrete way—

In fact, is a hot-air proposition, furnishing nothing but that article, appealing only to the tourist who comes and goes and does little in a practical way, excepting to pay his bills at the first class hotels and to contribute to the gasoline shortage.

This hot-air proposition may be worth the money it costs; and so may all the other hot-air propositions; and their name is legion.

But even their work would be made of a great deal more practical value if some agency were committed to get down to brass tacks and do something to help capitalists and settlers get their bearings.

There is no literature provided for now that deals in anything but generalities; no way for one to find out, in plain figures, what Oregon's productions in all lines were last year, and where there is a demand for activities of various kinds in the way of industries, and for men to go onto the lands and produce greater and more varied crops.

That is what Mr. Lee's bill proposes to supply. It proposes an appropriation of \$45,000, and directs that its printing shall be done by the state at cost.

Hot air is good; fine; but you cannot build up a great state or a great city on hot air. The basis of all solid prosperity is the production of things in and on and under and above the soil, and the preparation of these things for the markets of the world, and the manufacturing and handling and storing and dealing in and shipping of them on the way from the soil to the consumer. If we would grow great and greatly prosper we must keep our feet on the ground—

And that is the purpose of House Bill No. 1, now quietly sleeping on the table of the House of Representatives, and likely doomed to sleep on, because of the great activities of the hot-air artists and beneficiaries and the feverish rush of the closing hours of this session of the Oregon Legislature.

This is prune week. It all comes down to the buying and eating of prunes. And the more you eat the better for yourself and the prune industry.

If the old newspaper habit continues, to hold President-elect Harding he will give the Marion

Star an exclusive on his cabinet announcements.

One Harding cabinet is good until another is announced.

Potato men, stand up for your spuds. That is the Salem slogan subject for Thursday, and the slogan editor wants your help.

It is proposed to confer distinguished service medals upon Secretaries Baker and Daniels at high noon on March 4.

If the price of cement would only come down, there might be a chance to do something toward sticking the parts of the Democratic party together again.

Miss Alice Robertson, the new Oklahoma member of congress, will have a man as her private secretary. This makes it a cinch as to who will do the dictating.

In some way or other, Salem must have a vast amount of cold storage space, in order to be sure to be able to market large surplus fruit crops—and this district cannot attain its full stature as a great fruit district without ample cold storage facilities. There

is no other sure and safe way. It will cost money; great sums of money, but this must be provided if we are to see a fully developed fruit industry.

Germany says she simply won't pay the indemnity demanded by the allies. If some of the collectors we know in Los Angeles were sent with the bill, the chances are that Germany would change her mind.—Los Angeles Times.

At the special session of congress, with a large majority in both branches of that body, it will be up to the Republicans to make good their promise of emptying American ships from the payment of tolls at the Panama canal. The platform at Chicago declared that all American coastwise ships and all vessels in the American merchant marine should have free access to the canal. That plank is as plain an obligation upon the party as any declaration in the platform.

NO PLACE TO GO.

The Democratic national committee is planning a meeting of the faithful to be held in St. Louis about March 1. The Democratic party is in about the same position as the historic mule that was being shipped by rail from Missouri with the name and address of the consignee written on a tag dangling from the animal's neck. When the train reached the end of the line the freight agent noticed the mule and asked his helper where the animal was going. The darkey was unable to find anything but the remnants of the string and after scratching his head, remarked: "Dis doggone mule ain't got no place to go. He's done gwine et up his destination." Poor old Democracy seems to have no place to go. It isn't even dressed up.

ONE-MAN IDEA.

A Frenchman says that Socialists never understand one another when they get together to talk about it. That seems to be the trouble. Every man has a pet little brand of Socialism of his own and it is hard to match up with his neighbor.—Exchange.

There are, in fact, as many kinds of socialism as there are Socialists.

But every single kind leads back to communism, as advocated by the father of all socialism, Karl Marx, the German dreamer of impossible dreams.

And, wherever and whenever tried, in a small way, in the community ownership of property, or in the collection of all taxes from land; or in a large way, as now under the soviet system of Russia, it has always proven a failure; and it always will.

In the very nature of things, it must, for it presupposes that all men are alike in ability and industry; while no two are alike—and more than two leaves in the vast forests are alike, or two snow flakes, or two drops of water in all the great oceans—

And socialism in action always has, always will, and always must lead to greater injustice and oppression than its adherents imagine are imposed by any other form of society above the condition of human slavery, and even

the slave of a good master has the advantage in many ways of great masses of people in soviet Russia—
 They at least are not doomed to starve to death.

HAVE IT NOW.

The advocates of complete independence for the Philippine islands are preparing to renew their efforts during the special session. Congress has already declared that it is the purpose of the United States to withdraw from the islands at some future time when the peace and security of these possessions are secure. The establishment of some form of territorial government, until the country is fit for independence, might serve the purpose well. Justice will be done, whatever the outcome.—Los Angeles Times.

They have "some form of territorial government" now. And probably as good a form as could be devised; though its administration could be vastly improved upon, over the Democratic brand that has caused all sorts of criticism, and that has been inefficient, prodigal and foolish. The present form of territorial government is about as good as the Filipinos can absorb for the present. Call it colonial instead of territorial if you want to. It all comes to the same thing.

What the Filipinos need is an honest, Republican administration of their present form of government; and that is what they will need for a long, long time—until the great majority of the

people come to know the difference between a government and a fishing pole or a wheelbarrow.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Say it with prunes.

Prunes made a good valentine.

Combining the beautiful with the useful.

There are hundreds of ways to prepare prunes—and they are good for the palate and good for what ails you in every one of the different ways.

The historical section of The Statesman is nearly ready for the pressmen. It is hoped to have it a part of the paper of Friday. It will contain about eight pages of matter and pictures; all of which should go into the records and be a part of the history of the county and state.

John Minto held the plow when ground was broken for the capitol. Can any reader tell the editor of The Statesman which John Minto?

Can any reader tell the editor when the old court house was torn down?

Can any one tell him the date of the dedication of the present court house? The bids were opened Feb. 6, 1872.

Does any one know the contract price of the old court house? The bond of the contractors was \$18,000.

All sorts of rulings by tailors as to what men's fashions shall be for another season, but none of the guild has yet been able to order that pants bagging at the knees shall be considered the real thing.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Fill 'Em Full of Prunes.

Editor Statesman: Enclosed find answer to Miss Dorothy Whitney's poem, published in your Sunday paper:—
 —H. G. Damon.

Dorothy:

You sing a song, a Bandon song,
 Of rolling waves and beaches,
 I sing a song, a dandom song,
 Of juicy prunes and peaches.

If in your strolls on Bandon beach
 In morning or at noon,
 You run across a Bandon peach,

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Just fill 'em full of prunes.
 We do not hear the sound of waves,
 So no moral do they teach us,
 We're ever alert, and, yea, we
 To serve the Bandon peaches.
 So, Dorothy,
 So Dorothy,
 Down by the sea,
 Don't sing of crags and sand
 dunes—

May your song of the present be
 Of Mellow Mistleand Prunes.
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 Assist Nature. There are times
 when you should assist nature.
 It is now undertaking to clean
 your system—if you will take
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 ing will be successful. This great
 medicine purifies and builds up
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Eye Talks—

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FUTURE DATES.

February 16, Wednesday—Business Men's league regular meeting.
 February 18, Friday—Symphony orchestra concert for members of Commercial club.
 February 12, Saturday—Lecture at armory, Dr. Wm. E. Waldo, on Health.
 February 14 to 21—Prune week in Oregon.
 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, Tuesday—Debate, Salem high school, affirmative vs Albany, negative, at high school, Salem, negative vs Albany, affirmative, at Albany.
 February 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs Gonzaga, at Spokane.
 February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs Idaho, at Salem.
 February 23, 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—Baseball, Willamette vs U. of O., at Salem.
 April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs U. of O., at Eugene.
 May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs Whitman, at Walla Walla.
 October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs O. A. C., at Corvallis.
 November 11, Friday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs Whitman, at Walla Walla.
 November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day football, Willamette vs Multnomah, at Salem.