ROUND ABOUT THE LOBBY

The most talked-of subject at the present moment, if not the most important one, is, "when do we go home?" The answers are indefinite. Speaker Bean announced from the chair Thursday night that he thought business could be cleaned up by tonight, but few of the members are as optimistic as that. The progress so far made seems to be ahead of that of two years ago, but to predict just how far along a session is is to take grave chances with a person's reputation as a prognosticator. Sometimes a most important piece of legislation will go through in jig time with almost no discussion, for in some matters it is almost necessary to place complete confidence in the committees which have prepared the measures. This is true of the work of the highways committees and more true of the bills coming from the ways and means committee. When this committee reports out its bills there is little to do with them except to read the title and enacting clause and call the roll, and nothing to do on roll call except to answer aye. The reading clerks might as well fix up the roll in advance upon this legislation, which, by the way, has not yet been presented. The highway program is now on its way, however, the motor license bill having passed the house.

Only one night session has as yet been held, which was in the house Friday night of last week. The press of committee work has prevented the holding of night sessions this week. The senate has been able to clean up the desks, but the house has not been able to do as well, where adverse committee reports have several times consumed much time and where an hour or two has been given to bills which, as far as the general welfare of the state is concerned, were not of vital importance. This indicates why it is not wise to do too much prognosticating.

C. A. Brand, former member from Douglas, is again here taking an active interest in fruit pest legislation. It is understood that members have promised to put the legislation through if the bill is guaranteed a cure for some of the pests which have become common here.

C. E. Ingalls, Corvallis editor, who will always think he was kept out a congressional job because congress refused to provide another congressional district for Oregon, was a visitor here this week, having come primarily to attend the organization of a paper buying corporation. He was accompanied by his associate, G. L. Hurd.

J. E. Calavan, former superintendent of county schools in Clackamas county, was a visitor at the legislature during the afternoon session Friday.

HIS TROUBLE IS ALL GONE

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WHY DOES LILLIAN ADVERTISE FOR A NEW MAID?

"It's no use, Madge. We've got to face it. I had hoped Harry was secretly helping us, or at least was keeping those devils away, but this last stunt completely upsets my hopes. A conference between Draper, Allis and Harry and that renegade Asiatic is distinctly no good business. The worst trouble is convincing your father. He's got the idea firmly fixed in his brain that Harry is his benefactor, and unless I can persuade him to the contrary he's likely to upset the apple cart any minute with some confidence to Harry."

Lillian's tone held the finality characteristic of her decisions. I knew it was useless to combat her, even to argue with her.

"I don't think you'll have any trouble convincing father of anything," I said apathetically. "He has great respect for anything you say after your judgment of Kato was justified."

"I hope you're right," Lillian retorted tartly, and then added shrewdly. "But you don't agree with me, Madge."

"You are mistaken," I returned quietly. "A person possessed of even the rudiments of common sense couldn't help agreeing to this last proposition."

She said no more, but her look followed me, puzzled, as I left the room. And I, myself, was perplexed at the strength of feeling which was championing the cause of Harry Underwood in my heart against every dictate of common sense and reason.

I had little time for introspection or speculation, however, in the days that followed. Katie's illness and Cousin Agatha's compulsory attendance upon her left the cooking and other work to be divided between my mother-in-law, Lillian and me. As Lillian was much occupied with the many ends of the web she was weaving for the enmeshing of Grace Draper and Mrs. Allis, and as my mother-in-law wasn't strong, the greater burden fell upon me.

The Game of Hide and Seek.

There was a touch of irony in the fact that my chief assistance in the trying days came from Kato, my father's suspected house servant. He had come over with the stolid offer to help upon the day following his trip to see Harry Underwood, and at Lillian's desire I had given him free run of the kitchen and the house despite the fact that his presence terrified me.

"Suppose he puts poison in the food." I said to Lillian, with apparent lightness, but a very real fear lay underneath the words.

"He would do that very thing if it suited his purpose," Lillian replied gravely, "but you can rest assured he will attempt nothing of the sort until after his employers make that grand stab for the paper. They'll risk nothing in the murder line until after that night. And by that time dear Kato will have 'gyves upon his wrists.' However," she went on, "I advertised yesterday for a maid."

"For a maid?" I repeated amazed, for it seemed the height of idiocy to bring a stranger into our highly charged household.

"Yes," Lillian replied inscrutably, "and I want you to promise me not to see any one of the applicants, if there be any, or, indeed, any other caller until after I have seen them. I'm going to give William, who will be at the door henceforth, orders to call me first, but I also want you to understand it thoroughly."

"Very well," I returned meekly, for I knew there was no use of even questioning one of Lillian's decisions, but in the hours that followed I pondered wonderingly over this particular part of her plan in the few moments' respite I had from watching Kato and Cousin Agatha.

For with an inward smile I had to acknowledge the graphic picturesqueness of my mother-in-law's caustic homely comment upon them to the effect "that the snooping of those two animals is worse than any cat's." They seemed to be everywhere at once, and I gradually recognized the fact that both were hunting the same thing—the hidden paper.

That Kato should be doing this was understandable. That Agatha should have found out anything concerning the paper surprised and troubled me, but Lillian cleared it up with a few trenchant words.

"They've Taken the Bait."

"She's got a hunch that you have something secreted about the house, and she's taken it into her suspicious old noddle that it is something discreditable to you," she said, "so she'll move heaven and earth to find it. We must take care she doesn't get at that vase first, although neither she nor Kato have come anywhere near guessing so far."

For we had placed the bogus paper in the same Chinese vase where the genuine had reposed for so long. It was protected with the same metal pencil case, and as the vase was kept constantly supplied with a fresh blossom in water, and as it was so constructed as to require a magnet to get the pencil case out of it, we felt assured that we had almost an ideal hiding place until we should ourselves get ready to betray it.

In the meantime the game of hide and seek of the Asiatic and Cousin Agatha made it necessary for me to play so absorbed me that I had almost forgotten Lillian's request to see no callers first, and my wonderment concerning it.

I was accordingly startled, indeed, when after a lengthy conference downstairs with some one whom William had ushered in, Lillian came upstairs with triumph on her face.

"They've taken the bait, Madge," she said, "and I think we can land the whole bunch by tomorrow night. I don't think they'll put it off longer."

I looked at her astonished. She stooped and kissed me.

"Don't think I'm raving, child," she said. "And I want you to be very brave and obey me implicitly for the next 24 hours. Whom do you think I've just engaged as a maid?"

She didn't wait for my reply, but answered her own question with the astonishing words:

"Mrs. Allis."

(To be continued)

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Tax Exemption Bill on Road Bonds is Killed

By indefinite postponement on adoption of adverse committee reports the senate yesterday killed house bill No. 144, by Sheldon, providing that Oregon road bonds be exempted from taxation as property, and house bill No. 299, by Hindman, authorizing annulment of charters of certain corporations in Oregon for immoral or unlawful acts or practices.

PREMIER HAS HARD TIME ON SALARY

Mr. Asquith Declares he Left Office Poorer Than He Entered

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The premier of Great Britain has a hard time of it trying to pay his bills on a salary of £5000 a year, and his pay ought to be raised, says the former prime minister, Herbert H. Asquith, who ought to know, for he occupied that position for 11 years.

As far as known, David Lloyd George has not asked for a rise in pay, but his remuneratin has been the subject of an inquiry conducted by a committee of parliament which also is examining into the salaries of all the British cabinet ministers.

Mr. Asquith told the committee that the office of the premier of Great Britain is a very expensive one and his duties can not be properly discharged by an expenditure limited to that amount. The former prime minister added, that he, himself, was a much poorer man when he left office than when he entered it.

Mr. Asquith explained that the premier had to do a great deal of entertaining and afford hospitality to all sorts of conditions of people both at home and abroad, but under the existing arrangement he had to defray this expense entirely at his own cost.

Even if a government hospitality fund should be provided for entertaining distinguished foreigners, Mr. Asquith was of the opinion that the premier's salary ought to be advanced.

Mr. Asquith had few kind words to say about the privilege which the premier has of occupying the official residence at 10 Downing street.

"It is quite true," he said, "that you live in the house free from rent, rates and taxes, but it is a very expensive house to keep up. It is a very inconvenient house in many ways; it requires a large staff, and I suspect myself that any prime minister who had experience of it as I had would, if he were offered the choice, rather not live in it at all."

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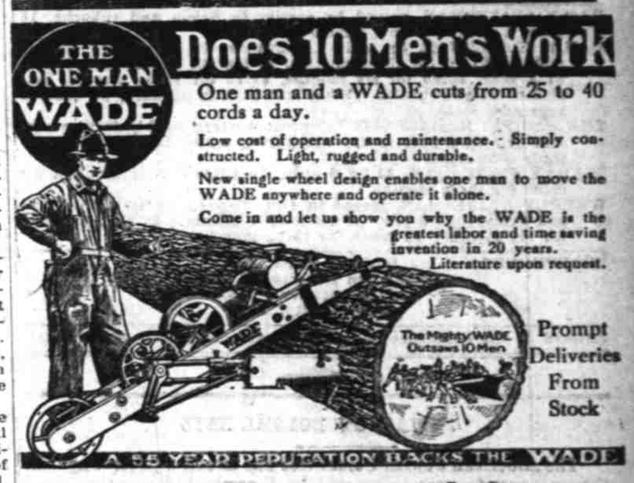

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