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Work Ahead for Congress

THERE is every indication that the short session of the congress will be entirely normal—consisting chiefly of wrangling between the regulars and the insurgents of both political sexes. The olive branch extended by the democratic leaders and accepted by Jim Watson for the republicans may wave for a day, but the authority of these so-called leaders does not extend far. Eruptions are sure to come early in the session, and an extra session may be forced in order to care for necessary public business.

Besides regular appropriation measures and decision as to a renewal of the one per cent cut in the income tax, there are numerous vexing questions demanding attention. One is the Norris bill for abolishing the "lame duck" sessions of congress by constitutional amendment changing the time when the new congress starts. The country is generally favorable to this change but political expediency has hitherto succeeded in blocking the bill.

Unemployment problems will be given a thorough airing by congress; but just what may be accomplished is dubious. The old Wagner bills for setting up machinery to count the unemployed and extend labor bureaus may be pushed forward with the administration possibly more sympathetic than it was when they were first introduced a year ago. Congress may appropriate more money for road work, public buildings and rivers and harbors improvement than usual to provide additional employment.

Progressives will push along the bill for government operation of Muscle Shoals power plant. The dam was built in wartime but the plant has been idle ever since waiting for congress to decide what to do with it. Private utilities want to lease the plant, but the progressive group wants the government to operate it and sell the power to southern municipalities. The jolt the power trust got in the last election is regarded as enough to frighten the lower house into approving the Norris bill which already passed the senate.

Then anti-injunction legislation will be proposed which will seek to bar the use of injunctions in strikes and labor disputes. Labor unions have long contended for such legislation, and will seek to get it at the coming session.

The president's leadership having proved inadequate in the previous session of congress, it is not probable that Hoover will be able to control the situation at this time. In fact, with the sting of reversal in the last election, the president may not try to lay out any program or interfere with any that congress may make for itself.

Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving

IN those far-off days the horse was supposed to know the way to carry the sleigh over the white and drifted snow to grandmother's house for Thanksgiving day. Yesterday was almost such an old-fashioned Thanksgiving day. For it was cold, unusually cold for the Willamette valley. There was no snow for phantom horses to pull phantom sleighs upon in this motor age. But the ground was white with heavy hoar-frost. And the chilly temperatures reminded folk of the crisp, cold Thanksgiving mornings they had enjoyed in the olden days "back home."

Much of the remainder of the country did have a genuine old-fashioned Thanksgiving with plenty of snow for sleigh bells if they still use them in Minnesota. Colorado and Wyoming were emerging from a blizzard which caused numerous deaths because of its suddenness and severity. Winter seems setting in early to do his work this season.

It is customary of course to say how thankful we are that the Willamette valley is not like those benighted regions where the north pole blows his breath. But even here winter may play a mean trick on us and send a bitter gale to freeze our self-congratulations. The winter is just beginning. We may get our full share of it before the violets bloom again.

Cheap Coal — in Utah

SOME coal company in Utah wrote the city clerk and offered coal for the poor at \$2.60 per ton. That is very generous indeed! How many carloads will a poor man be able to buy at that price? There are many weary hundreds of miles between here and Utah. One might as well send a postal card to starving Chinese in Shansi province and offer flour at \$1.59 a sack.

\$2.60 and \$2.75 a ton at the pit mouth is the usual cost for Utah coal. Getting it to Salem costs \$6.65 more in freight. Unloading it, sacking it, delivering it in small lots adds a few dollars more to the cost until the best a dealer can do is to sell it for \$14 or \$15 a ton and then pray hard he won't lose any money on bad accounts.

This does bring to light one of Oregon's difficulties: its poverty in coal. Lacking both coal and iron it has been impossible for us to build up industries on the coal-iron base. Electricity will supply us with cheaper power than coal, but there are many uses for coal, including heat, which makes it quite indispensable. We need to realize this when we study the problems in the way of Oregon's development.

Brilliant Jurist Called

THE death of Judge John H. Stevenson of Portland robs Oregon of one of its able jurists and brilliant intellects. A native of this state his education was largely self-acquired. Yet he became versed in the best literature, was apt in quotation and vivid in his use of language. He was one judge who served a considerable period of time as a newspaper man, having been reporter and editorial writer on the Portland Telegram at one time. He retained his friendly interest in newspaper work and workers and was a frequent attendant on meetings of the Portland Press club, presiding on occasion at its dinners with grace and brilliance.

The state is poorer indeed through his passing.

Oh, Oh! and Ouch!

"In Marion county the county agent issue is a live one, because an effort is being made to obtain one. But 1937 protestants have signed a petition against hiring one and it begins to look as though Marion and Linn counties will continue to be the only ones west of the Cascade range that will not have a county agent."—Albany Democrat-Herald.

HEALTH

Today's Talk
By R. S. Copeland, M. D.



DR. COPELAND

Nothing is more disturbing than going to bed at night and not being able to sleep. It makes a man's life miserable and ruins the happiness of the following day.

Sleeplessness or insomnia is largely a matter of habit. Excessive fatigue, worry, lack of fresh air and physical exercise are the main causes leading to insomnia. One should acquire the habit of absolutely dropping work and cares at bedtime. I have told you of Mr. Henry Clews who said he made Fourth Street the sleeping line in his life. He would not permit himself to think of business when he reached that street on his way home at night.

People resort to all sorts of methods to induce sleep. The counting of sheep and other such fantastic mental games have been tried by all of us but usually without beneficial results. If you are restless and cannot sleep do not worry about it. Dwelling on the thought that you are having difficulty in sleeping will keep you awake. Relax in bed, even if you are awake, you are affording rest to your body. Rest will come only with relaxation and that will follow with sleep.

Sleep is nature's way of rejuvenating the body. Sleep should be sufficient in duration and it should be uninterrupted. The average number of hours of sleep required by an adult is from seven to nine hours. Growing children require more sleep than adults.

Sleep comes most readily when the stomach is practically empty. If the drinking of water induces bladder action during the night, it is better to avoid late drinking. Where possible sleep in doors or in a room open to fresh air. Outdoor sleeping is more restful and beneficial than indoor sleeping.

Never take drugs for sleeplessness unless you are relying on medicine for sleep, you begin a habit that is often difficult to break.

Plenty of exercise in the open during the day is essential for good sleep at night. Let your evening meal be a wholesome one without spices and condiments. Avoid all stimulants.

Let me repeat—make sure there is plenty of fresh air in your bedroom. You can be assured of this if all the windows of your sleeping chamber are open. A warm bath just before going to bed is a great aid in relaxing the body and preparing for a good night's sleep. Sleep may be encouraged by drinking a glass of warm milk.

If you are worried and cannot relax in bed, it is often a good plan to read something diverting. Do not read exciting books in an attempt to relax. A book that requires concentration will help you quiet the mind and induce sleep.

If you continue having insomnia in spite of these measures, consult with your physician. Continued lack of sleep is injurious to the body. There are many nerve disorders that cause insomnia. Such disorders should be under the personal supervision of your physician.

TODAY'S PROBLEM...

A cube has a surface of 96 sq. in. What is its volume? Today's answer tomorrow? Yesterday's answer: 60 horses; 20 cows.

Election of Mr. Meier Satisfying To New York Millinery Makers

The Women's Wear daily of New York city rejoices at the election of Julius L. Meier, president and manager of the Meier and Frank company of Portland, and prints a half column of congratulatory telegram sent the governor-elect by the millinery manufacturers of New York city.

Under the caption "Meditations of a Hat Manufacturer," the following is printed in the issue of November 27:

"Picture Governor Meier looking around the market for three miles of macadam road at a bargain price, because the secretary of state wants to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the commonwealth and thinks manufacturers ought to be willing to help put the event over.

"Perhaps we may expect an attempt to return a couple of steam rollers unjustifiably after the state takes delivery on the ground they did not come up to sample, in having been used in place of cast iron.

"It may be that a building contractor, after erecting a little red schoolhouse on a bill, will receive a check in payment with this notation: 'An extra two per cent deducted for payment made within six months. Approve or sue.'

"Probably there will be a time when Oregon will clear all unused, slightly soiled and second hand state militia armories by marked reductions to make way for new stocks.

"Maybe we shall hear of the cancellation of the undelivered part of an order for winterweight state police uniforms, the weather having turned warm and, anyway, Cohen is willing to give us a better price.

Gov. Meier Meets His Cabinet

"Gentlemen, we are going to trade up in government. The key-note of this administration must and shall be the welfare of the customers first, last and always. We want them coming back—to vote for us again.

"We will feature no markdown sales, no 'sensational values' in our store, which are spurious and

'AN EARLY SANTA CLAUS



"FOREST LOVE" By HAZEL LIVINGSTON

CHAPTER IV.

"Nancy, if you don't get in and help me we won't be able to go!" Louise threatened for the last time, when Thursday was almost gone and still a thousand things left to do.

"Don't nag—there's all kinds of time!" But after a moment she laid down her book and went into the kitchen where the ironing board was laid and last year's resurrected summer dresses, still faintly warm and damp from Lou's iron, hung dejectedly over chairs.

How shabby everything seemed! The linen regarded the faded linens, even the new things, waiting to be pressed.

"For two pins I wouldn't go," she announced flatly, as Mrs. Hollenbeck, laden with old hats Louisa had refused to have anything to do with, passed on her way to the basement.

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