

### SYSTEM OF FEES FOR SUPPORT OF BUREAU FOUGHT

Strong opposition to the suggested policy of providing funds for the support of the state public service commission by assessments, levies or charges against utilities registered in the state is voiced by Senator Milton R. Klepper of Multnomah county. The opposition to the commission manifested by Governor Pierce and Jefferson Myers as members of the budget commission in refusing to recommend an appropriation for the commission apparently has put the commission in some danger and some friends of the department are apprehensive.

Senator Klepper has made a study of the department and has made public a statement setting forth his views.

"Copies of the state budget furnished senators and representatives in the state legislature contain no provision for an appropriation for the public service commission of Oregon," says Klepper. "This provision apparently was eliminated from the state budget at the suggestion of the governor of the state."

"The public service commission of Oregon and its predecessor, the railroad commission, have been in existence for about twenty years and have filled a very important place in the state's affairs. Experience has demonstrated two things:

"First—That public service corporations must be regulated; and

"Second—That the best results are secured through the efforts of an administrative body trained by experience."

"There are many important matters now pending before that

commission. There are also several cases of great importance to the people of the state of Oregon now before the interstate commerce commission. Principal among which are central Oregon railway development, and the valuation of Oregon interstate railroads, which should be given attention by the public service commission of Oregon.

"During the existence of the commission, valuation of the physical properties of the following railroads and utilities have been made by the commission: Railroads and street railways, 9; telephone utilities, 30; electric utilities, 22; water utilities, 16; gas utilities, 4.

"All of the above valuations have been made for the purpose of establishing rates.

"There are now pending before this commission four cases in which valuation and rates are to be determined. Court appeals have been taken and cases are now pending against orders of this commission in the farm products cases in which substantial reductions in freight rates were made by state wide order of this commission. Appeal from this commission's order is pending in the valuation of the gas utility at Astoria and from an order of this commission in the reapportionment of costs of overhead highway crossings over the tracks of the Southern Pacific at Wilbur and Sutherlin.

"There is pending in the federal court an appeal by the carriers from an order of the interstate commerce commission reducing express rates in Oregon, Washington and California, hearing concerning which was participated in by this commission jointly with other commissions from the western states.

"If there is to be no commission functioning in this state, the federal power commission will control and regulate the services to be rendered by federal license companies under the federal power act. This would place the users of such service in this state at a great disadvantage, due to such

### BOOK FRAUD LAID BARE IN LETTER

Many school teachers and school boards in Oregon are being duped by book agents selling subscription books on the subject of school and teacher methods, says J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, and he has issued a letter to county and city superintendents requesting them to warn teachers against the purchase of such books. Several county superintendents have complained to the state superintendent about the operations of the book agents.

"My attention has been called to the activities of book agents in several districts of Oregon who are offering their wares to school boards and to teachers," said Mr. Churchill. "Many of these books are of little value but are purchased by school board members who are anxious to do everything

"The state of Oregon cannot afford to be deprived of an administrative body empowered by law to investigate and regulate the service, rates and practices of common carriers and other public service corporations or utilities, and for that reason, I am opposed to the policy suggested of supporting the commission by providing funds for the exercise of its duties and functions solely, or in part, by assessments, levies or charges made for that purpose against the railroads or utilities regulated.

"If through lack of funds this commission cannot properly regulate the railroads and public utility companies it is charged by laws, passed by the people on referendum, to supervise and regulate a chaotic condition is certain to exist which will be very detrimental to the best interests of the people of the state."

### HOME RULE FOR CITIES DEMANDED

Portland, Or., Jan. 26.—Steps toward submission of a constitutional amendment restoring to Oregon municipalities the right of "home rule" in strictly municipal affairs were taken at the organization meeting of the League of Oregon Cities here Saturday.

Officials of 29 Oregon cities attended and many other municipal officers wrote letters subscribing to the organization but stating that it was impossible for them to be here.

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### RADIO SIGNALS FAILED IN ECLIPSE'S TOTALITY

Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 26.—The Bristol company radio wave direction tests conducted here Saturday during the eclipse by Professor W. F. H. Bristol and David Grimes proved conclusively that signals faded out definitely as the eclipse approached totality and that the direction of the waves changed as much as eight degrees to the west from normal.

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ment be named to visit the legislature and attempt to have the constitutional amendment which would give the cities supreme power to govern themselves within their own limits, submitted to the people by the legislature.

### DAVIS BACK, SEES HOPE IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

New York, Jan. 26.—John W. Davis, defeated democratic candidate in the last presidential election, returned Saturday on the steamship Paris, after two months abroad with Mrs. Davis.

"Back to my desk and to work," said Mr. Davis when asked about his program. Asked if he had anything to say about the democratic

party, Mr. Davis replied: "Yes—that it is a party full of hope."

### DOCTORS SAY: DON'T NEGLECT COUGH OR COLD

Physicians warn against neglecting cough and cold and call of the serious lung complications that may result. Leading physicians now prescribe BAL-SA-MEA for all bronchial affections. Write to Dr. J. C. Perry, Crabtree, Anderson, Mo., writes: "I use it exclusively for my practice and my family. It is quick, sure and safe in its action like nothing else."

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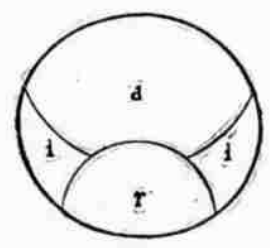
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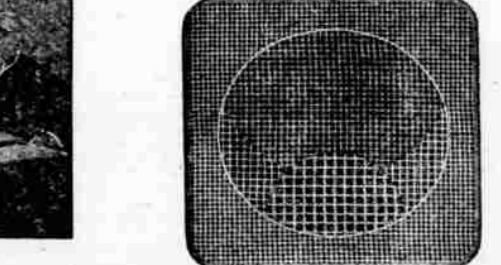
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