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## JOHNSON BILL

Benton's Senator Introduces Bill on Roads.

The following bill as drafted by Senator A. J. Johnson, of this county, appeared in the Telegram of January 18. John W. Kelly gave it the following clear and concise write-up, showing plainly that Mr. Johnson is using his best efforts in a worthy cause:

Legislation for good roads will materialize next week when the house and senate convenes. Senator Johnson of Benton, has prepared a bill to provide for the permanent improvement of main highways and the extension of state and county aid. This bill will be introduced in the house first, since it carries an appropriation.

The Johnson bill is in line with similar state aid laws existing elsewhere, embodying their best features. Its object is to eventually equip Oregon with much needed highways without throwing all the burden of expense upon the people who live along the road. By its provisions the Johnson good roads bill has the state defray one-third of the expense, the county one-third and the people benefited by the improvement the remaining third. Scattering the cost in this manner is expected to encourage road building and all roads so constructed will be built as part of a system embracing all counties.

Several offices are created by the measure to carry out its provisions. These offices are a State Highway Commission and a Road Engineer. The State Highway Commission is to consist of three members who are to come from the Eastern, western and southern portion of the state and will serve, respectively, one, two, and three years. They are to be selected by the Governor, Secretary of State and treasurer. The salary of the Road Engineer is to be \$1800 a year, together with his actual traveling expenses, while performing his duties outside of the state capital. The road engineer is to be a civil engineer and a practical road builder.

When people living along a main highway wish it improved under the Johnson law, they must present to the county court a petition containing the signatures of a majority of resident owners, asking that it be improved. The petition shall designate the beginning, intermediate points and terminal of such improvement as nearly as possible. The county court is to inspect the road and if they find it of sufficient benefit to be termed a main highway, they shall pass a resolution that public demands require the improvement. This resolution is to be sent to the State Road Commission. The commission shall then decide whether they consider the proposed improvement needed.

Upon the approval of the commission, the road engineer will map the proposed improvement, specify the kind of improvement, taking into consideration the climate, soil and material to be had in the vicinity. Such improvements are not to be less than eight feet nor more than 17 feet wide, the exact width to be determined after consultation with the county court. If the county court again recommends the improvement, the state road commission shall be notified. The state road engineer next advertises for bids and supervises the construction of the highway.

When the improvement has been determined upon, the county court is to appoint viewers and appraisers and assess the value of the benefits to all land within two miles on either side and one mile beyond the terminus of the improvement. The total valuation of benefits shall be one-third of the improvement.

The county treasurer shall issue nontaxable certificates, which shall certify the sum assessed against each tract of land, and the sum is to be paid in six equal installments. The property-owner may take six years to pay these certificates, or the entire amount may be paid at one time. The certificates are to draw 6 per cent interest.

Road improvements under the Johnson law are to be taken up in the order in which they are tiled. It is provided, however, that state aid will not be extended to exceed the sum of \$20,000 to any one county until all the other counties have had a reasonable chance to make application for state aid. To prevent running up gigantic bills against the state, the measure provides further that the total amount expended by the state under the provisions of the act, including the salary and expenses of the road engineer and the commission, shall not exceed in any one year an amount equal to one-half of one mill assessed against all taxable property of the state. Beginning with the levy of 1908, the proper state authorities are authorized to include this tax along with other state taxes.

If they deem it expedient, the road engineer and the state highway commission can purchase rock quarries at convenient places throughout the state, when such are found to be needed, the convenience of shipping facilities must always be taken into consideration. Convict labor may be employed to work in these quarries.

One of the missions of the Johnson bill is to have the officers created by it compile statistics on road work in Oregon; the number of miles improved, the best material to be used with respect to localities, and all information which will be of assistance in giving Oregon first-class highways.

## No More Typhoid.

The typhoid fever epidemic will not be likely to break out in Eugene again if the people will be careful, in following the directions of the Lane county Medical society which, at a meeting a few days ago, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, that in view of the fact that a great many of the wells of the city being contaminated and that an influx of river water having been introduced into the mains of the water system it is the sense of this meeting that all water used for domestic purposes should be thoroughly boiled before using. Another important resolution was this:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this society that the city water used in the city of Eugene should be examined each week by competent authority and that the report of said examination should be published each week, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to them by and also to the water company.

Another resolution was to the effect that the council should provide for the appointment of a permanent water commission, whose duty it shall be to act in the matter of securing pure water.

Prof. Sweetser of the University of Oregon made a very interesting talk to the society and stated that analyses of the water used in Eugene were being made in his department and that it was his purpose to continue this work. He stated further that some of the advanced students who were making these analyses, were meeting with opposition from owners of wells, who refused to allow them to take samples of water from their wells, for the reason that they thought these students were in league with the water company and wanted to condemn the water so as to make them use the city water.

## Box Social.

On Saturday night, January 23, '07 the M. W. A. Lodge will give a box social at the Odd Fellows Hall in Corvallis. Bring your best girls and wives, and well filled boxes and have a good time. By Order of Committee. 9-10

The "Barnacle" club gave a dancing party at Raymond's hall Saturday evening. Music was furnished by Prof. McReynold's orchestra.

## IN PORTLAND.

No Fire Protection—No Fuel—No Prospect of Relief.

Unless the coal famine is soon broken the fireboat George H. Williams will be forced out of commission, leaving the waterfront without fire protection. Chief Campbell said this morning that the outlook was discouraging, as the supply of coal in this city, such as is used by the fireboat, was nearly exhausted.

The situation regarding the scarcity of coke and sawdust used in the furnaces for heating the department houses and keeping up steam in the engines, is not improved. No coke is to be had in the city, and the supply of sawdust is running low, because many of the mills have closed down during the cold snap. Unless the weather moderates soon so the mills can resume operations or the railroads succeed in bringing a supply of coke to the city, the situation in the fire department will become alarming.

Many families in Portland are suffering from lack of fuel on account of the protracted spell of cold, and the impossibility of obtaining either wood or coal. Women and children are suffering in homes that would otherwise be comfortable, but the entire disappearance of fuel from the premises for a week or more. Houses that have modern furnaces and heating appliances are cheerless, as are those whose occupants depend upon the parlor or kitchen stove for heat in cold weather, and lack of means to buy fuel cuts no figure in the situation, as the orders of rich and poor alike are disregarded by the fuel companies, who are swamped deeper than ever with rush orders, says the Telegram.

At the same time the supply of "dry slab" threatens to give out altogether as a result of the unusual drain of the past month. Whole blocks on the East Side and in North Portland, that a year ago extended into acres of dry slabs, are now perfectly clear of anything that will burn, and prediction that there would be a slump in the price of this kind of fuel has been dispelled.

Orders by phone had just about as well not be given, as no attention is paid to them. Personal application at the wood yards or at the coal bunkers is all that counts, and even this, accompanied by the cash and a team, are not always successful.

"We cannot deliver the coal until it is unloaded from Leon XIII, and this unloading is very slow at first. When the stevedores get down to the level of the hold, better progress will be made, but at present hand shoveling must be resorted to," was the answer of the agent today.

Ex-Mayor Storey, who is in the fuel business, has a car load of Rock Springs coal, but this will only last a few hours. Churchley Bros. have several hundred cords of dry fir in North Portland, but this will only last a few days longer.

Some yards are charging \$7 a cord for dry fir, and delivering even at this unusual price, cannot be promised immediately. Dry slab brings from \$3 to \$3.25 a load, and no one knows when the order, given today, will be delivered, if at all. One woman reports that she paid in advance for a load of slab over a week ago as the order would not be taken unless she did. Today she called to see when that load of wood was coming, and was told that no one knew.

A change to milder weather is all that people hope for now. No confidence is given the promises of fuel companies, and all that the shivering people can do is to huddle together and try to bear with it.

## In Regard to Lake.

In a write-up of the recent meeting of the Oregon State

Horticultural society, Prof. E. R. Lake of this city receives the following notice in the "Agriculturist":

In point of service as an officer of the Oregon State Horticultural society Secretary E. R. Lake closely follows Dr. Cardwell. He intended to decline a reelection, but the emphatic way in which the society insisted that he keep the harness induced him to keep on with the good work.

The members of the State Society know what he has done and do not want to lose his services as long as it is possible to persuade him to keep on with the work of secretary. The society, however, recognized the fact that the growth of the society made it necessary to provide a corresponding secretary to relieve Prof. Lake of part of the work he has been doing.

## AN ELECTRIC ROMANCE.

Groom and Bride Too Wise for Telephone Crowd—The Joke.

There is a huge joke going the rounds just now, in which the entire force at the Independent telephone office figures. It happened Thursday, when Geo. Hines and bride arrived from Portland on the noon train. Their arrival was expected and J. C. Lowe and his employes planned a rousing reception for the bridal couple.

Armed with \$1.65 worth of rice, and with the cab and a prancing livery team, the telephone people made their way to the S. P. depot and awaited the arrival of the train on which the happy pair were to come. In due time the engine hove in sight, soon the train slowed into the station, and the expectant crowd hurried forward, all smiles and rice, and eagerly scanned the faces of those who alighted from the coaches. But alas! no happy, blushing bride nor proud, handsome bridegroom appeared, and with longer faces than usual the Independent telephone people meandered back down town, rice, cab and all, a woefully disappointed crowd.

But the bride and groom came on the train as expected. From a car window the groom viewed the depot platform from afar as the train pulled into Corvallis, and with a word to his bride they slipped from the train on the side opposite the depot and hurried into the H. C. Mangas confectionery store, where they remained quietly out of sight until Mr. Lowe and his employes had departed for town.

A worse beaten crowd has not been seen in Corvallis in a long time than the one which would have given welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Hines, but they wisely join in the general laugh and candidly admit their defeat.

The wedding occurred in Portland Wednesday, the bride having traveled all the way from Michigan to meet and wed Mr. Hines, who is a Michigan man. He came to Oregon about a year ago and is employed by the Independent telephone company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hines are rooming at the William Crees home and they have the good wishes of many friends for their future happiness.

## Bellefontain Briefs.

Born, Sunday, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perin, a daughter.

A very enjoyable party was given Tuesday evening at the Arthur Hawley home in celebration of the 18th birthday of Miss Floy Hawley. A large number of guests were present and everyone had a jolly time.

The recent cold snap has damaged grain on the hillsides to a considerable extent, but that on the level is apparently but little affected by the freeze. Grass is badly injured.

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