

THE RAILWAY LEGION.

Says the Inter Ocean: The promoters of the scheme for a federation of all sorts and conditions of men...

It has been generally admitted by the strongest advocates of trades unionism that the number of unorganized wage-earners exceeded that of the organized, but it is somewhat in the nature of a surprise that such advocates confess that the unorganized stand to the organized as three to one in a class of labor...

But the promoters of the Railway Legion project not only deplore the comparative paucity of membership in all the railway organizations, but aver that by reason of their separate constitutions they are impotent for concerted action. They say also that the high charges for admission to membership and the onerous dues levied to compensate for outlays on strikes and adjustments of difficulties operate to prevent many railway wage-earners from enrollment. This probably is true, for it is estimated that the famous switchmen's strike entailed a cost of \$600,000 upon the members of that organization, which, necessarily, numbers but a fraction of 125,000 members but all railway associations.

Another segment of this aggregate of 125,000 men has had to bear the cost of \$1,000,000 expended during the celebrated O. B. and Q. strike. As things go membership is costly. The promoters believe it due to be limited to \$1 a year the greater part of 650,000 railway wage-earners will become members of the projected Railway Legion. But if all of them become members, what will \$650,000 do in the matter of a concerted strike of all hands, when \$600,000 and \$1,000,000 are the measures of cost of the strike but a limited number? It is doubtful whether trades unions can be managed on a much more economic scale—meaning on a less fee and dues basis—than they now are.

Behind these considerations stand the probable influence of such conservative organizations as the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Order of Railway Conductors to put themselves under absolute control of a joint elected by the whole body of railway operatives. The history of the Knights of Labor is not evidence favorable to the continued existence of a conglomeration of diverse branches of labor. Though managed by a man so remarkable for coolness and conservatism as Mr. Powderly, the numbers of this famous organization, though still large, are small in comparison of what they were a few years ago. The American tendency is opposed to centralization of power. Local self-government of villages, towns, cities is a development that is paralleled in the local self-management of such great associations as the Typographical Union, the Brotherhood of Engineers, and other long-enduring organizations. Each branch of trade has its own protective interests, and necessarily conserves them, and is likely to hesitate before placing them under the control of a league or legion the majority of whose members are in close sympathy with them.

Legislature Notes. SALEM, Jan. 27, 1933. The legislature has adjourned until Monday, 27th. They adjourned last week for three days to attend the military drill at Portland, and it was hoped they would go in and drill a little themselves after seeing our citizen soldiers go through the movements, but alas!

The defeat of the Raley bill has been the subject of considerable discussion, and shows the contemptible spirit of some of our valley senators who make a record of economy by working against appropriations of vast interest to the state at large, while they use every means to get large appropriations for their respective localities. If Eastern Oregon representatives, in both houses, do not combine to defeat every appropriation of interest to the enemies of the portage bill they shall fail to do their duty. If we must have economy in these appropriations give it to us pure and straight. Senators Shuster and Smith worked manfully for the portage, and pledges made to be broken were what decided them into the position that the bill was safe. There are some snarling members that Mr. Raley himself was not so friendly to the bill as he would have it appear, but this I do not know.

Another bill of vital interest to Wasco is Cogswell's herd and grazing bill, which provides for all herds taken from one county to another for grazing purposes not less than five cents nor more than twenty cents a head. This is just that much tax on every band of sheep, cattle or horses owned in Wasco county, for all are driven out to summer ranges. I send you a copy of the bill, so you can publish such portions as you see fit. If the stockmen of Wasco and Sherman do not look a little out for their own interests, the stock business will be ruined, for the stock business is the life of the county. The bill is now before the senate committee on roads and highways.

There is not a very bright outlook for new counties, though delegates from the respective and expectative county seats are confident of success as usual in such cases. Gov. Penneyer had wires stretched across the both of representatives to improve its scenic properties, and the long retained eloquence that burst forth Thursday was probably the result of the governor's wires, which have ever been a great deal of noise. Representative Upton put the wires to a severe test on the question of electing president by popular vote and on the silver question. Our Wasco members will strain the wire some more important matter. It is supposed to be the most important matter to be taken up by the house.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—The session in the house of the legislature was devoid of special interest today. Mr. Blaine's death was the only thing which prevented the house from continuing in session. The project of taking a vacation today over to Moomouth was at first reluctantly acquiesced in by a majority, who stipulated that work must begin this morning at 9 o'clock. Last night and this morning, however, notwithstanding the death of Mr. Blaine, a combination was formed to prevent adjournment. It successfully resisted all efforts to adjourn until the morning of Mr. Blaine's death, and then it rumbled right away. There were no remarks made in either house on the subject of Mr. Blaine's death, and the committee has not yet prepared a resolution.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Queen Victoria's Speech. LONDON, Jan. 30.—The forecast of the queen's speech opening parliament tomorrow is published. Besides promising the introduction of Irish legislation, the queen's message will also contain the reform bill, the speech will intimate the licensing of a reform, a local option scheme, and proposals affecting the established church of Scotland and a church in Wales.

Representative Coo's bill relative to future creation of new counties requires a petition of 100 taxpayers to be filed with the county clerk 90 days before a general election. The bill also requires that there be \$700,000 worth of property in the proposed county, and that neither of the counties losing territory will be left with less than \$1,000,000 worth of property. The question of establishing the new county must be submitted to the voters at the next general election. Denny's separate property bill provides that the acquisition of either husband or wife after marriage to be his or her separate property, and may be devised independently of the spouse. Property acquired together is community property.

Upton's horticultural bill prescribes a salary of \$1500 yearly for a state horticultural inspector, whose expenses while traveling shall not exceed \$100 per day. He may have deputies throughout the state. The act is very rigid in its prohibitions of diseased stock and provisions for the destruction of it. All shipment of trees, shrubs, plants, etc., must be plainly marked with the name of the grower, and the name of the shipper, and address, so that the responsibility for violations of the law may be properly located. The penalty is a fine of from \$25 to \$100.

Gowan's latest bill to amend the code relating to the challenge of jurors for cause. The only amendment to the existing statute consists in including the attorney of the adverse party with the party himself, as the one to whom the juror must not bear the relation of guardian and ward, attorney and client, master and servant, or landlord and tenant.

SALEM, Jan. 30.—The house session today gave a large opportunity to orators to spread their views, and it was generally embraced. The militia bill, the division of direct tax and school land funds, and the subject of the suppression of the fruit pests were each productive of much discussion, and for the first time in the session the disposition to make speeches was unopposed by a number of serious hostility. The first resolution of the afternoon was the reading of a dispatch sent to Secretary McBride by Senator Dolph, relative to the house resolution concerning the transfer of the state of the machinery and tools at the Cascade locks. The dispatch read:

Y. or telegram reference to the Cascade locks received yesterday. The contract was received by the department Saturday, 21st; examined Monday, 23rd; approved Tuesday, 24th; transmitted to Major Handberg, 24th, and the major was notified that day by telegram of the approval. The matter received prompt attention. The Cascade locks are a work of art, and the machinery and tools are of great value. The bill provides that the machinery and tools shall be transferred to the state, and that the state shall be responsible for their maintenance and repair.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for the County of Wasco. T. H. Johnson and George W. Johnson, co-partners, doing business under the firm name and style of Johnson Brothers, plaintiffs, vs. E. E. Patterson, defendant. The above-named defendant...

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