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Spring is here for sure, according to the signs. It rains, the robins are playing on the fresh green lawns, the sap has started in the trees and Pat McCulloch found a blow snake in the garden out at his dairy. The squirrels are looking for the winter killed wheat and the old car cranks easier in the morning and the feet are beginning to itch for the feel of the peddle brakes. Spring must be here for sure.

THE UNCERTAIN MAIL
By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

I'VE seen a good deal in the newspapers from time to time with reference to the certainty that if you drop a letter into the mail box at the corner of your street, it will be delivered to the proper person, but I don't believe it.

I feel somewhat as Mark Twain said he did regarding the notice of his death which he read in a country newspaper; I think the reports have been greatly exaggerated. I've read something to the effect that not more than one letter out of a million ultimately goes astray, and that that one has a good chance of being run to cover by some epistolary sleuth in the dead letter office; but I've watched the thing, and I'll have to be shown.

I had a few hours of unexpected leisure one day last summer, and feeling more than ordinarily kindly toward the human race I used it to write to a few of the undergraduates who, it seemed to me, had done something that merited attention or was worthy of praise. When I had finished there were 15 or 20 in all. The summer dragged on, and I was made happy by receiving two acknowledgments one from McKinley, a shy little country freshman, and a gracious pianist one from Bullard whom most people at first sight might have thought crude. I could scarcely have expected either to reply.

Now the thing that convinces me that all this talk about the reliability of the mails is wrong is the fact that I did not hear from those other 15 letters.

Take Burton, for example, who won the western tennis championship. I'm sure that if he had received my congratulations he would at least have acknowledged the note. He comes from a part of the country where they are fed on courtesy and good form three times a day, and he has an aunt who belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution. A man with a past like that behind him couldn't neglect to acknowledge a simple little note.

There was Stephens, who is really a nice boy and who won the high average in engineering and was given 93 in rhetoric 1 by an instructor who came from Harvard; and Carlton who

was elected to the senior society and has had three years of uninterrupted training at sorority open houses; and Fulton whose uncle wrote a book and who is a prize athlete over whom seven organizations went crazy when he entered, and who finally joined the only first-class fraternity in college—I'm sure the notes I wrote them were lost in the mails, or I should have heard from them.

Nancy says that I'm wrong in blaming the government, and that probably all these men got the letters that I wrote and failed to answer them through ignorance or carelessness just as some fellows keep their hats on when they talk to a woman, or fail to call after they've been invited to dinner, but that doesn't seem reasonable to me.

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A man called on us this week and remarked that he was considerable of a philosopher, that he was a good spender when flush and offered a smile when broke. That's fine, but we figure that he would be a better philosopher if he would invest his capital and spend the interest only with his smiles.

Ty Cobb Will Take Rest



Ty Cobb, manager of the Detroit baseball team, does not intend to play much this season, in fact not more than 100 games. Last season he played in 155 games.

MICKIE SAYS—

WUNST THEY WUZ A MAN WHO WUZ RUINED BY TOO MUCH ADVERTISING! IT DROVE HIM INTO BANKRUPTCY! THE ADVERTISING WUZ DONE BY THE MAN'S COMPETITOR! YEP!



LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR CLASH

Removal of Port Commissioners Prompts Action to Curtail Appointive Power.

Salem.—While the first two weeks of the present session were rather dull and uninteresting, the third week witnessed the long-expected break between the governor and the legislature. The governor opened hostilities when he attempted to remove five members of the Port of Portland commission and appoint in their places new men. The legislature promptly took up the gage of battle by passing a bill which takes from the governor the appointment of members of the commission and places it with the legislature, and in the bill the commissioners which the governor sought to remove are named.

The speed with which this bill was passed up to the governor is a shining example of how a well-organized legislature can function when there is an incentive. After a discussion of four or five hours the bill passed the senate and within an hour after it reached the house it passed that body. In the senate only Fisk, Joseph, Kinney and Zimmerman voted against it and in the house only Mott and Miller. Undoubtedly the governor will veto the bill, and it certainly will be passed over his veto.

Would Curb Governor's Powers. Several other measures aimed at the governor's appointive powers were introduced, among them bills to transfer appointments to the fish commission, game commission and the penitentiary to the board of control. What the outcome will be in the struggle between the governor and legislature no one can foretell, but most observers look for some turbulent times during the remainder of the session.

The indications are that this week will close up the investigation into the state prohibition department. Just what the recommendations of the special committee of investigators will be is as yet a matter of guess, but it is not likely that there will be a full committee report favoring abolition of the department. There is a possibility that the committee may be equally divided on this question and another possibility that a majority may favor abolition.

George L. Cleaver, head of the department, has already been censured for being too active politically and there is a possibility that the committee may recommend his withdrawal as prohibition commissioner.

Testimony of sensational nature was spread before the legislative committee investigating the state prohibition department. From this testimony it appeared that the office of Cleaver spent more time in checking up officers than in running down moonshiners or bootleggers.

May Investigate Penitentiary. Investigation into the affairs of the Oregon state penitentiary to determine whether the institution has been conducted efficiently under the present administration, probably will be demanded in a resolution now being drafted. Although no definite plan has been worked out, it was reported that the investigation might be conducted along lines similar to that of the probe now involving the state prohibition department.

The joint ways and means committee of the house and senate reported out favorably a bill providing for an appropriation of \$1,500,000 with which to assist the farmers of the state whose crops have been destroyed because of the recent cold weather. The money would be loaned to the farmers under the direction of the state board of control and would be secured by a first mortgage on the growing crops for 1925 and 1926.

No Auto License Changes. The road legislation is slowly assuming shape and it appears now as though there will be no change in the present charges for licenses of automobiles and tax on gasoline. The laws are likely to remain much in their present form, due to the wide difference in the theories of the new bills on the subject and the seeming impossibility of compromising on a common ground.

The house bill, sponsored jointly by Representatives Swan and Oakes, which seeks to extend provisions of the railroad regulatory act over highway carriers, both freight trucks and passenger busses, promises to provoke a hotter fight than on any other road measure, with both opposing viewpoints armed strongly for the fray. Already this bill brought out the most heated committee hearing so far held at this session, when railroad attorneys appeared before the joint roads and highways committees and urged that bill No. 59 was fair and just and should be adopted for the best interests of the state.

As strongly against it are the organized truck and bus lines. It appears now that there will be no bill for severance tax, motion picture

tax, fish poundage tax, cigarette tax or other taxes which Governor Pierce suggested. The governor has not prepared any of these bills himself and no one else appears enthusiastic enough over such subjects to take the time to draft them and lobby them through.

Two pardon bills fell by the wayside in the house when they were reported adversely and were, upon vote, indefinitely postponed. One provided the supreme court should have the pardoning power after hearings, while the other prescribed the drawing of juries to determine pardons, hearings to be public and expenses to be borne by the applicant.

A bill altering the present marriage license law as it pertains to medical certificates has been introduced by Representative Tucker, Linn county. It would abolish the medical certificate now required and permit use of a personal affidavit of applicant in its stead. The latter would have to swear that the applicant had been free from disease for a year preceding date of application.

Legislative Junkets Off. There will be no legislative junkets to the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college during the present session, according to announcement made by the joint ways and means committee of the senate and house. In lieu of the customary junkets, committees of the ways and means committee will inspect the educational institutions and report their findings to the legislature.

A joint house resolution, introduced by Speaker Burdick, would require the state supreme court to give its opinion upon important questions upon "solemn occasions" when required by the governor, the senate or the house of representatives, and all such opinions shall be published in connection with the reported decisions of the court. It is provided that a constitutional amendment providing for this shall be submitted to the people at the next general or special election.

School Bible Reading Asked. Senator Garland has introduced a bill providing for a commission of nine members to select certain portions of the Bible each year to be read in the public schools, the parts selected being designed to teach morality and respect for law. The state superintendent would be ex-officio chairman. The other members would be chosen from church denominations, not more than one from each denomination, and one member to be a Jew, one a Catholic and one a Christian Scientist.

Text books for high and elementary schools of the state, purchased by the state and lent to the schools, would be provided by house bill 266. The sum of \$750,000 is sought to be appropriated by the bill for the biennium.

Would Investigate Stock Sales. A sweeping investigation of stocks, bonds and other securities sold during the past five years in the state is contemplated in a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Gordon of Multnomah county.

It creates a committee composed of the speaker and two other members of the house and it is understood that its purpose is to probe into every stock or bond issue of magnitude authorized by the corporation department during the last five years. Particularly, it is understood, the committee will investigate the securities sold by public utility corporations.

Under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator Eddy, any person driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated would be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction would be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not less than 60 days nor more than six months.

The senate passed a bill to authorize the excusing of children attending the public schools for a period not to exceed two hours in any one week, to attend schools giving religious instruction. Under the bill such excuse must be based on application filed by the parent or guardian.

Legislative Brevities. Dogs will not be permitted to ride on running boards of automobiles if Representative Pierce's bill becomes a law. A penalty of \$100 is provided.

The state board of control would act as the purchasing agency for all state departments under house bill 258, introduced by Representative Burdick.

Appropriation of \$225,000 for building and equipping two structures for the Monmouth Normal school is sought in house bill No. 222, introduced by the Polk county delegation.

Before the joint assembly of senate and house, convened at his request, Governor Pierce read a special message demanding the repeal of the public utilities act insofar as the power of election is concerned, and the substitution of the power of appointment in the hands of the governor.

A bill by Representative Ford, virtually placing construction of market roads under control of the state highway commission in requiring that locations, plans and construction shall be approved by the state commission before they are carried forward by the county court, passed the house.

Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, January 23, 1925.

Notice is hereby given that Lee Mead, of Boardman, Oregon, who, on August 25, 1920, made Homestead Entry, No. 021932, for W 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4, or Farm Unit "B", Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 25 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. G. Blayden, United States Commissioner, at Boardman, Oregon, on the 3rd day of March, 1925.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ernest Brown, Thos. Miller, Ray L. Brown, S. B. Richardson all of Boardman, Oregon.

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