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MOTHER

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

I HEARD a man say once that he did not want to send his grown son away from home because the boy's going would separate him, he felt, from his mother's influence. It was a foolish thought. There is nothing in time or in distance that can separate one from such an influence.

"I lost my mother forty years ago," an old man said to me recently, "and yet I have never ceased to feel a daily sense of loneliness and loss." And so many of us feel.

And yet no matter how long she has been gone or how far away she is, you know very well what she would say if she were with you today, and what she would have you do.

"My boy is a good boy," mothers say to me often in the innocence of their trust. "I know he hasn't a single bad habit."

I am not surprised that most college men turn out well when for so many years I have seen what faith and confidence their mothers have in them and what hope is built upon their future.

Express Rates Lower Effective March 1, the American Express company have announced a reduction in express rates which will average from .10 to .30% lower than the present schedule of rates.

Thomas Amory Lee



Thomas Amory Lee of Topeka, Kans., has been appointed chairman of the American legion committee on world peace.

THE MARKETS

Portland Wheat - Hard white, \$2.10; soft white, northern spring, \$1.89; hard winter and western white, \$1.87; western red, \$1.84.

Seattle Wheat - Soft white, hard winter, \$1.91; western white, western red, \$1.90; northern spring, \$1.99; Big Bend bluestem, \$2.20.

Spokane Hogs - Prime mixed, \$11.35@11.50. Cattle - Prime steers, \$7.25@7.75.

Cow and Hog Lead The Department of Agriculture says that, considering the amount of food for humans produced by the animals from the food raised on an acre of land, the dairy cow leads all others.

LAW-MAKERS ARE BEHIND IN WORK

Investigation of State Prohibition Department Is Cause of Much Delay.

Salem.—The legislature must speed up its work during the remainder of the session if congestion is to be avoided during the closing days, for when it convened Monday with only 11 work days remaining, comparatively few important measures had been sent up to the governor.

Many important measures had not received attention by both houses, among them the child labor amendment, road legislation, and tax bills. In the house 414 bills had been introduced, and of this number the house passed 193 and sent them to the senate.

Much of the delay in getting down to work is attributed to the investigation of the state prohibition department, which required the attendance of groups of members of both houses.

The Port of Portland commission bill is now a law, as it was passed over the governor's veto. Immediately after the reading of the veto message in the senate, Senator Bannister moved that the senate proceed to consider it, and without comment that body passed it over the executive's veto.

The house passed the measure over the executive's veto with only Mott, Shrock and Hunter of Union voting to sustain the executive.

The other measures stripping the governor of appointive power over various departments, among them the fish and game commission, are likely to cause some lively debates. While it is possible some of these bills will pass both houses, many seem to think that it will not be as easy to override the governor's veto as it was on the Port of Portland bill.

How to provide money for the operation of the various state departments and activities during the current biennium is the perplexing problem that the joint ways and means committee of the senate and house is finding it difficult to solve.

After hearing representatives of the various state activities seeking financial assistance the committee will go into executive session to pass on the appropriations. It has been proposed by the committee to have the appropriation bills on the floor of the house not later than Friday of this week.

At the request of the committee, Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, submitted a lengthy statement showing that the actual appropriations recommended by the state budget commission exceed the funds available by approximately \$79,000. It was said that this shortage of funds was due to the low tax levy fixed by the state tax commission and the inclusion in the budget of certain items not absolutely necessary in the conduct of the affairs of state.

Besides the actual appropriations recommended by the state budget commission the heads of the various state departments and institutions have submitted to the committee estimated requirements of \$1,700,000.

Governor Pierce signed the measure which provides \$1,500,000 as a loan fund to Oregon farmers for purposes of purchasing seed wheat to reseed land where crops have frozen out this winter. The bill carries the emergency clause and became effective as soon as signed by the governor.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, has closed a deal whereby the Portland banks have agreed to accept state bonds as collateral for funds needed in financing the wheat growers of eastern Oregon under the relief measure.

For the use of this money the state will be required to pay the Portland bank interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. The farmers who borrow the money from the state will pay interest at the rate of 6 per cent. This spread in interest, it was said, probably will more than offset any losses that may be suffered by the state as a result of the administration of the act.

The house roads and highways committee has decided upon three-eighths of a mill as a basis for determining fees to be paid by bus and truck lines. Charge of three-eighths of a mill per seat or per ton capacity multiplied by the number of miles traveled will give the additional tax to be paid by bus or truck lines over the regular fee charges. The bill which the house roads and

highways committee will report favorably to the house is a revision of the house bill introduced by Swan and Oakes. In its original form the bill would have taken one and one-half mills as a rate-making basis.

The committee decided against embodying the certificate of public convenience and necessity in the bill.

The house passed the Mills post-primary convention measure by a vote of 32 to 27. This measure, however, will in all probability never reach the executive, as there are already more than enough votes lined up in the senate to defeat it.

The senate has passed Senator Maglady's bill, which gives the secretary of state authority to employ all officers used in the state traffic department, and limits the number to not more than twenty-five. At present the authority is centralized in his office, but he is limited to seven men and, through a gentlemen's agreement, the state highway department has added seven more, and all are paid from the same fund.

The house adopted house joint resolution 10, submitting to the voters of Oregon an amendment to the state constitution requiring the supreme court to give its opinion upon important questions upon solemn occasions, when required by the governor, the senate or house of representatives, and all such opinions shall be published in connection with the reported decisions of said court.

It was argued that were this system in vogue the legislature would avoid passing many unconstitutional bills, as the subject of constitutionality could be determined at once by the supreme court when application was made to it by a majority vote of either senate or house of representatives.

The senate passed a bill making it a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of from \$100 to \$500 and imprisonment for from sixty days to six months, to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

If a death is caused by an intoxicated driver, he would be liable to conviction of manslaughter, under the bill.

A state board of motion picture censors would be created under the terms of house bill 409, introduced by Representative Tucker of Lin county. The censors, three in number, would receive \$2400 annually and would name viewers, whose compensation would not exceed the total sum of \$1000 a year. A dollar a reel would be charged for censoring, if the reel did not exceed 1000 feet in length. If longer, a fee of \$2 would be charged.

Only films of a moral, educational or amusing and harmless nature would be passed. Criticism of the present educational system in Oregon played an important part in the discussion of Senator Eddy's bill limiting the power of election of studies by high school students and providing for the inclusion of practical courses in the high school curriculum.

The bill was approved by the senate by a vote of 24 to 6.

This legislature promises to be among those sessions noted for raising salaries. The number of bills already introduced with the purpose of increasing the pay of officials and others yet to come would seem to bear out the statement.

A salary bill passed by the house was of benefit to the district attorneys, pay being increased throughout the state, the basis of advance being that of the number of prosecutions handled. The bill means the annual addition of \$18,000 and some odd dollars to district attorneys' salaries and, curiously enough, this sum is to be raised by a \$5 addition to court costs of filing divorce suits.

The house committee on banking has reported favorably on Representative Gordon's substitute for house bill 35, authorizing the incorporation of mutual savings banks. Many changes have been made in the bill, the most important being elimination of a provision for establishing branch institutions.

Rumors persist that the governor will sponsor a gross earnings tax on all public utilities.

The house passed house bill 198 transferring control of the state game commission from the governor to the state board of control. Eleven votes were registered against the measure.

Congress will be memorialized, by terms of a joint memorial, to enact legislation along lines of the McNary-Haugen bill and form export corporations to market surplus crops. Representative Mann and others introduced it.

Women and girls would be required to purchase hunting and fishing licenses under house bill 238 passed by the house. It provides that any person over 14 years of age shall obtain a license.

Governor Pierce vetoed Senator Upton's bill authorizing the city of Bend to exchange water taken from the Deschutes river for a smaller amount of water from Tumalo creek for municipal purposes.

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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