

Greer Will Tell About Hotel Proposition at the Armory Tonight. Will Attempt to Answer Every Statement of Opposition in Detail

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Speaker L. E. Bean Discusses Taxation Problems of Oregon

Hon. Louis E. Bean, speaker of the state house of representatives, was the principal speaker at the meeting at the Armory last evening, held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bean was introduced by Mr. Vining.

Mr. Bean's preliminary remarks were to the effect that he believed Oregon will become the greatest state in the Union and stated that we have the wealth of the entire nation at her feet.

Mr. Bean took for his subject the taxation system of the state which he deems to be very unfair in various ways. The first thing Mr. Bean spoke of as being unfair was the withdrawal of several million acres of land by the federal government as forest reserves, to hold certain timber for the future generations. This took much valuable land from the tax rolls, and as long as these reserves exist the taxpayers of the state must pay a larger percentage of the taxes per acre in the state of Oregon than in any other state in the Union, as the public lands of practically all the other states are on the tax lists.

Another objectionable feature was the land grant in the early days to the Oregon and California railroad company, whereby it was granted all of the odd sections for 20 miles on either side of their right of way through the entire state of Oregon. In 1916, by an act of the supreme court, this vast acreage was taken from the tax lists, thereby throwing a heavier burden of taxes on the inhabitants of our state. The last year taxes were paid on this land was 1915, when the aggregate amount of tax to the various counties and the state totalled over \$450,000, and that amount would have been in-

creased to near the million mark, had it remained on the lists until this time.

The reclamation act which created a reclamation fund for the reclaiming of the arid lands of the state of Oregon, was such that a huge sum, nearly \$10,000,000 in fact was accumulated in that fund. A national law was passed that took over all the money in such funds in the various states, and our money was taken into that fund and the states of Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona, reaped the harvest from our taxes. The total amount spent in the state of Oregon in this connection would not reach more than \$4,000,000.

The taxable valuation of the state in 1910 was \$844,000,000, and in 1920, \$1,040,000,000 an increase in excess of the gain made by the state in population, which, in the ten year period has only been 17 per cent. This means that we must endeavor to increase our population at a faster rate than we did during the past ten years. In addition to this, we must stand our share of the national debt which amounts to \$313,000,000 for our state. With all of this increase in our taxes, we must find some place for retrenchment, retrenchment such as a private business man would use in his business or in his home.

One way suggested by Mr. Bean to make this possible is to wipe out the some 70 state boards, many of which overlap one another and in the place of these boards, create a cabinet of a limited number of citizens to act with the governor of the state in an advisory capacity. All of the present boards, Mr. Bean states could be consolidated under some ten or 12

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NEW BONUS BILL MAKES INSURANCE MOST ATTRACTIVE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—After milling around for days over the methods of raising funds for the proposed soldiers' bonus, the republican leaders definitely decided to abandon all plans for getting money through the levy of special taxes or utilization of foreign bonds.

Instead, it was agreed at a lengthy session of the house ways and means committee that a plan be immediately worked out which will not cause such a heavy demand for a cash payment and its accompanying strain on the treasury for at least two years.

The outline of the plan agreed upon will make the insurance feature of the bill the most advantageous one by far and the cash feature least attractive. This, the republican leaders believe will afford relief for those ex-soldiers who are desperately in need of money, but will not attract the vast majority of ex-soldiers, thus lightening the load that the treasury will have to bear.

Large Audience Attends Address

Mrs. L. Withers, a medical missionary, who has seen ten years' service in the China field, spoke to a large audience at the Baptist church Sunday. It is seldom the pleasure of the people of Ashland to hear a speaker who can deliver such an address and hold an audience for such a length of time with not one murmur of protest from any individual. Many expressed the opinion that every one present would have been glad to have listened to this interesting talker for another hour or so without being tired.

NEW TAX BEING CONSIDERED BY REPUBLICAN LEADERS TO FINANCE THE BONUS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—A new tax to meet part of the soldiers' bonus is now under consideration by the republican members of the house ways and means committee. The amount, if it falls shorts of making the initial payments, is to be taken from the general treasury.

It is understood that the president has made concessions and is no longer insisting on his "no sales tax, no bonus" ultimatum, but is steadfast in his opposition to a sale of British or foreign bonds to make the bonus payments.

The president told American Legion leaders yesterday that there would be "no delay."

NARCOTICS MEET TO BE HELD MAR. 1

SALEM, Or., March 1.—The narcotic drugs conference, which was called recently by Governor Olcott will be held in the Portland hotel, at Portland, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning of March 4, according to an announcement of the Oregon executive. In his original call for the conference, the governor made no mention of where the sessions would be held.

Four of the five western states, outside of Oregon, will be represented either by the governor in person or by official representatives.

Governors Hart and Davis, the former of Washington and the latter of Idaho, have notified Governor Olcott that they expect to attend. There also will be present from Washington three other persons than Governor Hart. Governor Stevens of California will send a member of the state board of pharmacy, while Governor Dixon of Montana will be represented in case he is unable to make the trip. Governor Carey, of Wyoming, expressed some doubt as to the need of the conference and probably will not have a representative.

SENATOR LODGE FAVORS PAYING SOLDIERS' BONUS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Senator Lodge, republican senate leader, in an open letter to his constituents today, announced that he was in favor of a soldiers' bonus.

As one who voted to send millions of American boys to risk their lives on the battlefield, he said, he believed that the promise to provide them with the compensation they deserved should be kept.



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The issues before the meeting at the Armory tonight, I think, are the most important that have ever been joined in Ashland. They are too important to waste any time with insinuation against the character of any one of the opposition. Mr. Greer will meet the issue straight from the shoulder. There will be no sidestepping or dodging. Either Ashland has her big chance, or she has not. Greer thinks he is in a position to get the big hotel and sanitarium. There are hindrances in the way which MUST be removed or he will fail. His attempt will be to show you these hindrances and why they must be removed. He will try to do that in a good-spirited, high-toned way. He will talk frankly and plainly, but he hopes that no word will be spoken in such manner as to offend. He will not deal in personalities any further than is absolutely necessary to a plain understanding of cards on top of the table. He has called any man a liar or a thief. That will not help the cause. Greer is going to this task in a frank, open manner and play the cards on to top of the table. He has nothing to hide and no slurs to cast at anyone. Greer deprecates the necessity of this fight, but it has to be made, and he will undertake to make it to a finish.

Come out tonight and judge for yourself on the merits of his cause.

HAZ KIK.

STORM CENTER HAS SHIFTED TO GULF COAST

HOUSTON, Texas, March 1.—With the uncommon scene of icicles resulting from the snow and rain freezing as it fell, the Gulf coast is experiencing the coldest March weather it has had for 30 years. Thousands of dollars damage to crops, particularly in the Rio Grande valley, is certain.

PALM OLIVE SOAP CO PAYROLL IS STOLEN

MILWAUKEE, March 1.—Four bandits stole the \$19,000 payroll of the Palm Olive Soap company here today. The bandits escaped in an automobile.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE IN CHINA DEMORALIZES SHIPPING; AMERICAN PORTS SUFFER

HONG KONG, China, March 1.—The seamen's strike, which for seven weeks has crippled the commerce through this port, became a general strike last night involving guilds of all sorts.

This port has been indefinitely closed, and all land transportation has been suspended as a result of the tieup. The losses to date as a result of the strike is estimated at \$40,000,000. The effects of the strike is felt in several American ports, especially in Seattle and Vancouver, where large shipments of lumber are being held for Chinese vessels.

MUSCLE SHOALS SECOND TO NIAGARA

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Completion of the 1,000,000 horsepower waterway project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., under direction of Henry Ford, would give America 44 per cent of the world's developed water power, it was declared recently by Senator Harris, democrat, of Alabama.

The project, however, probably will not be completed for several years. It would give America a total of 10,243,000 horse power generated by water power.

New York, according to Senator Harris' statistics, is the leading state in the Union with 1,300,000 horse power, while California is second with 1,111,000 horse power. The Muscle Shoals project would place Alabama in third place, he said.

The Muscle Shoals project, as outlined by Ford, would give the south an additional horse power volume equal to the entire supply of water power developed in Japan, Harris said. The Japanese total, he added, is the largest in Asia.

The Alabama project, the senator declared, if generated to capacity, would surpass the water power now developed at Niagara Falls, where both Canadian and American sides generate but 870,000 horse power. He explained, however, that engineers were adding 425,000 horse power to the development at Niagara Falls, which probably will be completed prior to the Ford project.

"At any rate the Muscle Shoals development would be the second largest in the world after Niagara Fall has been enlarged," he said.

"The Muscle Shoals project," the senator added, "compares favorably with the total development in some

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Annual Institute of Women's Temperance Ass'n Held Yesterday

The annual county institute of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Presbyterian church yesterday in the form of an all-day meeting. The affair was a huge success from beginning to end. All present were pleased with the program presented.

Mrs. Alice Jillson, county president, was a good presiding officer, handling the full program with grace and ease.

The Misses Kaegi played four brilliant piano duets to the delight of the audience.

Mrs. Jones, of Medford, is the new county secretary.

The vocal solos of Mrs. Esther Ashcraft and Mrs. Alta Winebarger were much appreciated.

Mrs. Rowland, county superintendent of temperance teachings in our schools gave a spirited talk on her experiences at the county teachers' institute and in visiting schools. Some teachers do not even seem to know they are under a law to teach the influence of alcohol and narcotics upon the body, while others are earnestly glad to do all they can to teach temperance truths to the boys and girls.

The noon day lunch was much enjoyed by all who could stay, affording a social hour as well as a rest from the business of the day.

County Attorney Moore spoke during the afternoon.

Mrs. Louis Dodge, president of the local parent-teachers' association, was one of the chief speakers of the morning and showed that the work of parents and teachers was being brought closer together.

Dr. Mattie Shaw, in the closing address of the day, struck the deep chords of consecration to the "things whereunto we have set our hands."

The following resolutions were passed by those present:

Resolved, that we continue our efforts for law enforcement and secure the nomination and election of men to office who will be an honor to our community and state and fearless in the enforcement of law.

That we encourage and aid the teachers of our public schools in following the state law requiring the scientific teaching of temperance in the schools.

That, whereas, dancing cannot be classed among the requirements for education, that it lowers the moral tone and interferes with all legitimate efforts to secure learning, therefore,

Be it resolved, that we protest against the practice of dancing in our public schools.

That we believe that the Bible should be read, without comment, in our schools.

That we urge good citizens everywhere to uphold, by the presence and moral support the enforcement of laws and in the trial of offenders.

That we do everything possible to co-operate with city and county officials in regard to enforcement of the cigarette law.

That the county union appreciates the kindness of Mesdames Ashcraft and Weinbarger and the Misses Kaegi in furnishing such beautiful and helpful music and to all others who have contributed to the success of the day's program.

That we heartily approve of the magnificent stand of the state schools of Nebraska in boycotting the great universities where young women students are smoking cigarettes.

Resolution Committee: Mrs. Grace Koehler, chairman; Mrs. S. L. Leonard, Mrs. S. J. Levett.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS TWO CALLS

The fire department made two runs to fires today, neither of which proved very damaging. The first call was to the Willis house on the corner of 1st and Second street, where the roof had caught on fire, and two holes had been burned. The second fire was out on East Main street beyond the railroad in the Coder property, where the roof was on fire in four different places. The blaze was extinguished before much damage had been done. Both fires, it is believed, were started by sparks from chimney flues.

FIRST TREATY RATIFIED BY SENATE, 67 TO 23

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The first of the treaties of the armament conference to be ratified by the senate was the pact between the United States and Japan regarding the use of cable facilities on the island of Yap. The final vote on this measure was 67-23. Borah, France and Johnson were the only republicans voting against the treaty.

Mr. Saul, Jackson county manager of the Shell Oil company, was a business visitor in Ashland on Monday.

LYNCH NAMED AS TAYLOR MURDERER BY MRS. JOHN RUPP

LOS ANGELES, March 1.—It was reported today that one of the six men arrested on the information furnished yesterday by Mrs. John Rupp, had made a complete confession of his connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, movie director. This report was stiffly denied by the district attorney's office and bureau detectives. It was stated, however, that the confession might be secured before the day passed.

According to the story told by Mrs. Rupp yesterday, Harry Lynch was the man who murdered Taylor. Lynch and the woman were immediately arrested. Others accused by Mrs. Rupp of being associates of Lynch in the crime included George Culvert, William East, John Herky, and Henry A. Moreheim. All are in custody.



Mass Meeting Armory Tonight

will be called to order promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

It is important that you hear the whole story. There are many things that must be said to give you a clear understanding of the case. Mr. Greer will try to give the matter time enough to do that.

BE IN YOUR SEAT AT 7:30 PROMPT