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BILL'S IN TROUBLE.

I've got a letter, parson, from my son away out West,
An' my ol' heart is heavy as an anvil in my breast.
To think the boy whose futur' I had once so proudly planned,
Should wander from the path o' right an' come to such an end.
I told him when he left us only three short years ago,
He'd find himself a-plowin' in a mighty crooked row—
He'd miss his father's counsels, an' his mother's prayers, too,
But he said the farm was hateful, an' he guessed he'd have to go.
I know thar's big temptations for a youngster in the West,
But I believed our Billy had the courage to resist,
An' when he left I warned him o' the ever waitin' snares
That lie like hidden sarpins in life's pathway everywhere.
But Bill, he promised faithful to be keefer an' allowed,
He'd build a reputation that'd make us mighty proud.
But it seems as how my counsel sort o' faded from his mind,
An' now the boy's in trouble o' the very wurstest kind.
His letters came so seldom that I somehow sort o' knowed,
That Billy was a-trampin' on a mighty rocky road,
But never once imagined he would bow my head in shame,
An' in the dust 'd waller his ol' daddy's honored name.
He writes from out in Salem, an' the story's mighty short;
I just can't tell his mother, it'll crush her poor ol' heart.
An' so I recon, parson, you might break the news to her—
Bill's in the Legislatur', but he doesn't say what fur.

A dispatch from Jefferson City, Missouri, says: "A noticeable feature of the legislative gathering here is the abundant optimism over the political outlook for 1916 prevailing among the republicans. Not only do republicans fully believe that the democrats will be routed from office in both state and nation in 1916, but democratic politicians freely admit that this is likely to happen."

The Flying Squadron, which will soon make a whirlwind campaign through the state of Kentucky, will, it is thought, take up the matter of a state-wide law prohibiting the use of tobacco. Such a measure would go a long way toward reducing the high cost of living in most families. It is worse than a needless expense—it is a filthy habit.

There is not a democrat or a republican on the Pacific coast who wants Chinese eggs served on their breakfast table, hence the concerted action at Salem to pass a law regulating the sale and use of Chinese eggs. This is a case of state legislation to protect its people from the unsatisfactory results of unwise national legislation.

We have heard a good deal about the impossibility of a national bank failure under the new banking system. Just the same the big national bank at Uniontown, Pa., went to smash Monday. It was capitalized at \$100,000, and had deposits amounting to \$2,600,000. Its recent statement showed a surplus of \$1,000,000.

The Oregon legislators should bear in mind the fact that the Oregon voters spoke their sentiments on the booze question in no uncertain tones at the late election and will not tolerate any juggling of this issue by the legislature through the connivance of the hotel association, or any other organization.

Haven't we been telling you there is money in the stock business? For instance "Korndyke 8th," a famous Holstein male brought \$25,000 at auction at Syracuse, New York, last week. Is it any wonder, beefsteaks come pretty high?

The mass meeting of fruit-growers from the Hood River, White Salmon and Mosier valleys called together last week by the Northwestern by-products committee, was characterized by an expression of general dissatisfaction with prices received for fruit this season.

"Men think a governor, or a mayor, or some high official is entitled to an eulogy when he endeavors to enforce the laws. He's a liar if he doesn't do it—he takes an oath to do it," says Billy Sunday.

The Leader is improved and enlarged this week—to meet the great local demand [?] for advertising space—well, our subscribers will appreciate it, anyway!

Senator Bingham declared in the Oregon senate Monday that half of the county taxes is incurred by our extravagant and impractical school system.

BINGHAM AFTER LANE OFFICIALS

Declaring with Governor Withycombe, that economy, like charity, should begin at home, Senator Bingham, of Lane county, Monday made the first stroke toward putting his theory into practice by the introduction of a bill, in the senate proposing to reduce the salaries of the county commissioners of Lane county from \$5 to \$3 per day. In introducing this bill, Senator Bingham said that he had nothing against the men who constitute the present commissioners' court in Lane county, but that his blow is directed at the system which, he declares is altogether wrong and inexcusably extravagant. He has prepared a comparative statement showing the expenses of the county courts in Douglas, Linn, Marion and Lane counties which shows the expenses of commissioners for the former counties are \$600, \$600 and \$640, each respectively per year, while those of Lane county average more than \$1,600 each per year, or nearly three times cost of commissioners in the other counties.

Says Supervisors Useless.
Senator Bingham will introduce a bill tending to cut out waste of taxpayers' money under the act of 1911, providing for the appointment of county school supervisors, which during the four years the act has been in effect, has cost Lane county \$17,470, all of which he declares is useless expense and undue extravagance.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Satan never offers to go into partnership with a busy man.

A woman's work is never finished—if she is trying to reform some man.

Women will find it awfully monotonous in heaven if the fashions never change there.

Many a man's dignified silence is due to the lamentable fact that he does not know what to say.

A country editor wrote: "Brother, don't stop your paper just because you don't agree with the editor. The last cabbage you sent us didn't agree with us, either, but we didn't drop you from our subscription list on that account."

When we referred to our "pioneer school days at this place and Latham" recently a vigorous protest came from some of the lady readers of the Leader who happen to be school mates of the writer. They suggest that "modern school days" would be a more appropriate application.

Little Tommy had behaved badly in the presence of his mother's guests. After the company departed, his mother remarked, "Tommy I am going to get a whip and tan your jacket." She returned in time to see Tommy go on his knees and say, "God if you love little boys as they say you do, now is the time to prove it."

The black silk slip cover that comes with a gift umbrella is rarely utilized for its original purpose. But the deft fingers of a handy housewife may easily transform it, at slight trouble and expense, into a fashionable skirt. No refitting or reshaping necessary. Simply turn the affair upside down, cut off the metal end, and attach a belt. See that the slash comes at the side.

An Inspired Dictator

A business man upon going home to dinner found company there to dine with him, and his wife very unexpectedly requested him to return thanks at the table. He blushed, cleared his throat and started out, "Dear Sir!"

Some Carrot

D. B. Dinwiddie, who resides on a good little farm south of this city near the N. W. White farm, has a carrot of unusual size on display in the Leader office. It is 12 inches long, 18 inches in circumference and weighs nearly 5 pounds.

RESUME OF WORK OF STATE LEGISLATURE

Review of Doings of Oregon's Legislators During the Past Week.

Salem.—Just as in previous sessions, the first week of the twenty-eighth session passed with very little accomplished aside from organization.

In the senate, with Senator W. Lair Thompson, of Lake county, as presiding officer, the legislative wheels appear to be running smoothly, but in the house, as a result of dissatisfaction over Speaker Ben Selling's committee appointments and an antagonistic spirit which arose against the Multnomah county delegation, a well-defined mutiny against the house organization developed. A few hotheads even talked of deposing the speaker, nullifying his committee appointments and substituting others nominated from the floor of the house.

While much of the first week of the session was taken up with organization, inauguration of the Governor and useless oratory over clerkships, when the legislature did get down to law-making a number of the important questions to come before the session appeared in the shape of bills. These included measures to amend the tax laws, consolidate departments of the state government for economy, to make effective the prohibition amendment and revision of the game laws.

The economy spirit manifested itself in the senate when that body voted to eliminate appropriations for the state accountability board and the state immigration commission and by authorizing the suspension of the decennial census, effecting an approximate saving of \$170,000.

At the close of the first week the house had 102 bills before it and the senate 49. All passed second reading.

While there is no universal agreement on the prohibition question, it is certain that a measure will be passed strictly in accordance with the provisions of the constitutional amendment adopted by the people at the November election. Two prohibition bills now are pending in the house. The Committee of One Hundred's bill was the first measure introduced in that body. It has been referred to the committee on alcoholic liquor. D. C. Lewis, of St. Johns, is the author of another measure now in the hands of the same committee.

Rigid regulations for commission merchants are prescribed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Blanchard, of Josephine county.

The bill providing for the creation of a state horticultural commissioner, prepared by the state horticultural society, was introduced in the house by Representative Vawter, of Jackson.

Three bills striking at imported eggs were introduced in the house by Representative Allen, of Marion county.

Miss Marian B. Towne's first bill to be presented to the house was introduced Friday. The only woman in the legislature has a measure to punish conspiracy, the present laws, she says, having nothing to cover the point.

Senator Smith of Coos and Curry introduced a bill for a new tax law. It changes the date for which assessments should be made from March 1 to January 1, and provides that the first payment shall be due on November 1, of the year in which the assessment is made and the second payment shall be due April 1 of the following year. No penalties are provided.

Senator Barrett, of Umatilla, also introduced a tax bill in the upper house, and members of the Multnomah county delegation have another measure in course of preparation. It probably will be introduced in the lower house within a few days. These measures are similar in other particulars, but differ in other essential provisions. Both provide for semi-annual payments. The Multnomah county bill allows a discount for all payments in excess of 50 per cent made at the first period, while the Barrett bill does not. The Multnomah county bill attaches a penalty of 12 per cent per annum against delinquent payments, while the Barrett penalty is fixed at the rate of only 8 per cent. The payments dates also differ.

Indications are that Senator Dimick's bill to abolish the Oregon naval militia is going to have easy sailing in the senate.

A bill designed to keep heavy freight automobile trucks off unpaved highways at certain seasons of the year was introduced by Senator Vinton. It provides that they shall not go on unpaved highways between October 15 and April 15 following.

Provision is made in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Schuebel for the abolition of the present state fish and game commission, and the substitution thereof of a commission to consist of the governor, master fish warden and state game warden.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Umatilla county has 7010 persons of school age. Of this number 3445 are girls and 3565 are boys.

The annual show of the Polk County Poultry association is being held in the armory in Dallas. About 1000 birds are on exhibition.

Salem has been named as the next meeting place of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs for the annual convention to be held next October.

Twelve I. W. W.'s were arrested at Roseburg charged with disturbing the peace. They became abusive and profane while speaking on the streets.

Indians from reservations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho will gather at the Tutuilla Mission on the Umatilla reservation early next month to hold a camp meeting and revival.

There will be an interesting gathering at Corvallis February 2, when a county fair conference will be held. Men who take a prominent part in making fairs a success will be present.

Bids are being advertised for the construction of the proposed \$1,750,000 interstate bridge to connect Vancouver and Portland, by the interstate bridge commission. The bids will be opened February 23.

The three trials of Roy Farnum, who was recently convicted at Roseburg of a statutory offense against Edna Morgan, of Glendale, cost Douglas county \$4460, according to figures made public by the county clerk.

M. J. Gersoni, it is announced, has been made chief clerk of the judiciary committee of the house. Until a few weeks ago he was district attorney of Tillamook county, but was recalled by the people at that time.

Five days in the city jail was the sentence given by Police Judge Butler at Marshfield, to James Aiken and Walter Rehfield, youths of 19 years, convicted of throwing onions at an actor in the Lemaski theater.

State ownership and the flat salary basis of conducting the state printing office was responsible for a saving of \$7890 for the quarter, October 1 to December 31, 1914, according to a statement given out by Former State Printer Harris.

W. E. Finzer, adjutant-general, will be relieved from duty as chief of staff of the Oregon National Guard February 1. Governor Withycombe named Captain George A. White, of the Third Oregon Infantry, to succeed the retiring adjutant-general.

Thirty-six accidents, none fatal, were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during the week from several lines of activity in the state. Lumber and logging work caused the greatest number of accidents, 11 being hurt, and nine were hurt while engaged in railroad work.

A science club has been formed at the University of Oregon. The object of the organization is to keep the members in touch with the latest research work and discoveries in botany, zoology, biology, psychology, physics, chemistry and other allied sciences.

Every one of the 90 hopgrowers present at a meeting held in Aurora under the auspices of the Oregon Hopgrowers' association subscribed for stock in that organization to the full amount of his acreage and nearly \$6000 was raised to assist in financing the association.

With 170 members present, the Salem Fruit Union held its fifth annual convention at Salem. The report showed that business aggregating approximately \$250,000 went through the union during the year. The membership of the union includes 500 fruit-growers of Marion and Polk counties.

Recommending that the state highway commission be given entire jurisdiction over all state roads, and the enactment of a provision giving that department supervision of the design and construction of all bridges and culverts costing \$500 or more, State Highway Engineer Bowly has issued his first annual report with a resume of the work which has been accomplished during the first 18 months of the existence of the highway department.

Judge Dalton Biggs, of the circuit court, has rendered a decision for the state, at Burns, in the case wherein the state of Oregon has brought suit against the Pacific Livestock company to recover lands in Harney valley. The land involved covered approximately 27,000 acres, situated in what is known as the "Red S." field. Title was obtained many years ago under the indemnity school, state school and swamp land laws. It is averred in the complaint that the lands were obtained through fraud.

Declaring that the capacity of the state hatchery, on the North Umpqua river, is about 10,000,000 eggs, while the storage capacity for young fish is only about 1,500,000, the members of the Douglas County Game Protective association have decided to ask the state officials to increase the storage capacity of the hatchery that a large proportion of the young fish may be liberated in the Umpqua river. Under the present system, it is asserted many of the eggs are sent to other hatcheries of the state for development.

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Where is George Barlow?

Ridgefield, Wash. Jan. 16, '15.
Editor Leader.—I want to know if you can tell me the whereabouts of George Barlow. He is a half brother of mine and I would like very much to know where he is. He left home last spring from Divide, Oregon, and we have not heard from him since. I thought perhaps you might know if there was any one by that name in or around there. He used to live in Cottage Grove. I will be very thankful if you will please write and let me know if you can find out where he is.
Yours truly, NELTSON MCKEE,
R. F. D. No. 1, Box 86.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Hall of Bohemia Camp No. 260, W. O. W.
WHEREAS, the Almighty Ruler of the Great Forest, has called the spirit of our esteemed Neighbor, Benj. W. Emerson, therefore be it
RESOLVED, that we realize the great sorrow that has fallen upon the family of our late Neighbor in the untimely death of their son and brother and
RESOLVED, that we extend to them our most heartfelt and sincere sympathy in this their hour of sorrow and
RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sorrowing family, a copy be spread on the minutes of this Camp, and a copy be published in the city paper, and that our Charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days as a tribute to the memory of a faithful Woodman of the World.
C. H. VANDENBURG
J. W. VEATCH
W. L. HUBBELL,
Committee

One of the liveliest and best basket ball games of the season was played at the Armory Friday evening between the Cottage Grove and Eugene High School teams, resulting in a score of 13 to 22 in favor of Cottage Grove. The Eugene Guard says regarding this game, "At Cottage Grove the Eugene team had the game won at the end of the first half. At one end of the floor was a basket, crowded up against the wall, with a padded back-ground. It looked innocent enough while Eugene was throwing for that basket, and the score at the end of this half was 12 to 6 in favor of Eugene. Then the team changed baskets, and Cottage Grove won the game.

"Whenever they threw the ball toward the end of the room it would fall into that basket," related Coach C. N. Johnston. "They would roll 'em along the wall, they would throw them up against the ceiling, but every time the ball would drop into that basket. There was no beating them. They would stand over in the corner and shoot and leave the rest to the basket."

The preliminary game between the Sophomores and the Professors of the school was both interesting and amusing, the game resulting 10 to 5 in favor of the Sophomores. Eugene was defeated at Roseburg Saturday by a score of 9 to 10.

The lineup was as follows:
Cottage Grove Eugene
Conner G Clubb
Powell G Callison
Jones C McCallum
Fullmer F Marshal
Smith F Larwood
For Cottage Grove Jones made 6 points, Fullmer 8 and Smith 8. For Eugene McCallum made 2 points, Larwood 11.

There will be a girls basket ball game in the Armory Friday evening between the Oakland and Cottage Grove high school teams. This will be the big game of the season. A good preliminary game will also be given.

Card of Thanks.

We, the undersigned, desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Cottage Grove who tendered us so many kind favors during the late illness and death of a beloved wife and sister.
W. H. HOPKINS
Mr. and Mrs. ARCH WOODS.

It has just been shown conclusively that the building of the new Willamette bridge at Eugene was a great graft on the part of the builders.

No War Prices Here

Although the Packing Houses have increased their prices, and there has been a general rise in prices all along the line, we have not raised the prices to our customers. You can buy meat here just as cheap as before the talk of War Prices began. Remember that.

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