

OREGON LABORERS SUGGEST LAWS

LABOR COMMISSIONER LEARNS NEEDS OF WORKINGMEN.

Protection of Life and Limb, Wage Scale and Eight Hour Labor Law Proposed.

State Labor Commissioner Hoff will embody in his fifth annual report, it is said, suggestions made by laboring men of the state as to their demands upon the next legislature for laws in their behalf. The suggestions were obtained by the Commissioner through correspondence with laboring men of the state in the different vocations and he will submit these suggestions to the law-making body which meets at Salem this winter.

List is Voluminous.
The list as prepared by the Commissioner covers 24 important matters of divers character and are summed up as follows:

Eight hours for all kinds and classes of work; the eight-hour day seems to be the most important and popular demand made by the workers of the state, and is not confined to any one industry.

Eight hours and examinations for hoisting engineers.

Eight hours for yard men and a compensation act. The demand for a compensation act is made by a large number of workmen, who feel that such an act would be no more than fair.

Better laws for the collecting of labor debt.

Boiler inspection and license for engineers; many states have this provision.

Inspection for all electrical work.

Eight hours for shingle weavers.

The regulating and bettering of conditions for steamboat men.

A ten-hour legal work day.

Eight hours a day, forty-eight hours a week, and a minimum wage of twenty-five cents an hour for women. This is, perhaps, the most important piece of legislation that has been suggested for the welfare of the women who are forced to work for a living.

Rag dealers to be compelled to boil rags at least thirty minutes before re-selling same.

For the taking better care of salmon and its spawning grounds.

A state examination for journeymen and master plumbers.

Prohibiting the use of coupons in selling cigars.

Against false advertising for help.

State insurance, widows' insurance and a weekly payday; this is along the line of the most advanced legislation of certain states and some foreign countries.

A compensation act.

Bakeshop inspection as in Wisconsin, Ohio, Tennessee and other states.

State license for moving picture operators.

Electric headlights on all locomotives and on all railroads, full crews, the company compelled to lay up crews for rest and, at terminals where there are accommodations, for eating and sleeping, the crew to be allowed to eat every five hours; time continuous from the hour called until relieved.

All state institutions to employ for the doing of all kinds of work none but residents of the state.

Where there are cement floors, to furnish men with wood floors to stand on, enclosing sinks and toilets.

Qualified conductors to be placed on all engines running light.

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MR. E. V. STIVERS, PASTOR OF THE M'INNIVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Mr. Stivers will present the gospel in sermon each night in January at the Dallas Christian Church, beginning Monday, January 6. The meeting will be opened on Sunday, January 5, by the pastor, C. C. Curtis, who will be joined on Monday by Mr. Stivers, who will do the work of Evangelist.

Mr. Stivers has been very successful both as pastor and evangelist, and presents the message with great power. He is a graduate of the Eugene Bible University and a classmate of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis in the Class of 1909.

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Portland Telegram to the Front With Compendium of Information.

One of the most comprehensive year books ever issued by any newspaper or other enterprise on the Pacific coast is the "Handy Almanac and Encyclopedia" put out by the Portland Telegram. A copy of this work has reached The Observer office and a casual perusal of it indicates that it is filled with information upon many subjects and will prove a valuable reference work in the home or office. The books are sold at 25 cents but they are easily worth much more than that.

BALDERREE IS NOW BENEDICT

Black Rock Man Takes Yamhill County Bride Recently.

Edgar Grant Balderree and Miss Mary Jane Ellis were united in marriage at Yamhill, Ore., on Saturday, December 21. Mr. Balderree is connected with the logging operations of the Dallas Lumber and Logging company at Black Rock and the couple will be at home to their friends at that place after January 1, 1913.

Pastors Plan New Law.

At a recent meeting of Salem ministers they gave vent to their feelings toward the marriage laws of the state and appointed a committee to draw up a measure as an amendment to the existing laws which may be presented to the legislature next month. It is understood that the measure will provide for two changes. One of the provisions will require that the marriage license state whether either of the contracting parties have ever been married before, and if divorced, the cause of the divorce, so that the ministers can tell whom they are marrying and be protected to that extent. The other provision proposes a remedy to relieve the minister from the necessity of registering his credentials in every county if he wants to perform marriage ceremonies in those counties, making it only necessary to register in his home county. The ministers have made no provision for cementing the ties that should bind and guaranteeing that they will hold "until death do part."

Ancient Oak Meets Death.

W. Bice changed his vocation temporarily one day last week and with the assistance of substantial help, ropes, etc., cut down a monstrous oak tree at the place he recently purchased in the southwestern part of the city. The tree was nearly four feet thick at the bottom and will probably make five cords of wood. Clyde E. Carlos, who manipulated the ropes and pulleys in bringing the tree to the ground, estimates its age at 258 years, basing the estimate upon the number of rings it contained. This tree and one of about the same proportion west of the Nelson place are said to be two of the oldest trees in Oregon, and are remembered by all the pioneers in this section.—Independence Enterprise.

Women to Help.

Women in Oregon towns are to organize Home Industry clubs to boost the "Made-in-Oregon" movement. The women of the state will be educated to demand goods made here at home, and the result of these organizations is certain to prove of great benefit to the home industries movement.

Service to the People.

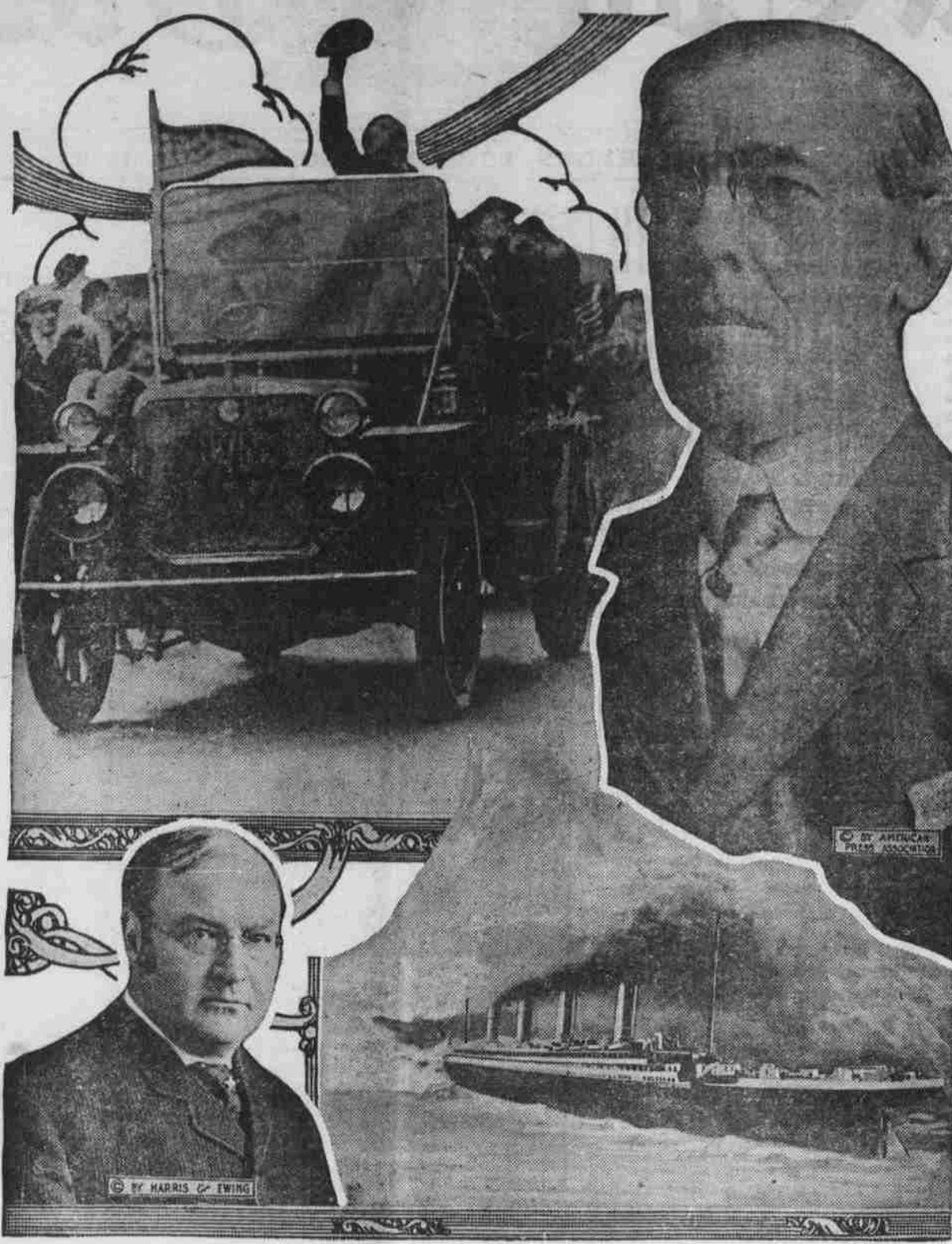
The boosters for the hard surface paving companies are excusable if they are a little partial to their kind of street improvement. They should be. But this writer believes that, notwithstanding the higher cost, they are doing a real service to the property holders themselves and to the whole city where ever they succeed in having their plans adopted. Instead of the cheaper improvements.—Salem Statesman.

Notice to the Public.

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 29, 1912. To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by my son, Robert Ankeny, of Rickreall, Oregon.

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The Year 1912 at Home



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, WHOSE SHOOTING SHOCKED THE NATION—PRESIDENT ELECT WOODROW WILSON—THE LATE VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN—TITANIC STRIKING ICEBERG.

HISTORY OF 1912 IN UNITED STATES

Chief Events in Politics—Disasters, Obituary, Sports.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

HERE is another year to be reviewed. They are going by with ever increasing frequency, like stations seen from an express train. Why is it that Father Time seems to sprint faster the older we get? He should be arrested for speeding.

The chief events of 1912 in the "good old U. S. A." were the presidential campaign, the attempted assassination of Theodore Roosevelt and the Titanic disaster. While in a technical sense the sinking of the Titanic was more of a foreign than a domestic happening, there were so many noted Americans who lost their lives in the wreck that we should have the melancholy privilege of claiming it as our own.

The unusual features of the fight for the presidency were the first trial on an extensive scale of the preferential primary, the Roosevelt candidacy, the first pre-convention campaign in which for the first time in our history a president of the United States was driven to take the stump in his own defense, the splitting of the Republican party and the organization of the Progressive party, the long and fierce fight in the Democratic convention ending in the nomination of Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, the death of Vice President Sherman and the great plurality given Wilson at the polls.

It was some time after the announcement of Colonel Roosevelt that "my hat is in the ring" ere the tide began to show in his favor. He had previously said that he would not again be a candidate, and the re-nomination of President Taft was taken as a matter of course. States having the old convention system still continued for Taft, but most of the primary states began swinging into line for Roosevelt. Illinois and Pennsylvania going with a rush that made the politicians gasp.

Taft Wins and Loses.

Roosevelt was on the stump throughout this struggle, and Mr. Taft now followed him. The two campaigned Massachusetts, Maryland and Ohio. Massachusetts and Maryland were close. Taft carrying one and Roosevelt the other, but Ohio gave a large plurality to the colonel.

The Republican convention was preceded by an acrimonious struggle in the national committee over contested seats. Roosevelt and his friends charged fraud and theft, and the former president went to Chicago in person. In the convention Taft and Sherman were re-nominated by a slim majority, while the colonel's followers refused to vote. Later they organized the Progressive party and held a national convention in Chicago, which nominated Colonel Roosevelt for president and Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California for vice president. This launching of the long expected new party alone makes 1912 historic.

The fight in the Democratic convention was almost as fierce. Champ Clark led at the start, gaining for ten ballots an actual majority, but lacking the two-thirds necessary to nominate. W.

Ham J. Bryan, who had fought Judge Alton B. Parker for the temporary chairmanship, had written much of the platform and forced through resolutions attacking the reactionary element, here threw his influence against Clark. Wilson had been steadily forging to the front and was nominated on the forty-seventh ballot.

The actual campaign was milder than had been the fight for the nomination, and the vote was surprisingly light. Wilson carried the election by more than 2,000,000 plurality in the popular vote and by about 340 majority in the electoral college. Both houses of congress went with him, the senate by a narrow margin. Roosevelt led Taft in the balloting. The Socialists materially increased their vote, and woman suffrage captured Arizona, Kansas and Oregon.

The Titanic Disaster.

The other big domestic event of the year was the collision of the Titanic with an iceberg in mid-ocean striking with 1,501 out of 2,228 souls aboard. Many of those who perished were men of worldwide fame, such as W. T. Stead, the British journalist; Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railroad; Colonel John Jacob Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus, Major A. W. Butt, the aid to the president; Francis D. Millet, the artist; Jacques Futelle, the novelist, and many more almost as well known. The Titanic was the largest steamship then afloat and was making her maiden voyage. Inquiries into the disaster were held on both sides of the Atlantic.

The shooting of Colonel Roosevelt occurred on Oct. 14 at Milwaukee. The assailant was John Schrank of New York, afterward adjudged insane. The bullet lodged against a rib, which it broke. Despite his wound, the colonel made a speech to which he was going when attacked and before the wound was out was back on the stump.

The death of Vice President James Sherman occurred only a few days before election at his home, in Utica, N. Y. He was the first Republican vice president ever re-nominated.

Other important domestic events of the year were as follows: Proclamation of statehood for New Mexico and Arizona; floating of the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor; appointment of Mahlon Pitney of New Jersey associate justice of the United States supreme court; resignation of Dr. H. W. Wiley, the pure food crusader; Chicago meat packers declared not guilty by a jury; passage by congress of the constitutional amendment for popular election of United States senators; the expulsion of William Lorimer of Illinois from the senate; opening of the Pulitzer school of journalism; awarding of the Nobel prize in surgery to Dr. Alexis Carrel of New York; announcement of the resignation of British Ambassador James Bryce; dissolution of the bath tub trust; the investigation of the money trust; the passage of a parcels post law; the report of Explorer Stefansson that he had found a race of white Eskimos on the northern edge of the continent, and the fight over the Panama canal tolls.

Labor Strikes and Trials.

In the world of labor the chief event was the trial of more than forty union officials at Indianapolis on dynamite charges growing out of the McNamara case. Clarence S. Darrow was acquitted on a charge of jury bribing in connection with the same case. The strike at Lawrence, Mass., resulted in the arrest of three labor leaders on a murder charge. They were acquitted.

They were acquitted. The anthracite coal strike was ended by a compromise, and a board of arbitration decided in favor of the engineers in their fight with northeastern railroads.

Sporting features were the splendid showing of American athletes in the Olympic games at Stockholm; winning of the American golf championship by Jerome D. Travers over the British champion and others; the fight for the world's baseball championship between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Giants, Boston winning; and Harvard defeating Yale and Princeton in football.

The Russian treaty expired on Dec. 31. America warned Mexico to protect the lives of Americans and sent troops into Cuba and Nicaragua during uprisings in those countries.

Some of the noted Americans who died during the year were, in addition to those already named, Rear Admirals Robley D. Evans and G. W. Melville; General James B. Weaver, Populist candidate for president; General H. H. Bingham, "father of the house"; Senators R. L. Taylor, W. B. Heyburn and Isidor I. Taylor and ex-Senators H. D. Money, W. A. Peffer, James Gordon and John P. Jones; General Frederick Dent Grant; Dr. D. K. Parsons, the philanthropist; Homer Davenport, the cartoonist; William Wright, inventor of the aeroplane; Margaret Sangster; General Edward S. Bragg; Miss Harriet Quimby, the first woman to fly across the English channel; General Arthur MacArthur; General Homer Lea, who had assisted in the Chinese revolution; Calbraith P. Rodgers, who had flown across the American continent, and Rev. Robert Collyer.

"Spanish Mutton."

Dog meat, we learn from the Frankfurter Zeitung, is largely sold in Germany, and more especially in Saxony, but rarely under its own name. Traders describe it as Spanish mutton, and their customers are less chary of asking for it.

Cutfish in England is treated in the same enthusiastic way. There was a time when this fish was never seen in the shops. Then some fishmongering genius invented the name of "rock salmon," and bestowed it upon the despised cutfish, which now has an established place in the market.—London Chronicle.

The Man Fish.

Matthew Ruchinger, mentioned in old English wonder books as the "man fish," was the most remarkable monstrosity of his time. He had neither hands, arms, feet nor legs. From his shoulders grew two fluke-like excrescences, and along his back there were several rows of scales. He had the lidless eyes characteristic of the fish species and a queer puckered mouth and no ears.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.

Mrs. Eke. So your husband fell asleep in church last night. I suppose you woke him up? Mrs. Wye. Not until after the sermon. There was a lot in it about women's extravagance—nonsense, of course, but I'm mighty glad John didn't hear it.—Boston Transcript.

An Expert on History.

"Woman! what year did Demon and Pythias run?"
"Lemme see. I think they headed a ticket about 1830."
"And who ran against 'em?"
"Lemme see. Wasn't it Cato and Polix?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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MEETING A GHOST

Old Tom Came Face to Face With It Between Decks.

SCARED THE SAILOR STIFF.

Then When He Got Wind Enough to Yell There Was a Lively Time Aboard the Old Sailing Vessel Till a Mate Ended the Mystery.

Of course there is no reason why ghosts should not be found on shipboard as often as elsewhere. As a matter of fact, Jack, who is always superstitious, sees his full share of apparitions. This amusing story, told by the ghost himself, is found in Captain John D. Whidden's "Ocean Life in the Old Sailing Days."

Whidden, a boy of thirteen, was making his first voyage. The ship was hardly clear of land when a heavy storm set in. Whidden was feeling wretched and in carrying breakfast to the fore-cabin a pan of hot scouse on the head of "old Tom" at the foot of the companionway stairs. The cutting he had for this did not make him feel any better. An hour or two later, when the men were sent aloft, the boy slipped down the bulky hatch and was soon fast asleep among some rope, canvas and oakum that were piled against the forward bulkhead next the fore-cabin.

When he awoke it was dark, but light streaming through some auger holes in the bulkhead and the sound of voices brought him to his senses. He was surprised to hear the crew talking about him, as if he were dead, and discussing the manner in which he had been swept overboard. He heard old Tom say, "Well, I'm sorry I hit him, but the 'ub scutt every spear of hair out of my head."

He had another long sleep. When he awoke he heard the crew washing down decks and realized that he was perfectly well and very hungry. He found a barrel of apples in the lower hold, filled his pocket and shirt bosom, climbed back into his nest, ate apples and went to sleep again.

The next day old Tom was sent below to cut a piece of rope from the coils among which Whidden was hiding. While he was sawing at the rope, the boy, disturbed by the noise, peeped out of the coil of bawser in which he lay and met Tom's glance.

"With whitened face and bulging eyes," says Mr. Whidden, "he gazed at me a moment, then dropping rope and knife and emitting a series of blood curdling yells he dashed for the bulky hatch and disappeared on deck. Every one was aroused. I heard the second mate ask, 'What's broke loose with you?' and all old Tom could ejaculate was, 'I've seen him! I've seen him!'"

"Seen who?" yelled Mr. Fabens.

"Oh, the boy's ghost! the boy's ghost!" Old Tom was nearly frightened out of his wits.

"Mr. Fabens," said the captain, "get a lantern, take that fellow below and see what scared him."

"So Mr. Fabens descended the ladder with half the crew at his back, and old Tom bringing up the rear. As they came forward the mate called out, 'Where's your ghost? I don't see any ghost!'"

"Until now I had lain quiet, but feeling that I was discovered I rose up to step out of the coil. Tom gave another yell and broke for the hatch ladder, followed by half the men.

"Mr. Fabens came up, reached over, lifted me out by the collar and marched me on deck, where I was at once surrounded by officers and crew.

"Captain King stepped forward and said, 'Well, boy, where have you been for the last forty-eight hours?'"

"Between decks, sir," I sheepishly answered.

"What have you been doing between decks?"

"Sleeping, sir."

"What, sleeping two days and nights?"

"Not all the time, sir," I replied.

"Had anything to eat?"

"Apples," I ventured.

"Where did you get the apples?"

"Out of the hold, sir. I got the head out of a barrel."

"Oh, you did! Do you know you've been broaching cargo?" and then, thinking the farce had gone far enough, for all hands were on the broad grin, he said, sternly:

"Now go forward, boy, and if you cut any more capers like that, you'll get a rope's ending you'll remember all your life. Then, to Mr. Fabens he added, 'Keep him up in his day watch below for a week and give him plenty of work.'"

"That ended his lecture, and I was glad it was over and that I had escaped so easily. Going forward with the men, I was pleased to see they bore me no ill feeling, not even Tom, although he might have been excused if he had done so."

Uncompromising.

John Bright's voice was unequivocal for peace. Says the London Nation: "He was walking once past the Crimean monument in London with one of his sons, then a lad. Every one knows that the word 'Crimea' is engraved on the monument. The boy pointed to the monument and to the word upon it and asked:

"Father, what is that?"

"That," said John Bright, pointing also to the word, "is a crime."

It is well there is no one without a fault, for he would not have a friend in the world.—Hasselt.

Starters of Good Roads.

If highways are an evolution from the primary paths made by animals and men the first roadmakers did not make their paths straight certainly, and many a road today is a monument to the leaders in roadmaking of the long ago. Nevertheless it is said that some animals, the buffalo especially, were pretty fair engineers. They had an eye for grade, which cannot be said of some of their successors. In the west engineers hunting pathways for railroads are said to have largely followed buffalo trails.

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