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MINIMUM WAGE LAW.

The constitutionality of the minimum wage law is to be tried out in court. The suit is brought by Frank C. Settler, a manufacturer of paper boxes. The welfare commission appointed under the new law has jurisdiction over both hours of labor and wage. In the present suit, the ruling of the commission on the matter of wage only is attacked. This ruling provides that no experienced, adult woman shall be paid less than $8.64 a week. As the statute does not go into effect until November 23, the supreme court of Oregon will, probably by that time, issue a deliverance deciding the controversy. Father O'Hara, chairman of the Welfare Commission, is quoted as making this remark.

"An industry which does not pay its employes enough to cover their necessary costs of living is a parasite on the homes of the poor and is subsidized by its employes. If any industry is so important to the community as to deserve to be sustained by a subsidy, such a subsidy should come from some other source than its working girls.

"The principle on which the act is based is the welfare of the women and that she must take precedence over any commercial consideration. The mothers of the future generation should not be sacrificed to industrial aim."

"Similar legislation has been passed in California, Washingtgon, Minnesota and Wisconsin, but in none of these states has the commission made any ruling, and if the measure fails in one state it must fail in all. This is the first time the question has ever been taken into the courts of this country, but similar measures have been in effect in Europe and Australia for many years.

"It has stood the tests of the courts in those countries and we believe it will stand the same tests in this country."

The Statesman again calls attention to the apparently insecure condition of the steel wagon bridge across the Willamette here. It may stand as it is for a long time, said a well-known judge to the writer yesterday; and it may go down any minute, and make a horror that will be remembered for more than one generation. Heavily loaded automobiles now race across it at break-neck speed. Great wagon loads of produce rattle and sway it seemingly to the point of collapse. The bridge belongs, the writer understands, to the counties of Marion and Polk, and the city of Salem contributed about one-third of its cost, and has helped in paying for the repairs it has had from time to time. There was a watchman on the bridge during the daylight hours. There is none now. What is going to be done about it? Some say the life of such a structure is only twenty-five years. The bridge is about that old now.—Salem Daily Statesman.

The unexplained mysteries of the sea are fast disappearing under the informing influence of wireless telegraphy. No longer is it necessary for human corpses to be swallowed up in the briny deep without any chance of being rescued. The rush of assistance that responded to the call of the distressed Volturno evidenced the revolution which has taken place in sea travel through the agency of the wizardy of the air.

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As the result of an election held for the purpose of voting $14000 bonds for a city water plant, the issue was carried.

The Dallas Social club had rented rooms over Campbell's store and were arranging to entertain their friends.

The Observer urged the necessity of building a new city school building.

The rapid rise of the Willamette river had placed a large number of gardens under water and a considerable damage was reported.

Dr. T. V. B. Embree opened his office upstairs in the Wilson building.

The farmers were somewhat put back with the seeding of their summer fallow, owing to the recent heavy rains, also potato digging had not prospered and considerable fruit had blown from the trees and destroyed by the storm.

Mrs. Lottie Stites Stanley died at the home of her parents in Dallas, aged 25 years. Mrs. Stanley took sick while attending the World's fair in Chicago.

The Zena schools opened for a four month's session with Miss Addie Clark as teacher.

The county commissioners sitting as a board of equalization was in session and it was expected that the assessment rolls would be completed within a few days.

The little son of Allen Hunter fell from a fence and broke his arm.

About $40,000 worth of hops were sold at Independence at 18 cents a pound.

Manfield Sears purchased the interest of Mr. Hester in the hardware establishment of Plummer & Hesper, giving in payment therefor his 100 acre farm on Salt Creek.

It was estimated that the hop crop for Polk county for the year was 6,365 bales. Taking an average of 180 pounds to the bale it would mean a grand total of 1,145,700 pounds. Selling that year at 18S cents, the editor figured that Polk county growers would receive $206,226.

Monmouth Pionner Passes.

Monmouth, Oct. 16—George Ebbert, an honored and highly respected resident of this city, died at his home, Friday, October 10. The funeral services were held at the house, Rev. W. A. Wood of the Christian church officiating. Interment was made in the Butler cemetary west of town.

Mr. Ebbert was born in Pennsylvania, August 12, 1824, and at the time of his death had reached the advanced age of 89 years. He was married in 1856 to Miss Elizabeth Landas and to this union were born nine children, six girls and three boys, one of the latter having died several years ago. Besides his children he is survived by a wife and three brothers.

Mr. Ebbert united with the Christian church several years ago of which he was a member at the time of his death.

Mr. Ebbert crossed the plains in 1852, settling in Portland. From there he moved his family to Eugene and in 1886 came to Monmouth where he has since resided.

The children are as follows: Henry Ebbert, Benton county; Elbie Ebbert, Monmouth; Mrs. W. R. Goodman, Eugene; Mrs. J. O. Bristow, Junction City; Mrs. J. L. Hastings, Portland; Mrs. Frank Chalifant, Portland; Mrs. F. A. Geddes, Baker City, and Mrs. J. E. Phillips, of Walla Walla, Washington.

The funeral services were attended by a large number of friends and relatives and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Forest Notes.

Squirrels collect much of the seed used for planting by the forest service.

A growing scarcity of willow, generally used for wooden shoes in Europe, is leading to an adoption of poplar.

Torrey pine, a distinct California species, has been found in only two isolated localities in the southern part of the state.

One hundred acres on the Florida national forest will be sown to maritime pine seed this fall. Maritime pine is the source of the French turpentine industry.

San Francisco recently received its first cargo of lumber from the Tongass national forest, Alaska. The shipment of 1,500,000 feet of Sitka spruce.

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Arrange Conference Plans.

A meeting was held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening to begin preparation for the eighth annual Boys' conference to be held in Dallas November 28-30.

Another meeting will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday at 2 p. m. and all boys and young men are urged to attend.

New M. E. Pastor Arrives.

Rev. George H. Bennett, the new pastor of the Methodist church arrived with his family in Dallas Monday. Mr. Bennett was recently transferred to Dallas from the Rock River, Illinois conference. He is not a stranger to Oregon, having held several pastorates in the state some years ago.

Methodist.

Rev. Geo. H. Bennett, the pastor, will speak at 11:00 o'clock on the subject, "The Heroism of Self-Sacrifice." In the evening at 7:30 the subject of the sermon will be "World Conquerors." The Sunday school and Epworth League will meet as usual. Everybody invited.

Christian Science.

Services held in Adventist church Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "Doctrine of Atonement." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Wednesday at 8 p. m. at reading room in National Bank building. The public is cordially invited.

Christian.

Bible school 10 a. m.
Morning service, 11 a. m.
Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p. m.
Preaching service, 8:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting and Bible study Thursday evening, 8 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

C. C. CURTIS, Minister.

Rev. G. H. Bennett has been a busy man this week, packing his household goods solid enough to stand shipment half way across the continent, Oregon being his new home. With many others of this city, this office joins in the regret of his departure from our midst, for there has been few pastors in this city whose occasional business or social calls at the office we have more enjoyed. He was an exceptionally fair minded man, whose education, ideals, and love for nature and mankind, will make him most welcome wherever he goes.—Marseilles, Ill., Plaindealer.

Notes From Normal School.

Monmouth, Oct. 16—The Oregon Normal school is closing its fifth week of school with a total enrollment of 214, 13 more than was enrolled during the whole of last year, exclusive of the summer school. The work in all departments is progressing well, and the student body has shown a very commendable spirit. All student activities are taking shape; the boys have organized a basket ball team and are determined to have the championship team of the valley. The girls basket ball team is making splendid progress.

The Normal has installed this year a new department entitled The Department of Institutes and Rural Schools, Mr. M. S. Pittman, of Louisiana, being placed in charge. He is now making a tour of the institutes and during the last two weeks has been at John Day, Burns, Lakeview and Klamath Falls and reports much interest manifested in all parts of Eastern Oregon in the Oregon Normal school.

The Normal is making arrangements to receive the visiting teachers of Polk county during the first day of the Institute, October 29, and a banner day for the school is anticipated.

The faculty is giving its annual reception to the public and student body next Friday evening. These receptions are looked forward to as one of the principal events of the year.

Another new regulation this year is to the effect that all students before graduation must take one semester's work in agriculture. This department, under the direction of Mr. Gilmore, has charge of the campus and school grounds and has part of the work of seeding the lawn, and groups of students are taking charge of and keeping and beautifying the same.

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