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COMPENSATION ACT.

Of prime importance is the Workmen's Compensation Act, one of the four measures to be submitted to the people at the special referendum election to be held November 4. The bill was drafted by a commission composed of A. T. Buxton, H. G. Starkweather, and B. G. Leedy, representing the Grange; J. A. Madsen, William A. Marshall, and R. A. Harris, representing labor; George M. Cornwell, Amedee M. Smith and James B. Kerr, representing the employers. The bill drafted by this commission was passed by the legislature by an almost unanimous vote, was promptly approved by Governor West, and would have gone into effect June 3, 1913, had it not been held up by a referendum petition.

The act applies to all employers and workmen engaged in hazardous occupations, unless they elect in writing not to come under its operation. The act provides that any employee of any employer subject to the act, or his dependents in case of death, shall be entitled to compensation according to the schedule contained in the act on account of any injury sustained in the course of his employment, regardless of the cause of the injury, whether the result of negligence or otherwise, save only the willful act of the workman committed for the purpose of sustaining the injury, and in case of death depending on the number and relationship of the persons dependent on the deceased.

The advantages of this plan to the workman and his family will be apparent when it is recalled that under the law now in vogue, only about one workman out of eight has a legal claim for damages.

The fund from which the compensation is to be paid, is made up from the following sources. Three-fourths to be paid by the employer, one-eighth by the workman and one-eighth by the state.

A similar law has been in operation in the state of Washington for two years and F. W. Hinsdale, chief auditor of the Industrial Commission for that state has this to say about it: "Washington employers generally are thoroughly pleased with the act and find it a great relief to be freed from the hazards of individual liability and the distressing conditions that prevailed under the system of carrying liability insurance. The improvement in the relation between the employer and the workman is very marked, as the workman finds a friend in his employer, after an accident has occurred, rather than finding him stand aloof in an unfriendly attitude, while a representative of some liability company endeavors either altogether to deny liability, or offer an entirely inadequate settlement. It is certain that under no circumstances would either the employers or the workmen of Washington consent to have the Workmen's Compensation act stricken from the statutes of the state."

Under the system in vogue in Oregon at the present time, probably not more than 12 or 15 per cent of the 28,000 injured employees could have recovered damages for their injuries, in the courts, and experience shows that at least one-half of the amount so recovered would have gone to the attorneys and for items of expense that are a necessary part of the present system.

In answer to the critics of the compensation system who assert that it is new and untried, students of industrial and economic matters reply that Germany has had the system in successful operation since 1884, that Austria, Norway, England, France and other nations followed Germany's lead in rapid succession and that now practically all of Europe and 22 states of the American Union have discarded the pauper producing employers' liability system and are operating under the compensation principle, guaranteeing automatic compensation to the injured and financial independence to the widows and children of the men who lay down their lives in industry.

Commercial vice is such an ancient evil that many people have imagined that it is impossible to eradicate it from the big cities. There are indications now, though, that the fallacy of this attitude will be shown in many cities of the union within the next few years. This evil is now being fought by methods which are proving very effective. The white slave law, making it a felony to transport any woman from one state to another, for immoral purposes, is the basis of this new movement. Many states are subjecting the keepers, owners, inmates and frequenters of immoral establishments to penitentiary sentences. In Kansas City, Missouri, another effective weapon is

being used. Injunctions are being run against all houses used for immoral purposes. These injunctions will be made perpetual and if necessary the courts will place padlocks on the doors. If the inmates move to another house, another injunction will follow them there. It becomes a cloud on the title to the property, and also brings into the open the real owners. If the injunction is violated these property owners are in contempt of court, and are subject to imprisonment. So well is this system working that respectable houses which were never before closed in Kansas City are now dark and silent and empty, their inmates having fled and their keepers being in prison or under bonds. To save the movement from being a spasmodic uprising of decency, a national anti-vice organization is being formed and incorporated, to be extended into every state and every city, with means to employ able counsel and enlist the cooperation of prominent people everywhere. It is one of the most significant movements of the new century. No doubt many now living will see the day when the plan of partially supporting the local government from the proceeds of respectable houses will be regarded with repulsion mingled with amazement that any civilized community ever tolerated such practice.

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COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS

Court Items, Real Estate Transfers, Farm Names Filed and Other News Briefly Told.

Probate

Estate of B. F. Whiteaker—Petition set aside final order made August 23 filed and hearing set for 10 o'clock October 16.

Estate of Burtis M. Baker—sale of real property approved.

Estate of Wm. Ridgway—Final account filed. Ordered that objections to same be heard Saturday, November 15 at 10 o'clock.

In estate of W. J. Hooker—Administrator authorized to sell personal property at private sale.

Estate of Wilson Lee—J. W. Lee appointed executor.

Estate of Henry M. Brown—Final account filed and Saturday, November 8, set for hearing.

In guardianship of Elmo L. King—Ordered that certain fund be paid attorney, guardian, and claim of W. F. Nichols.

In estate of John Taylor—Ordered that administrator be discharged and bondsmen released. Estate closed.

Estate of H. G. Chase—Inventory and appraisement filed and approved.

Real Estate.

E. M. Croisan et al to Jas. Edmonston, blocks 12, 13, 14 west 1/2 of 11 McNary.

Wm. Herren et ux to J. T. McIntosh, land in Independence, \$10.00.

Priscella E. Craven to P. J. Mulkey, 10 acres in S-4, \$1250.00.

J. S. Ashbaugh to T. C. Swartz et ux, west 1/2 of lot 7, block 2, Fairview addition to Dallas, \$10.00.

James Foster to Joseph M. Teabo, 7.39 acres in S-6, \$300.00.

A. N. Newbill et ux to William Ellis, land in 7-5, \$10.00.

C. V. McCurdy et ux to A. C. Rankin one-sixth interest in 1246.6 acres in S-8, \$10.00.

Ellis Dodson et ux to Peter Ingemannson lots 1 and 2, block 4, Thorp's addition to Independence, \$100.00.

Fred S. Byrou et ux to Fred D. Theilson, lot 4, block 19, Kingwood Park, \$10.00.

David C. Heistand et ux to L. F. Davis, 18.71 acres in S-6, \$1000.00.

Weekly Oregonian and Observer. The Semi-Weekly Observer and the Weekly Oregonian \$2.25. The weekly edition of the Oregonian contains the news of the world at large that cannot be covered by the local newspapers. It also covers the news of the Northwest States and its telegraphic reports are up-to-date. This offer is good only for paid in advance subscriptions.

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His "Life's Fitful Fever" Over; When Mayor Gaynor Lay In State

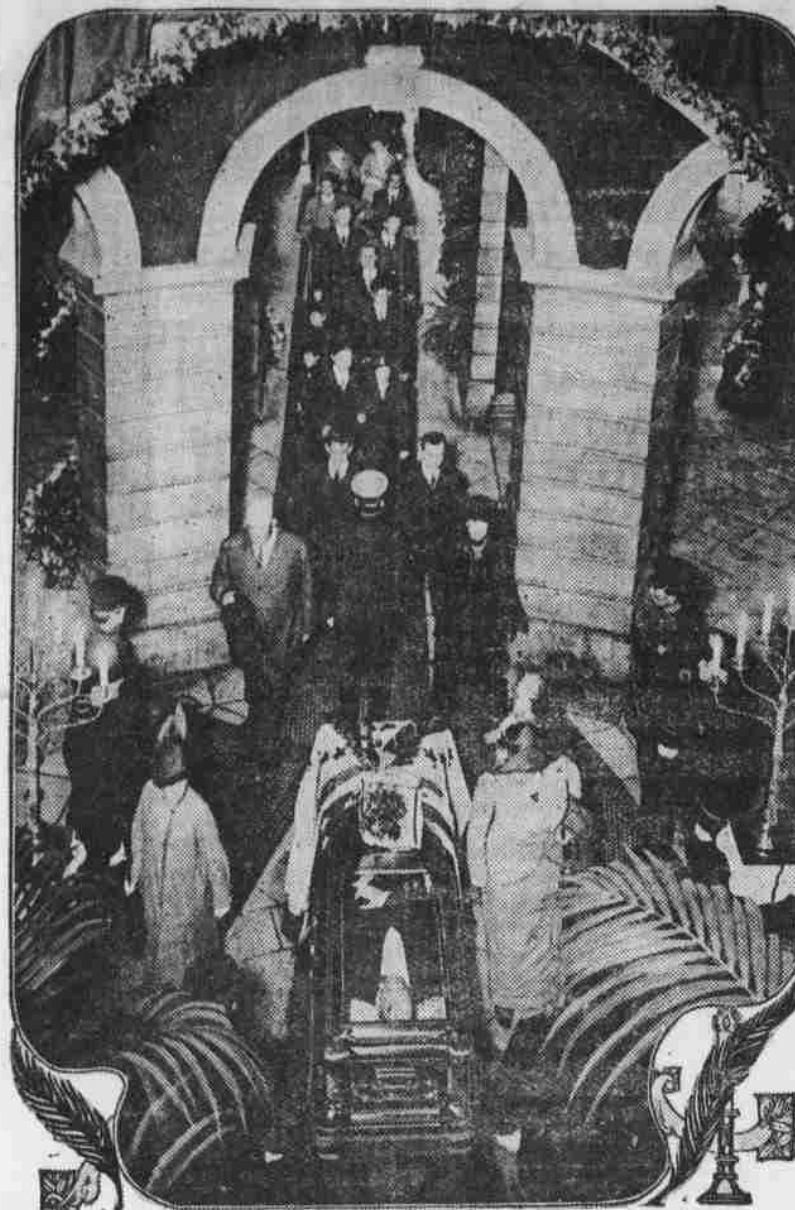


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