

With the Legislature

Wasted Is Charge.

That the State Fish and Game Commission is wasting \$100,000 in salaries of deputy wardens; that in the greater number of cases the wardens are worthless for the work which they are hired to do; that the money used on their salaries is diverted from where it is needed for the improvement of hatcheries; that by Representative Sheldon's proposed amendment to the joint ways and means committee, Representative Alvin declared present use of the money is like throwing it into the sea. He asserted the reason for the dropping of the bill is because no longer fear war and fish openly with the commission. Final decision was asked by the committee. The committee cut the state librarian's re-quest to \$40,000.

Old Normal Buildings.

A group of five members from the ways and means committee reported that it will cost to rebuild the normal school buildings. Drain and Weston in addition to house girls that would go to the industrial school. Representative Sheldon stated that these old buildings used as girls' schools, the present girls' school at Salem as an extension of the school for the Feeble Minded. He said, might obviate constructing a number of buildings asked.

Dim Auto Lights.

Introduced in the house by Representative Sweeney is a regulation for all auto lights. It would require owners traveling on state roads to equip their machines with lights, so that the glare would not blind cars approaching in the opposite direction. Provisions are similar to existing city ordinances.

'First' Bill Proposed.

For the purpose of eliminating accidents, Representative Sheldon has introduced a bill to regulate the operation of every crossing in the state which they operate trains at a speed exceeding 15 miles an hour. This is the first piece of legislation proposed in the house, but other measures are reported.

All Vote in School Elections.

In the house are much in-terested in Representative Sheldon's antiquated section of laws that denies all those who own property to vote for school directors. The bill now is before the committee on education, and within a short time, it is reported.

C. Regents in Senate.

Cultural college is represented on the floor. No less than three members of the O. A. C. are. They are Senators Helen, Walter M. Pierce and Hawley. None of the Oregon regents is a senator.

Code is Urged.

A bill, regulating the military code, regulating for more efficient organization and discipline of organized militia of the state of Oregon, is a bill introduced by Representative Sheldon Tuesday. That the militia during the past year reached the highest point of any similar organization in the United States; that the highest marksmanship that it attained this status on the basis of any such contest was asserted by Adjutant White before the ways and means committee tonight. The bill asked \$15,900. The total asked \$164,300. A notable development of naval forces of the state, an act of 6 per cent for the amount given two years

License These Makers

introduced three bills Monday. One for butter and cheese mak-

ers; one would regulate licensed testers for butter fat and the third would provide for acquisition by the state of land containing limestone and calcareous shell deposits.

Two More Normal Schools Proposed.

Representative Sheldon, of Jackson county, is preparing a joint resolution submitting to the referendum of the voters at the next general election a normal school plan for the entire state.

The measure proposes to maintain the present school at Monmouth, but to establish another at Ashland and a third at some point in eastern Oregon to be designated by the regents. A maintenance fund of one twenty-fifth of 1 mill is provided for each school.

Grange Caught Napping on Road Issue.

Representatives of the state grange who are attending the session were caught napping recently when the house committee on roads and highways voted to report favorably on the Beas bill providing for a state bond issue to match the federal appropriations for roads in Oregon.

The grange is opposed to the measure and James S. Stewart and C. E. Spence, two of the most astute and aggressive lobbyists on the ground, have been working hard against it. But they did not even show up at the committee meeting and permitted the favorable report to come out by default.

The meeting was announced by Chairman Schimpf in the open house, so they can't say that they had anything put over on them.

Staffin's Bill Passes House.

Representative Staffin's bill, repealing the law which requires a \$10 license fee for the sale of medicinal stock food, has passed the house. Speaking of the bill, Captain Staffin said: "About \$800 has been collected in fees by State Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle but the money has not been turned over to the treasurer. These fees are to be returned to those from whom they were received."

Three Primary Highways Named.

Three primary highways in the state are provided for in the highway measure that was introduced in the house Tuesday. The bill also provides for the creation of a highway department. The first of these three highways is to extend from Portland south to the California line, passing through Oregon City, Salem, Albany, Eugene, and other towns south; the second is to extend from Portland to The Dalles, and on to Ontario by way of Pendleton and Baker City; the third is to extend from Portland down the Columbia river to Seaside by way of St. Helens and Astoria. The work of construction is to be under the general jurisdiction of the highway commission and the funds are to be raised by the one-quarter millage tax which is provided by law. This measure also provides for the appointment of a highway commission consisting of three members, one member from each congressional district. The appointments are to be made by the governor for terms of two, three, and four years. There is no compensation except actual expenses. The employment of a highway engineer at a salary of \$6,000 a year is given the commission. He is to serve at the pleasure of the board, but no longer than four years without re-appointment.

Want New County.

Whether the legislature should pass a measure creating Cascade county out of eastern Clackamas county was argued at length by delegations from both sides at a hearing before the house committee on counties last night. A delegation of 150 residents of the territory comprised in the proposed new Cascade county came to Salem from Estacada in 30 automobiles Thursday to present data and arguments for the division. They brought with them a petition signed by about 1000 of the 1171 voters in the proposed new county, it was said by representatives of the delegation.

They will not be permitted to take judgment for Cascade county by default, however, for another delegation of 100 to 150 persons came up yesterday from Oregon City and other towns in Clackamas county to oppose the division.

A bill which would fix the passenger rates to be charged by railways on the amount of gross earnings per mile has been introduced by Representative C. M. Crandall of Vale. It is provided in the bill that all companies whose gross passenger earnings are \$1000 or more per mile may charge not more than 2 1/2 cents per mile, with a minimum fare of 10 cents for steam roads and 5 cents for those using other power. Companies earning less than \$1000 per

mile according to their reports to the public service commission, may charge fares of not more than 3 1/2 cents per mile. The present rate is 3 cents per mile throughout the state. Representative Crandall maintains that inasmuch as some of the roads are earning as high as \$4000 per mile gross, it is not unfair to ask them to charge the lower rate. He has based his bill on the Minnesota rate decision by the supreme court, in which it was held that the legislature had power to fix a rate provided it was not confiscatory.

Society

Eastern Star Honors Matron.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke, worthy grand matron of the order of Eastern Star, made her official visit to the Naomi chapter of the Eastern Star, Tuesday evening.

A quartet composed of John Miller, R. U. Steelquist, John Orr, and D. V. Poling, sang a number of clever and pleasing selections.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke addressed the assembly, and showed her appreciation, by saying that the work completed by the Naomi chapter exceeded that of any other chapter of its size in the valley. And she also complimented the lodge upon its membership, and upon the work accomplished during the past year.

A banquet was served in the banquet hall, which was appropriately and cleverly decorated in pink and lavender sweet peas. The color scheme was carried out through the banquet.

The dainty and exquisite gowns of the ladies were set off by the sombre black of the men's attire. About one hundred members were present.

Circle Lodge Installs.

Installation of the officers of Mistletoe circle lodge, Women of Woodcraft, was held Wednesday evening for the ensuing year, at the K. P. hall. The following officers were installed: Guardian neighbor, Alta MeBee; past guardian neighbor, Cecile Mitchell; advisor, Anna Forrette; musician, Anna Wright; attendant, Nellie Tatom; banker, Nellie Grant; clerk, Mary Starr; captain guard, Lydia Evans; outer sentinel, James Sweeney; musician, Alma Mitchell; inner sentinel, Helen Greenwood, and managers, Christa Bennett, Josephine Griffin, Alfred Stowe. Mrs. Hattie Sibley acted as installing officer. After the installation a musical program was enjoyed. A four-course banquet was served in the banquet room, which was decorated in red, white and green. Mrs. Freeman, district organizer of Portland, gave an interesting talk to the order. About 80 members were present.

Feb. Class of D. H. S. Entertained.

Miss Cora Rossiter, assisted by the members of the 8th A class, delightfully entertained the members of the 8th B class, who are just entering high school, with a farewell party, at the Dallas high school, Wednesday evening.

Music and games were the main diversion of the evening, after which a dainty luncheon was served.

Those entertained were: Misses Rachel Holloway, Claudia Plank, Claudia Coulson, Mattie Morris, Stella Schinnett, Anna Kraber, Dora Dees and Hazel MeBee, and Messrs. Elmer McKinney, Charles Springstien, Harvey Whitehorn, William Himes, Jr., Wilbert Hamilton, and Lloyd Coulson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Robinson delightfully entertained the members of the "500" club at their home last evening. Five table of cards were played. The rooms were tastefully decorated in carnations and Oregon grape. Mrs. Robinson, assisted by Miss Burton, served a delicious three-course luncheon. The guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Loughary, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Staats, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Steelquist, Mr. and Mrs. John Orr, and Miss Florence Burton, of Independence.

Dr. Ford Lectures at M. E. Church.

Dr. Ford, who lives near Salem, lectured at the Methodist Episcopal church last evening. Plans were outlined for the quarterly conference. After the report of the membership committee, a delightful luncheon was served by the members of the Ladies' Aid.

Maniac Escapes From Asylum.

Phy. L. Ward, who lives near Lewisville, escaped from the state hospital for the insane at Salem Saturday night and is still at large. This is Ward's second escape; he is considered a dangerous maniac at times.

BRIDGE TO BE PLANKED

DECISION WAS REACHED IN PORTLAND WEDNESDAY.

Planking Is Not To Be Done Until Contract For New Wagon Bridge Is Signed.

President Joseph Albert of the Salem Commercial club received a message from the bridge committee in Portland Wednesday that General Manager Dyer of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon had granted permission for the planking of the inter-county railroad bridge.

Mr. Dyer made only one stipulation of importance and that is that the planking is not to be done until the contract for a new wagon bridge is signed. This action was taken in order that the railroad company may be assured that their bridge will not be used indefinitely for general traffic. The members of the bridge committee of the Salem Commercial club, who completed the negotiations in Portland were: Charles A. Parks, F. G. Beekebach and Fred A. Steusloff.

The agreement stipulates that the planked bridge may be used for a period of eighteen months, the presumption being that by that time the new highway bridge will have been completed. The Marlon and Polk county courts met again yesterday to consider plans.

Because of the legal inability of the county to levy tolls the bridge, as far as highway traffic is concerned, will be leased to a company to be formed for the purpose. Light tolls, to provide for maintenance, will be levied on vehicles crossing the bridge.

Another provision is that the company operating the toll system some liability insurance company will underwrite the risks.

This decision will obviate the necessity for a ferry.

Treasurer To Call in Warrants.

County Treasurer A. V. R. Snyder will probably issue a call for general road warrants indorsed prior to February 2, some time next week. Mr. Snyder received a voucher from the secretary of state yesterday for \$2512.05, being Polk county's portion of the automobile licenses collected in 1916. This sum goes into the general road fund and enables the treasurer to call in warrants of that class.

BULLETIN

FOR RENT—Completely furnished house. Telephone 1711. 95c

FOR SALE—Five Leghorn pullets and one white rooster. Inquire at this office. 95

FOR SALE—Some fine Leghorn, Rhode Island Red and White Wyandotte roosters. W. R. Tapscott. Phone 1143. 95c

FOR SALE—Piano, cheap! Inquire Miss Jennie Muscott. Phone 761. 95-90

FOR SALE—"Aladdin" (kerosene) lamps make a perfect light. They are safe, economical and easy to operate. Write me and I will be pleased to call and demonstrate it for you. A. V. Oliver, Rickreall, Oregon, Polk county agent.

FOR SALE—25 cords of fir wood. Phone John N. Conn. 93-96

FOR SALE—Cheat and other hay. White and gray oats. U. S. Grant.

FINE PAMPAS GRASS for sale at \$1.00 per clump. Also orders taken for all kinds of cut flowers plants, shrubs and trees. J. C. Rickli, corner opposite depot. 93-97

FOR SALE—New, modern five-room bungalow on Washington street. terms. MeBee Land Co. 77-7f

FOR SALE—Clean vetch seed at three cents a pound, baled cheat hay at \$13.50 a ton and oats, at going price. A. R. Brown South Red 35, Dallas. 86-104c

AUTO FOR SALE—Studebaker "Six," run less than 7,000 miles. in fine condition. Leaving Dallas and will sell for \$575; cost \$1450 at factory one year ago. Inquire at The Observer, or Lew A. Cates, Hotel Gail. Will consider trade.

6 Per Cent Farm Loans on first-class farms. H. E. Morton, 605 Court street, Dallas.

FOR SALE—Horse stump puller, 150 feet of cable including four chokers, one stump plow, \$25 takes all. Also Bean Hand spray pump for \$10. Phone Perrydale 1x552. J. E. Goetz. 94-4f.

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