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LEGISLATURE IN SESSION

Special Service To Herald From State Editorial As- sociation Bureau

Salem, Jan. 12: (Special) A news bureau to handle matters coming up during the session of the state legislature has been established by the Oregon State Editorial Association, with a clientele of newspapers of the state including the Monmouth Herald. A. C. Gage, veteran newspaper man and publisher of the Angora Goat Journal, has been secured to head the bureau and as Hal Hoas, secretary of the Editorial association is secretary to Governor Patterson, patrons of the bureau are apt to get their information straight.

This activity is an original venture with the editorial association and the early indications are it will prove of decided value.

Projection of income tax so shortly after the beginning of the session, in line with Pierce's retiring message has brought out a very strong expression for or against this issue. It was presumed that defeat of the Dennis resolution making it impossible to enact income tax legislation before 1940 would, in combination with defeat of the grange tax measure in November, delay further attempts at such laws. This apparently is not the case. Grange leaders with their friends in the senate and house go quick action.

Income tax is a question not decided. Lobbyists are here on both sides and while the opening of the legislature was peaceful, from the flag on the south wing of the capitol to the refinery in the basement, things are active in between.

Topics mentioned in both gubernatorial messages are being presented in form of resolutions, memorial house and senate bills on subjects of varying importance.

Among them is a resolution by Claud Buchanan of Benton relating to increased salaries for county officers, providing that the increase shall not prevail during the term for which the officer was elected. This will be submitted to the voters.

Creating state text book commission—state superintendent, four members, appointive by the governor, four-year term, only one member from a county. Excludes from membership school districts with twenty thousand or more children of school age.

More Pay for Legislators
Increasing pay of legislators from \$3 to \$5 per day is the basis of a bill to be introduced, probably by Multnomah county members. It has been numerously supported by house members.

No More Pay for Jurors
Like lawmakers, jurors are underpaid in the opinion of many. Discussion of a bill to make the figure \$5 prompted your correspondent to ask Senator Banks what such a move would accomplish. "Not a thing, not a chance," replied the florid member of the upper house. "There would be opposition to it from its long standing as a custom." Lester W. Humphries states that no change has been made in jury system and pay since 1860.

Legislators bring to Salem their abilities not for pay but for service. At least that is the impression one gains from the class of men in the 34th session. With jurors it is not always the busy man who gives his time, but when he does he is sacrificing as much as the man who makes laws. With present shortage of funds the pay increase is declared in doubt. The legislators and jurors might form a trades union.

Stream Pollution Up
Legislation is in prospect to regulate the dumping of sewage and refuse from industrial plants into the rivers of Oregon. Following the meeting January 11 in Salem, members of the league of municipalities with city officials, state board of health, and representatives of the anti-stream pollution league are active in this project. Measures will be presented to give state and other officials control of all waterways and small streams. Meetings will be held in Portland January 18 and 19 at the Benson hotel, when the executive will determine the form legislative proposals shall take.

Fights for Primary



Former Senator Beveridge of Indiana is leading the fight in his state in defense of the Primary law which the politicians of both parties are trying to have repealed for a return to the old boss-ridden convention system.

Normal Notes

O. D. Beyers of the Union high school was a visitor at the Normal office Thursday.

There will be a householders' meeting in the dormitory Tuesday, January 18 at 2 p. m. People interested are urged to attend.

Buster Keaton's famous film "The General" which was taken in the vicinity of Cottage Grove, is to be the attraction at the Normal chapel Saturday evening. Two shows: at 6:30 and 8:15. 10 and 25 cents.

J. H. Fuller, normal regent of Ashland, and Mrs. Carlin, wife of the speaker of the legislature in Salem, were guests at lunch at the dormitory Thursday and also visited the Normal school.

The Normal young folks who attended the National Student conference in Milwaukee during the Christmas vacation are to be featured in the chapel program tomorrow (Friday) morning. They are Flora Haysany, Avis Pierson, Albert Beard-sley, Scott Williams and Earl Stewart. Two O. A. C. girls who attended are also students at the Normal this term. They are Lois New and Ruth Winniger.

Apparently requests of the legislature for money for the three normal schools of the state are to be asked for in one bill formulated by the board of regents. At a meeting held in Salem Wednesday it was decided to ask for \$175,000 for a class room building for the Oregon Normal school and \$121,000 maintenance; for Ashland they ask for \$150,000, and \$33,000 additional maintenance; for the Eastern Oregon Normal they ask for \$175,000 for the first building.

Missionary Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical church will hold its January meeting in the church basement on Thursday afternoon, January 20, with Mrs. A. N. Poole as leader. An instructive lesson on Islam and Christianity will be presented after which a silver tea will be served by Mrs. Emma Cox. The members are urged to come and any who may be interested are cordially invited to attend. The members are asked to answer to roll call by the name of a missionary.

Junkets Off the Program

Trips afield by legislators are under the ban for this session. There may be the annual dinner for newspaper men at the state institutions, but even this is not assured.

Committee Halved by Speaker

Two actions were devised in one committee by Speaker Carlin. He has a committee on roads and highways and one on automobiles and roads, thus giving place to a number of members he wanted active. Just how these two will function is uncertain but the plan seems to be approved.

Another Short Cut in Seconding

To save time and get action, Speaker Carlin has dispensed with all seconds to motions. When the move has stated his points the motion is before the house. This practice has worked out well in other legislative bodies, and illustrates the firm desire of the Medford man to speed up the situation.

COUNTY NEWS OF THE GRANGE

Brush College Debaters Win State Honors Installations Held in Several Places

Polk county won the silver loving cup given as a trophy in the Grange debate which has been in progress during the past year. The final contest was between a team from Brush College, consisting of Mrs. Stella Henry and Mrs. Cook and a team from Benton county, and the Brush College ladies won. The subject for discussion was: Resolved that no more irrigation projects should be launched until agricultural land now under cultivation is placed on a paying basis. The Polk county team upheld the negative.

The first Grange lecturer's school is being held this week in Corvallis. Polk county had the second largest attendance at the opening and had four of its Grange members on the program. It also furnished one of the teams for the final debate of the state wide contest of debaters among the granges.

P. O. Powell, Pomona master talked on maintaining community interest.

Mrs. Marie McCall, lecturer for Brush College grange spoke on the value of music in Grange programs.

Mrs. Inez Miller of the Normal had the topic "Interesting the Young People" and Mrs. Pearl M. Bartlett, lecturer of the Pomona discussed the Good of the Order.

Buell Grange had a big all day meeting on Saturday last with a large attendance. County Agent Beck installed the officers with Dan Blair, master; Mrs. Locke, lecturer, and Susie B. Fletcher, secretary.

Six candidates were initiated into membership.

At Monmouth, Saturday, E. A. Blake, master of the Linn-Benton Pomona acted as installing officer. The following were duly installed: W. J. Stockholm, master; G. A. Peterson, overseer; Mrs. T. J. Edwards, lecturer; Miss Maggie Butler, secretary. Miss Butler has served continuously in this office for thirteen years.

The remainder of the officers are J. L. Murdock treasurer, Wm. Kurre steward, Mrs. Calbreath chaplain, O. W. Kellogg assistant steward, Miss Alice Butler lady assistant steward, Mrs. Kurre Pomona, Mrs. Kellogg Ceres, Mrs. Craven Flora.

Mrs. Powell installed the Juveniles and will continue as matron for the coming year. Miss Florence Hochberg is to be master for 1927.

P. O. Powell will install for Rick-reall on Friday night and on Saturday the 15th, for Suver. State Master Palmiter will address the Eola community club on Friday night on the work and activities of the grange as a farmers' organization and will install the officers of Fort Hill grange, (formerly Willamina) on the evening of the 21st.

The next meeting of Pomona will be at McCoy on Saturday, the 22nd. The state master is expected at this meeting also. The speakers for the afternoon will be Miss Case, of O.A.C. who will give the first of a series of four talks on the important subject of nutrition and Prof. Homer T. Rainey of the university will discuss the finances and administration of the common schools of the state.

The program of Pomona will be open to all, and teachers and those interested in schools and school administration are especially invited. Prof. Rainey has been making special study of the subject for several years and speaks as an authority. He will have a number of important suggestions for the improvement of our school laws.

State Secretary, Miss Bertha J. Beck installed for McCoy on the evening of the 4th. This grange has the distinction of having a woman master, Mrs. S. L. Stewart, who starts out with great promise of a successful term.

Mr. Kelley, master of Multnomah county, installed for Brush College on the evening of the 7th.

P. O. Powell assisted by Mrs. Powell installed for Oak Grove on the night of the 8th. A. V. Oliver is the master, Willard S. Bartlett the lecturer. Two new members were instructed in the work of the order.

CITY ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY

Question May Be Of Vital Importance to Future Municipal Welfare

Next Tuesday, January 18, the city of Monmouth has a special election for a charter amendment to enable the council to meet the state in the erection of needed Normal school buildings by furnishing additional ground as needed, the limit to be \$15,000. In case the legislature can not find money with which to finance such building or buildings, no money is to be expended by the city. No one questions the fact that if such buildings are to be erected they will be of material advantage to Monmouth.

No one can go abroad and be oblivious to the fact that the Oregon Normal School stands in general favor with the people of the state and this attitude is reflected in the legislature where the tendency is to be fair to the school and to grant the necessary buildings if the money can be found with which to finance them.

This feeling of friendliness is due, of course, to a recognition of the fact that we are centrally located and have favorable climatic surroundings, but it goes further back to an appreciation of the struggles by which the people of the city have helped to keep Normal school work a live and actual living thing in Oregon. Citizens of Monmouth have in times past put money and labor in the work of keeping the school afloat when tangible returns were only a hazy prospect. Now on the assurance of actual concrete benefits we do not believe the progressive citizen will hesitate.

The shortage of state funds is not due entirely to one cause. The activities of government with the cost of maintaining it has grown greatly in recent years. It is all right to talk of returning to the old times when the state and county did little and taxes were low, but everybody is interested in some few lines and invariably he wants the return to more simple ways to be conducted along lines which do not affect him.

When our taxation system was devised it was never intended to load it with the multiplied costs which modern government carries along with it. New methods of financing such expenses must be worked out. As a matter of policy, therefore, show our interest and appreciation of what the state has done for us by voting favorably on the charter amendment next Tuesday.

New Guard



Russel C. Wood secret service man is personal guard for John Coolidge, Jr., succeeding Col. Starling who attracted too much attention because of his age. Young Wood will pass as a fellow collegian.

DAVID L. HEDGES

David L. Hedges, Polk county pioneer and veteran of the Indian wars, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. McIntosh in Independence today. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, February 25, 1838 and came with his parents to Oregon. His father was Israel Hedges, remembered by the older citizens of the county. He was one of the figures in the hop industry up to a few years ago when he moved to Independence to live. He was part owner of the Davidson-Hedges yard north of Independence. During the Indian war he was in the company of Captain B. G. Burch.

He is survived by three children, Mrs. Lottie Hedges McIntosh, Mrs. Davidson and P. C. Hedges, all of Independence.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 15, directed by A. L. Keeney in the Keeney chapel, Rev. Mort officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. Hedges helped to organize the Loyal Temperance Legion and he was a member of the M. E. church.

Miss Cassie Stump and Mrs. Mary Campbell returned home from Portland Tuesday after spending the past three weeks with David Campbell and family.

The annual meeting of the Polk County Farmers Union is to be held in Woodmen hall, Dallas, Thursday, January 20. It is an all day meeting starting at 10:30. Among the program features is expected to be an address by Sam Moore of the state lime board.

LODGES JOIN IN INSTALLATION

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Hold Open Meeting And Place Officers For 1927

A joint installation was held Monday evening for the installation of officers in the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges. District Deputy John Riney was in charge for the Odd Fellows and Mrs. F. E. Murdock directed in a like capacity for the Rebekahs. Miss Alice Butler was marshal for the women's organization and Claude Boothby acted as marshal for the Odd Fellows. At the conclusion of the work there was a mid-night lunch of wieners, rolls, coffee and cake and there was also dancing by members of the joint organizations. Following is a list of the officers installed.

N. G. W. J. Stockholm; V. G., E. C. Cole; secretary, Paul Tacheron; treasurer, C. W. Price; R. S. N. G., Ed Rogers; L. S. N. G., J. L. Murdock; warden, Jess Johnson; conductor, L. B. Howard; R. S. S., J. D. Smith; L. S. S., B. B. Friesen; outside guardian, C. J. Stanton; inside guardian, G. M. Partridge; chaplain, H. K. Sickafoose; R. S. V. G. E. N. Keeney; L. S. V. G. W. B. Egelston.

The Rebekah officers are: N. G. Rosalie Andrus; V. G., Elsie Wilson; secretary, Beatrice Crofoot; treasurer Olive Gentle; R. S. N. G., Susie Stanton; L. S. N. G., Lillie Boothby; warden, Eugenia Keeney; conductor, Alta Rogers; outside guardian, Nellie Deming; inside guardian, Iva Hamar; chaplain, Ida Scott; R. S. V. G., Hattie Winegar; L. S. V. G., Annie Hinkle

News from Gilmore

From a private letter from the L. P. Gilmore we gather a number of items of interest. Mr. Gilmore, who was in the wool manufacturing business at Hughesville, Pennsylvania, has disposed of his interests in that enterprise and is now principal of the high school at Wellsville, New York. A \$500,000 high school building is to be finished in that city by fall and the two Gilmore girls will be in it. Fred Gilmore is in the second grade at school. Wellsville has 6,000 population and is in the oil region. Natural gas is used for light and fuel.

A. J. Shipley is at Amity this week with his daughter, Mrs. A. R. Griffith, who has lost so many of her family during the past month with a peculiar malady.

Clem Janes of Washington state is here visiting with relatives.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY

By A. B. CHAPIN

