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## WILL PROPOSE SEVERAL LAWS

### MULTNOMAH WANTS ANOTHER CIRCUIT JUDGE.

Report of Superintendent of State Insane Asylum Condemns Water System—Would Join With Salem to Secure Mountain Water.

Portland—Various measures of proposed legislation will be considered by the Multnomah county legislative delegation.

Members of the legislative committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will appear before the delegation to urge the amending of the pilotage law to conform to the Port of Portland towage law. The same organization will ask for a law repealing that provision of the insurance law which requires foreign companies to deposit \$50,000 before being allowed to engage in business in this state. In the same connection the Chamber will propose another law creating the office of State Insurance Commissioner.

A bill creating two additional circuit court judges will be recommended to the delegation by members of the Multnomah County Bar Association.

The Oregon Humane Society, through its officers, will ask for the indorsement by the delegation of a bill providing for an appropriation of \$2000 annually for two years for this society.

County Clerk Fields will submit a bill for the purpose of creating the office of state auditor at a salary of \$6000 per annum.

### Water Supply Bad for Salem.

Salem—One of the urgent needs of the state, as shown by the biennial report of the superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, just made public, is a supply of pure water for the state institutions. The water now used at the asylum and penitentiary, except for drinking and cooking purposes, comes from Mill Creek, a stream notoriously unclean. At the prison it is necessary to boil the water used for drinking at some periods of the year.

Because of the needs of the state the Governor is co-operating with the city authorities in Salem with a view to devising a plan by which water may be secured from a mountain stream. In his message to the legislature Governor Chamberlain will recommend such measures as may be deemed practical with this end in view.

Two plans are under consideration—one that of joint ownership of the system by the city and state, each paying its proportion according to the number of consumers, and the other that the city shall build the plant and the state enter into a contract to purchase its water supply from the city.

### Union Labor Advocates New Bills.

Portland—At least three measures of legislation will be proposed at the coming session of the legislature by organized labor. They are an employers' liability law, a measure providing a general eight-hour workday and a law that will put an end to the employment of convicts in competition with union labor. The bill for the employers' liability law has been prepared and the two other bills are being drafted. These three measures have been indorsed and will be supported by the State Grange. The trades unionists and the Grange have appointed legislative committees, which will have charge of the proposed bills in the legislature.

An effort will be made to extend the provisions of the eight-hour law to apply to all classes of workmen. Such a regulation of hours of labor is now enforced as against state and county employes.

### Plan to Cut Up Lane County.

Eugene—A movement has been set on foot by the people of Cottage Grove to form a new county with that city as the county seat.

It is proposed that the line should cross the Middle Fork of the McKenzie, run near Goshen and thence west to the present boundary of the county. This would leave the Blue River mining country in Lane, while the present Bohemia district, in both Lane and Douglas, would be included within the boundaries of the new county.

From the Bohemia district in Douglas the line would run west to the coast and include within the limits of the proposed Bohemia county the towns of Yoncalla, Drain and Gardiner, all of which are at present in Douglas county.

## GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH STATIONS FOR MINERS

Washington, Dec. 28.—Carrying out plans to reduce the number of fatalities in coal mines, the United States Geological Survey is about to establish rescue stations in the principal coal fields of the country, in addition to the experiment station now located at Pittsburg. It will be the purpose of the experts to teach the miners and mine bosses how to use the most approved apparatus in rescue work.

Government mining engineers will be assigned to the stations and will be ready at a moment's notice to go to the scene of any disaster. They will be equipped with oxygen helmets, which will enable them to enter a mine at once, even though it is filled with gas or smoke.

Every station is to be fitted up with an air-tight room, where gas can be generated, and the coal-mining companies have been invited to send picked men to the stations for training in the use of oxygen helmets.

### MASSACHUSETTS GIRL TO GO TO SALEM, OR., FOR WEDDING

Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 28.—Although the entire continent separates her from her fiancée, Miss Florence McDermid is unbound, for she will start alone for Salem, Oregon, where she will meet her sweetheart, Wayland Chase. There she will become the bride of her school-day sweetheart and they will make their home in Salem, where the groom-elect is a landscape engineer.

### Hurry Indian Land Cases.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, who is one of several defendants in suits brought by the government to clear up titles to Indian land in that state, is urging President Roosevelt to have these cases settled at the earliest possible moment and to take them straight to the United States supreme court if possible. Governor Haskell and many other prominent men in Oklahoma are defendants. Mr. Owen says that the slow dragging of the cases, of which there are 23,000, is damaging to business and development generally.

### Negro Is Champion Pugilist.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Jack Johnson, the big negro from Galveston, Texas, is the world's heavyweight champion. He won the title Christmas day in the big arena at Ruschutters Bay from Tommy Burns, the French-Canadian, who had held it since James J. Jeffries relinquished it, and after a chase of Burns that led half way around the world. The end came in the 14th round, when the police, seeing Burns tottering and unable to defend himself from the savage blows of his opponent, mercifully stopped the fight.

### Used 4,000,000 Christmas Trees.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The native forests this year supplied 4,000,000 Christmas trees, the Forestry Service estimating that one out of every four families observed the tree custom at Yuletide. Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester, upholds the Christmas tree custom and believes that it should be maintained.

### Dies From Fright.

Hood River—As the result of a runaway accident which took place here Christmas eve, Mrs. E. D. Johnson, wife of a well-known surgeon of Portland, and daughter of J. L. Carter, representative-elect to the legislature, died here the next day.

Mrs. Johnson came from Portland to spend Christmas with her parents and on the way out to their home the horses became unmanageable and ran away. They broke away from the sleigh, leaving the occupants apparently unharmed. Mrs. Johnson, however, was thrown into convulsions by the fright, and although medical aid was summoned at once, failed to recover.

### Insane Italian Commits Suicide.

Ashland—Giuseppe Fazio, an Italian who was a passenger out of Portland Saturday night and ticketed to Sacramento, shot and killed himself in the toilet of the depot waiting-room here Sunday afternoon. He was about 40 years of age.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 96c; Valley, 92c.  
Barley—Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28@29.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$32; gray, \$32.  
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.50; clover, \$12.  
Butter—Extra, 36@37c; fancy, 33@34c; choice, 30c; store, 18c.  
Eggs—Extra, 40@43c.  
Hops—1908, choice, 6@7c; prime, 5@6c; medium, 4@5c; 1907, 2@4c.  
Wool—Valley, 14@15½c; lb.;

Attractive prices on harness for you at R. M. Wade & Co. 31-2.

## SHOCKING ITEMS OREGON NEWS

### INSANE ASYLUM WILL ASK APPROPRIATION OF \$800,000.

State of Oregon Seeks to Recover 27,000 Acres of Land in Crook County Granted to a Reclamation Project With Water for 1500 Acres.

Alumni and ex-students of the Oregon Agricultural College residing in Umatilla county have formed an association and gave their first banquet Tuesday night. Among the guests who were present was President Kerr of the college. The members of the association hope to make this banquet an annual event.

An enlarged picture and a diamond ring or a rocker chair for good measure, all for \$2.98, were the inducements held forth by a trio of smooth-talking fakers who induced a large number of Roseburg women to part with \$2.98 each. After collecting the \$2.98, the fakers told their victims to call at a local store and get the prizes. Here they discovered the merchant knew nothing of the scheme.

Appropriations aggregating almost \$800,000 will be asked of the coming session of the legislature for the maintenance of the State Insane Asylum and for repairs and improvements for the ensuing year. This is an increase of \$200,000 over the appropriations of two years ago, or an increase of 33 per cent. The report asks for appropriations upon the assumption that no branch asylum will be provided for in Eastern Oregon. The percentage of recoveries, computed upon the number received during the period, is 22 per cent.

Senator Fulton held a conference with the Director of the Reclamation Service, Sunday in Washington, relative to requests he has received from settlers on the Klamath irrigation project, for an extension of time for making water payments to the Government. Settlers were under the impression that their entries would be cancelled if payment were not made by May next. Director Newell informed Mr. Fulton that payments on the first unit of this project will become due May 1, 1909, but settlers will have one year's grace in which to pay up. Therefore, settlers will not be in danger of having entries canceled unless they are delinquent with payments after May 1, 1910. It is the policy of the department to give settlers two full seasons of irrigation before requiring them to make the first payment.

In the suit of the State of Oregon against the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company for the reclamation of an extensive tract in Eastern Oregon, the state offered testimony to show that while the project proposed the development of about 27,000 acres, there was only sufficient water for irrigating about 1500 acres. It will be on this showing that the state expects to be authorized to rescind the contract that was originally entered into with the Three Sisters Irrigation Company, which subsequently transferred its interests to the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company. A law is being drafted to determine the water rights of the state under the direction of a committee representing the Oregon Conservation Commission and which has called to its assistance several prominent authorities connected with the Government irrigation service.

Christmas was made as merry as possible for the inmates of the six public institutions located in Salem. At the insane asylum, where 1500 unfortunates are cared for, a musical entertainment and Christmas tree was given Christmas eve. An excellent turkey dinner was served. At the penitentiary a special dinner was served, minus the turkey, but with an abundance of roast meat and plum pudding. Christmas eve the prisoners gave an entertainment in the chapel. The Christmas tree in the Reform School was in the form of a huge bell, made of evergreen boughs. At the close of the exercises presents were distributed, each boy receiving some useful gift, together with a bag of candy and a box of nuts. The day was also observed at the Mute School and the Blind School, where everything was done to bring cheer to the unfortunate children at these institutions.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. It cures the cold by gently moving the bowels and at the same time it is soothing for throat irritation, thereby stopping the cough. Sold by D. G. Dove.

Mrs. Clarence Ireland returned to Portland Tuesday afternoon, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper.

OUR FIRST GREAT

# Reduction Sale

Began SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 26, and lasts until we begin our Annual Inventory, January 11, 1909. *This is our First General Reduction Sale in 17 years, and we're going to make it one long to be remembered.*

Owing to the mild Fall weather, WE HAVE TOO MANY GOODS ON HAND, and we need the room for our new Spring lines, some of which are already on the way. During this sale we OFFER EVERY ARTICLE IN OUR SPLENDID STOCK AT

## 20 per cent Discount

with the single exception of Boston and Bay State Rubbers and Rubber Boots. Just think of it! Every pair of shoes in the house reduced 20 per cent. Every suit of clothes in the house reduced 20 per cent.

### 20 Per Cent Discount on Every Yard

of Dress Goods, Every yard of Silks, Satins, Velvets, Velveteen, Trimmings, Bear Cloth, Dress Linings, Flannels, Outing Flannels, Flannelette, Muslin, Sheet- ing, Gingham, Calico, Bed Ticking, Toweling, Table Linens, Oil Cloth, Laces, Embroidery, Ribbons, Ladies' Furs, Lace Curtains, Corsets, Hosiery, Under- wear, Blankets, Comforts, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Neckwear, Hats, Sweaters, Shirts, Gloves, Overalls, Duck Coats, Leather Coats, Mackinaws, Slick- ers, Men's Suits, Boys' Suits, Men's Overcoats, Boys' Overcoats, Men's and Boys' Separate Trousers, Suit Cases and Notions of Every Kind.

Every article in the store is marked in plain figures and you can figure the 20 per cent discount for yourself.

If your bill amounts to \$20.00	you get it for \$16.00
" " " 15.00	" " 12.00
" " " 10.00	" " 8.00
" " " 7.00	" " 5.60
" " " 4.50	" " 3.60
" " " 1.00	" " .80
" " " .50	" " .40
" " " .05	" " .04

We are not paying any sales agency a commission to manage this sale for us. We are simply overstocked and realize that a deep cut in prices is the only way to make this Clearance Sale a success.

It will pay you to buy a year's supply of goods for your family, because it is a genuine 20 per cent discount sale and you'll not find values elsewhere like we offer.

Remember this is the first general sale we have had in 17 years, and you'll find everything as represented. No misrepresentation of any kind allowed in our store

# BARNES' CASH STORE, SALEM OREGON