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## OREGON'S LAWMAKERS

OREGON LAWMAKERS WORK AS  
REVIEWED.

Initial Week is Quiet and Little Has  
Been Accomplished Aside  
from Organization.

Salem.—Aside from organization and election of presiding officers very little was accomplished during the initial week of the session by the state's lawmakers. Scarcely the groundwork of legislation and policy was laid during the three days the solons were in session.

Although not in years has the first week of lawmaking been marked by greater quietude with indications of a rather sedate session, before the session is over there may be some high grade politics played under the direction of Jay Bowerman. A peculiar situation exists in both houses, and before the session progresses very far complications may arise that will result in a few political sky rockets.

### Progressive Republicans Control.

Although the so-called progressive Republicans are in the middle in both branches, it is only through the assistance of a few Republicans whose sympathies in the past have not been wholly in accord with the "Oregon System." Ben Selling was elected president of the senate with the help of some four Republicans who have never accepted the entire Oregon system. In the house, Speaker Jerry Rusk was elected by the Republicans not classed as progressive.

The fun will begin when Senator Kellaker's resolution to endorse the Oregon system is up for consideration. The resolution will be the means of placing on record the members of the senate and, show where each one stands regarding the direct primary, initiative and referendum, the recall, corrupt practices act and the rest of the system. This resolution is to be made the means for a general and specific attack on United States Senator Bourne and incidentally upon United States Senator Chamberlain. Despite the opposition it is believed there are enough progressive Republicans and Democrats to adopt the resolution.

### Little is Accomplished.

As to actual accomplishments, there have been few in the first week. There appears to be a tendency to hold down the number of bills introduced, for there have been but 66 introduced, and of these only 30 have come from the house. Usually, the first week of the legislature sees about 100 or more bills introduced and the printing office congested. Of the 66 bills already presented, there are few of first importance. The big legislation, such as the new judicial system, the compensation act, reappointment for the new congressional district, and the like, will not appear until the coming week.

### Bowerman Plan for Districting State.

In his message to the legislature Mr. Bowerman recommended the districting of the state into districts equal in number to the membership of the house and the senate, one member to each branch of the legislature to be chosen from the districts so established. It is not known that the recommendations of Mr. Bowerman will be embodied in a bill, but regardless of whether or not they are, it is incumbent on this legislature to redistrict the state into senatorial and representative districts. This duty is imposed on the legislature by a provision of the state constitution which directs the state's lawmaking body shall so redistrict the state following a state or federal census.

### Want Public Service Commission.

Not fewer than two bills will be offered on the subject of a public service commission. One will propose such an organization for the control of corporations in Multnomah County alone. Another will be state-wide in its provisions. It is not improbable that a third bill on this subject will appear.

### Would Ditch Vetoes Bills.

Senator Bowerman will probably be one of the leaders in an active opposition which will develop against the consideration of any of the 58 vetoed bills which have been returned from the governor after the last regular session. He declares that these bills are all dead, that a special session intervened between the last regular session and the present session, and that the bills should have been voted upon at the special session.

The constitution in Section 15 of Article V provides that the bills shall be acted upon at the "next session." There is no mention of regular session, and it is the contention of Bowerman that plainly the legislature should have voted upon them at that time. In the house bills vetoed by Governor Chamberlain were principally relating to increases of salary for various county and district officers, Chamberlain exercising his prerogative in connection with all of these. Other vetoes of house bills were in relation to appointment of a board of trustees of the McLoughlin Home at Oregon City, a horticultural bill and other minor measures.

There were 23 senate bills vetoed. These included bills relating to examination before securing a marriage license; defining vagrancy; registration of voters; exemption of bonds from taxation; making it a misdemeanor to circulate false statements concerning the condition of a bank; publishing delinquent tax lists; defining the boundaries of Coos and Curry counties; relating to fishing near fishways; providing for preparation of a syllab of supreme court cases; Dr. Owens-Adair sterilization bill; providing for organization of new counties and a number of bills in reference to salaries for county officers.

### Officers Against Emergency Clause.

Speaker Rusk of the house adds his voice to that of President Selling of the senate in emphatic declaration that emergency clauses will have hard sledding during the present session of the legislature. Planners for emergency clauses, which have the effect of putting laws into force without opportunity for use of the referendum, will be told to halt unless they can show absolute necessity.

The legislature is the sole judge as to the existence of the emergency. With President Selling and Speaker Rusk strongly opposed to fictitious "emergencies," the coming session may be made comparatively free from too frequent use of the harmless-looking clause which so often brings up the rear paragraph of bills when they are introduced.

### Take Apportionments from Speaker.

In the house, under the leadership of Eaton, defeated candidate for speaker, strenuous efforts were made to take out of the hands of Speaker Rusk the appointment of the 42 standing committees.

It has been frankly charged by Eaton and his colleagues that in consideration of Thompson's retirement from the speakership contest and his support of Rusk, Rusk conceded to Thompson the naming of most of the house committees.

In the senate no effort was made to deprive President Selling, as presiding officer, of the privilege of composing his own committees.

### May Simplify County Division.

Solution of the county division question, so that a deluge of plans for creating new counties will not go on the ballot at the next election, is being studied by all members of the legislature and several bills on the subject are to be introduced, beside consideration of a vetoed bill of last session bearing on the same subject.

### Sterilization Bill Up Again.

Having assured herself that if her sterilization bill is passed by the legislature it will not meet with veto by the governor, as it did three years ago, Dr. Owens-Adair is busy lining up members of the legislature to pass the bill over the veto when it comes up.

### State May Scrub Pupils.

Keep school children clean by a compulsory process, require that they carry no disease by dirt into the schools with them and that they be free from vermin, are ideas fathered by Senator Chase of Coos, who will either introduce a bill to this effect himself or will arrange to have it incorporated in a bill to be introduced by the legislative committee of the

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## BARNEY OLDFIELD.

World's Greatest Auto Speed-  
or Suspended For Year.



## SHEEHAN IS NAMED

Twenty-five Bolt and Deadlock on  
Senator Likely.

Albany, N. Y.—William F. Sheehan was nominated as the Democratic candidate for United States Senator at the joint caucus of Democratic legislators, receiving 62 votes, four more than a majority of all the Democratic members of both houses.

Twenty-five legislators bolted the caucus and, if all those who entered the caucus vote for Sheehan, the absentees can prevent his election, because a majority of all the members of both houses present and voting is necessary for election.

### Eaton Roasts Enemies.

Salem, Ore.—Senator Bourne, ex-Senator Fulton and W. S. U'Ree were severely arraigned by Representative Eaton of Lane in a speech in the House of Representatives for their participation in the organization of the present Legislature. Eaton's address, which was in some particulars sensational, was delivered as a valedictory, following the unsuccessful attempt of the Lane County man and his associates to wrest from Speaker Rusk the appointment of the House standing committees.

## SUFFRAGISTS END MEETING IN DISORDER

Tacoma, Wash.—The session of the Washington Equal Suffrage Association ended in a row in the climax of which tears were shed, a fist or two shaken and some headgear got much off its balance.

The convention in Tacoma Music hall resolved itself into a veritable three-ring circus with Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe, president of the state association, presiding at a meeting of delegates in the basement, the venerable Abigail Scott Dunway, of Portland, acting as chairman of a gathering up stairs, and Mrs. George B. Smith, of Seattle, and Mrs. Mary Arkwright Hutton, of Spokane, harranging a crowd on the steps, Mrs. Smith in tears, very angry and with her hat all askew.

At the final meeting of the delegates of the National Council of Women Voters in this city, it was decided to organize an advisory board, headed by Governor J. H. Brady, of Idaho. Isaac W. Stevens, of Denver, was named as a member of the board, and other members will be announced by Governor Brady later.

National headquarters have been located in Tacoma to be used until after the National convention of 1912.

### America's Biggest Warship Launched

Philadelphia.—Splashed with the traditional bottle of champagne, the battleship Arkansas, the largest warship ever constructed in this country was launched from the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J.

### His Own Valuation.

"Belle tells me she is sorry she ever married you," said a young lady to the husband of her dearest friend.  
"So she ought to be," he retorted.  
"She did some nice girl out of a good husband!"

### Unhappiness.

They who have never known prosperity can hardly be said to be unhappy. It is from the remembrance of joys we have lost that the arrows of affliction are pointed.—Emile Zola.

It will never rain roses. If we want more roses we must plant more trees.

## NEW OFFICERS IN

General Gibson Post, No. 64, and The Independence High School de General Gibson Relief Corps, No. 42, bating team will meet the Dallas High School one week from Saturday, last Saturday. The invited guests Independence will have the negative present were Deputy Pres. W. R. C. of the question, without reference to the last state election; resolved: That the method of Single Taxation should be adopted.

You are all cordially invited to be present, and help our town team win. A small admission fee will be charged to defray expenses. On the same night our affirmative team will go to Falls City. They are doing some excellent work in debating are: Affirmative, Bessie Hartman, Ernest Williams and Marion Butler. Negative, Vale Hiltbrand, Cecil Swope, Ray Williams and Floyd Browne.

Independence is not only being well represented this year in athletics and debating, but all grades above the third have entered the County Spelling contest and in the first contest the 8th grade, under Prof. Buell, has won first place, and several of the other grades are well to the top. This is something we justly feel proud of, as only a few years ago complaint was almost unanimous in regard to the poor spelling of the 8th grade.

## LETTERS OF CONGRATULATION

Sample copies of The Enterprise sent abroad are daily bringing results and many complimentary letters have been received from friends in our former home town. Dr. F. D. Lewis, an eminent young physician of Silverton, writes under date of January 15, as follows:  
"Dear friend:—I received a copy of the Enterprise, and looked it over very carefully. It is a neat little weekly and I wish to congratulate you, and I most sincerely wish you loads of success."  
E. E. Wray, furniture dealer and jeweler, writes under the same date:  
"Dear Friend:—I just received a sample copy of your paper and am glad to note that you are again at your favorite vocation. Hope that your new location will prove satisfactory and that your adventure will be a financial success."

## ANTIOCH

Miss Mamie Mack and Elbert Peterson were trading in Monmouth Friday.  
J. Clark was a guest of his sister Mrs. Belle Sullivan, at Monmouth last week.

## ACKERMAN PRESIDENT

The election of Prof. J. H. Ackerman as president of the State Normal School at Monmouth, was indeed a wise move on the part of the board of regents which met in Salem Monday. With such an able instructor at the head the success of the institution is assured.

Prof. Ackerman, for the past twelve years, has been superintendent of public instruction in the state and has proved to be a man of great value in the cause of education.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL

W. E. Lynch of Dallas, was in the city on business yesterday.

The council met in its regular semi-monthly session Wednesday evening, but nothing of importance transpired.

If you want to stay out in the rain and yet keep dry, come in and see Conkey, Walker & Lehman. They carry everything in the way of wet weather goods.

Conkey, Walker & Lehman are showing the best and latest line of men's, ladies' and children's shoes and they will keep your feet dry.

Our men's furnishing goods department is well supplied with all the latest wear for man or boy.—Conkey, Walker & Lehman.

Come in and see our men's and boy's clothing and you will not hesitate to buy when you see the quality compared with the price. Conkey Walker & Lehman.

You will always find our dry goods department in every detail with all the latest and best wearing material and at prices that will please you. Conkey, Walker & Lehman.

## SAVES TWO LIVES

"Neither my sister nor myself might be living today, if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery" writes A. D. McDonald of Fayette, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8, "for we both had frightful coughs that no other remedy could help. We were told my sister had consumption. She was very weak and had night sweats but your wonderful medicine completely cured us both. It's the best I ever used or heard of." For sore lungs, coughs, colds, hemorrhage, jaundice, asthma, hay fever, croup, Whooping cough, all bronchial troubles,—its supreme Trial bottle free. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

## The Mean Thing.

"Phyllis is the meanest kind of a gossip."  
"What makes you think so?"  
"Because she never tells you anything herself, but gets you to tell her all you know."

The annual tax levy for Polk county for the year 1911, has been fixed at 12 mills. This is 1.4 mills higher than the levy last year. Coming as it does with a high city tax, and other demands upon property owners for contemplated improvements is discouraging to say the least, but Independence is prepared to meet it.

## FARMERS ARE INTERESTED

The annual Farmers Week course at the Oregon Agricultural College has been set for February 13 to 18 and the plans for the week are being rapidly brought to completion. In addition to the regular lecture and demonstration work in fruit growing, orchard work, marketing, soils, drainage, farm management, stock raising, home management, insect and disease pests, butter and cheese making and kindred subjects, two special features in the form of discussions and demonstrations on the subject of good roads for the state and irrigation in the Willamette Valley will be added to the program.

A large corps of special lecturers, many of whom are representative men of this state, have been secured to assist the College experts in carrying on the work. This has made it possible to fill every hour of the day from eight in the morning until ten at night with special features.

The work will deal entirely with vital problems which are claiming the attention of the people of Oregon. Those in attendance will be urged to bring up for discussion and demonstration subjects in which they are particularly interested and which pertain to the peculiar problems arising out of their experience and which are characteristic of their particular community. The work will be carried on very much in the form of a large farmers institute with a special division giving particular attention to the various features of home making and management.

A poultry show, at which the best fowls in the Northwest will be exhibited, is scheduled for the last day of the session. This feature, in connection with the special work on good roads and irrigation, will add greatly to the scope of the work. Indications are that last year's attendance of 400 will be more than doubled at this session. Dean Cordley reports that communications are coming in in much greater numbers than ever before and that the general interest throughout the state seems to justify the belief that the College will be crowded to its utmost during this week. The railroads have promised to give special rates for accommodations for the visitors.

## GOES TO ARIZONA

J. N. Dixon started for Arizona the latter part of last week where he is called as a witness in a trial, in which the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. is interested.

Some time ago Mr. Dixon, who is foreman of the warehouse here, loaded a car with hops and the same was consigned to parties in New York. At some point in Arizona the car was side-tracked for a day or two, and during this time parties broke the seal and stole the contents. It is understood that they have since been apprehended and Mr. Dixon is called as a witness in the trial.

## PRIZE RAMS SOLD

Fred A. Koser of Rickreall, who won fame for himself and Polk county at the recent Portland sheep show, with his prize winning Cotswold ram, has sold the animal to H. G. Keyt, of Perrydale. Local livestock men are pleased that this county will remain the home of the "best long wool ram in the world."—Observer.

## POSTMASTERS APPOINTED

R. G. Allen, one of Silverton's responsible young men, has been appointed postmaster at that place to succeed A. F. Blackerby, who was also a candidate. Being familiar with the conditions there we can but congratulate Mr. Allen upon his success, and the patrons of the Silverton office upon the change.  
T. R. Ambler has also been appointed postmaster at Mt. Angel to succeed himself.

## FOR SALE.

One good modern up to date house situated on fifth street. For particulars inquire of or address J. J. Williams, Independence. Phone Farmers 659.

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