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OREGON'S LAWMAKERS

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REVIEWED.

Second Week is Exciting and Numerous Bills are Introduced in House.

Salem, Ore.—The most exciting event during the second week of the legislative session was the political rumpus in the Senate over the Kellaher resolution to have the Legislature endorse the Oregon system "as the best in the world." The debate, lasting five hours, embittered by personalities, was the stormiest heard in many sessions. Jonathan Bourne, more than the resolution was the target at which the verbal bullets flew. The resolution was defeated, but it undoubtedly would have been adopted but for the charges of the standpat Republicans that it was a scheme of United States Senator Bourne to advertise himself; his hand was suspected even by some progressives, so, with one accord, they resurrected Bourne's political past and called him everything they could think of in language fit for utterance in a public gathering.

Among those hurling verbal harpoons into Bourne were Abraham, Albee, Chase, Carson, Bowerman, Nottingham, Calkins, Norton and Malarkey. The defenders of the resolution and the Oregon System were Dimick, Sinnott, Miller, McColloch and Kellaher. Most of the speeches were literally "hot stuff," but applause was scarce.

May Adopt Modified Resolution.

Senator Albee has revised the resolution to indorse the Oregon System by not declaring Oregon "has the best government in the world." This action is in line with the desire of friends of the Oregon System to take away the ill effect caused by the Senate's refusal to indorse the resolution last week. Standpat politicians already have been using the failure to indorse the system as a weapon, and it is to counteract this that Albee has brought up the matter again. As now drafted, the resolution is expected to pass, for several progressives who refused to vote for the original resolution will accept it in the new form.

Bowerman Raps Asylum Heads.

Jay Bowerman also stirred up the Senate by his vigorous defense of his purchase of the branch asylum site at Pendleton. He openly charged Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, of the State Asylum, with extravagance; charged the State Board with playing possum politics, and insisted that he would not tolerate being placed before the people of the state as a fool or a knave. It was the explosion which has been gathering ever since Governor West sent in his special message, asking that a committee be selected to visit the Bowerman asylum site and see if it was satisfactory.

A joint committee consisting of Representatives L. L. Mann of Umatilla, J. C. Bryant of Benton, Senator L. B. Bean of Lane and Senator W. C. Chase of Coos and Curry counties, was appointed to view the site selected by Acting Governor Jay Bowerman at Pendleton for the branch asylum.

Both Houses Working Well.

Aside from the row in the House over patronage, the failure of the Senate to indorse the Oregon System of popular government, and the attack on the extravagance at the Asylum and Home for Feeble Minded, both House and Senate are working well, the organization being on business lines, the committees rushing. Many bills referred to committees have been reported back within half an hour favorably or unfavorably. The desire to be businesslike has extended to the defeat of resolutions for junketing committees to the institutions of the state. These investigations are considered nothing but pleasure trips, which are an expense to the state and bring no result. The Senate has turned down every proposed committee of the sort. Then, too, there is a tendency to hold down the number of clerks employed, and there is also a

partiality for men clerks and stenographers rather than for women.

Committee Charges Extravagance.

The management of the state In-State Asylum and State School for Feeble Minded are criticised in the report made by the committee appointed to investigate the needs of the state institutions and the methods used.

Not only was the committee severe in reference to the manner in which the funds allowed the asylum have been squandered by Dr. Steiner, but they are inclined to place the blame upon him for the manner in which the Home for the Feeble Minded has been filled with inmates who should never have been transferred from the asylum at all.

Undoubtedly the use of the probe on state institutions, and especially on the asylum, the penitentiary and the Home for the Feeble Minded, will be continued by this Legislature, by reason of the astonishing misuse of funds, extravagance and unbusinesslike methods shown to have prevailed. The temper of the members of the House was shown by the incidents marking the conclusion of the reading of the report.

Fraternal Regulation Provided.

Regulation of the fraternal benefit societies of the state and their supervision by the insurance commissioner is provided by a bill introduced by the insurance committee of the House. The bill was drafted by State Insurance Commissioner Koser and has been indorsed by the National Fraternal Congress and the Associated Fraternities of America. One of the provisions of the bill gives these societies a prescribed time in which to bring their rates up to a basis that will insure fulfillment of their membership certificates.

Constitutional Amendments Proposed.

Two proposed constitutional amendments appeared in the House in the form of resolutions. Clyde of Multnomah proposes an amendment which abolishes capital punishment and limits the pardoning power of the governor.

Provision for a Lieutenant-governor is provided by another constitutional amendment proposed by Representative Powell. This amendment fixes the salary of such officer at \$1,200 per annum except at such times as he shall be filling the office of governor, when he shall receive the regular salary of that official.

Changes in Election Laws.

Changes in the election laws are proposed by a number of bills before the Legislature. Senator Barrett of Washington has introduced a resolution raising the percentage of voters necessary to inaugurate an initiative petition from 8 per cent to 20 per cent and for the referendum from 5 to 10 per cent.

Senator Carson has a bill requiring county assessors to register electors. This, he contends, is a way of reaching all voters and saves them the trouble of going to the court house, especially those living in the country. Representative Gill has a bill in the House which provides for a certificate of registration on which an elector can vote when not at home. It also provides that electors need not register more than once when they have not moved from their precinct. This does away with repeated registrations. The certification of registration contains a complete description of the elector, down to the color of his eyes and any physical peculiarities. These markings are to prevent another voting on the certificate.

Would Pay Students' Railway Fares.

A bill which is intended to appease the friends of the Ashland and Weston normal school by paying the traveling expenses of students living more than 100 miles from the Monmouth school was introduced in the Senate. Students from the Ashland and Weston territory, who will now be compelled to go to Monmouth, will be materially aided if the bill goes through. In order to secure payment of their traveling expenses students living over 100 miles from Monmouth must graduate and teach for at least 16 months afterwards.

Anti-Trust Law Introduced.

An anti-trust law, which is intended to hit all combinations in restraint of trade, was introduced in the Senate by Joseph of Multnomah and may loom as one of the large measures of the session. It is modeled largely after the Sherman law, and hits at trusts or combinations formed in restraint of trade. The bill aims to eliminate all contracts to combina-

BIG VALUES IN HOGS

MANY PORKERS ARE PUT ON
THE LOCAL MARKET.

Progressive Polk County Farmers
Load Nearly \$2000 Worth
For Portland.

The past week can well be christened "hog week," in this city, as hogs have been pouring into town by the wagon loads.

Clark Hembree, Hank Mattison and a Mr. Stewart having sold several carloads to W. W. Percival, a local buyer, the consideration aggregating in the neighborhood of \$2000.

The market quotation on hogs for the past few days is 10½ and 11½. This is no doubt the cause for the above named stock men selling at the same time.

This county has a record for bringing the highest prices on hogs and sheep, in fact it leads the entire Northwest in these lines.

The hog crop is making money for the Oregon farmers when grain would not do it if the grain were sold on the market. Good cattle feed in connection with hogs gives more hope of profit than for many years.

It is evident from the large shipments which go out from Independence and other Polk county towns that the farmers have these lines distinctly developed. With the prevailing prices for hogs, cattle, sheep, and horses, there is money on the farm for the Oregon farmer. Each year the conditions on the farm are improving and the farmer who can sell from his ranch, nearly \$1,200 worth of pork is prosperous and no doubt happy.

This line of industry ought to be highly encouraged by every farmer and every business man in the Polk county towns. With an excellent market at our very door and the shipping facilities that Independence affords, this section is fast becoming recognized as a country of more than ordinary importance.

Total of Pupils Regulates Pay.

Representatives Belknap and Thompson have introduced a bill which proposes a uniform basis for computing the salary for county school superintendents of the state. The bill provides that the salary of the school superintendent of each county shall be \$1,000, and in addition thereto \$100 for every 1,200 children in his county as shown by the last annual school census. No superintendent, however, is to receive a salary in excess of \$2,500.

\$150,000 Asked for Capitol.

An appropriation of \$150,000 is recommended by the House committee on capitol buildings and grounds for the construction of the state house grounds, east of the building, of a building of sufficient size for the accommodation of the state library, the supreme court, the library commission, the railroad commission and the attorney-general.

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, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup, Whooping cough, all bronchial troubles, its supreme Trial bottle free. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

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.

TEACHERS' MEETING

To be Held at Independence in
February

Supt. H. C. Seymour has arranged for another of those successful meetings of teachers, this one to be held at Independence on Saturday, February 4, 1911. The meeting held at Falls City on January 7, was pronounced by all teachers present to be one of the best and most successful they had ever attended, and all agreed that the teachers who missed that meeting lost something that they should have had in their school work. Prof. J. W. Livingston, who gave instruction at Falls City on "The Verb and the Pronoun" also "Learning to Read" was a success and the way he handled it meant that all teachers present would return to their work stronger in those lines than when they came to the meeting.

State Supt. L. R. Alderman gave an instructive address on the "Future of the Schools of Oregon," which was appreciated by all. The lecture in the evening by Prof. Livingston was considered one of the best ever given in the County along that line. Now the meeting at Independence will be as good if not better than the Falls City meeting and every teacher in the county owes it to her school to attend as many of these meetings as possible.

On Friday evening, January 26, Prof. J. W. Livingston will give a lecture at the Independence High School on "The Challenge of the Twentieth Century." This lecture has been reported as one of his best and every teacher should hear it if possible.

On Saturday, the following program will be given: Opening exercise, J. W. Livingston, "Mastering the Pronoun," J. W. Livingston, Reading to Learn, J. W. Livingston, Question Box, "What we as Directors expect from Teachers," C. L. Spedding, Chairman, Independence School Board.

REAL ESTATE IS MOVING

A Few Deals That Were Recently Consumated by the Independence Real Estate Company.

171 acres of the F. A. Sloan farm to S. J. Bennet, consideration \$12,600.00.

12 acres of the C. A. Cooper farm to A. P. Kirkland, consideration \$17,000.00.

The A. J. Butler property located on Monmouth street, to The Spaulding Logging Co., consideration \$2000.

The Butler house and two lots to Mrs. Dunsmore, consideration \$1800.

The Mrs. Vannortrick house and lot on 4th street to Homer Mills, consideration \$350.00.

The F. A. Cole house and lot in the Old Town, to Viola Schelegel, consideration \$350.00.

The J. P. Morgan house and one acre on 7th street, to A. G. Gilliland, consideration \$850.00.

The W. S. Kurree bungalow located on 3rd street, to S. H. Roberts, consideration \$2000.00.

The John Dickinson farm of 40 acres to Dr. Dunsmore, consideration \$1250.00.

The members of the Independence Real Estate Company are Wm. Dawes, R. E. Ferguson and E. E. Tripp who are all favorably known to the business men of Independence and any business entrusted to them will be fully attended to.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT

While hunting last Friday afternoon Roy Carnack accidentally shot himself through the hand with a revolver.

Although the wound was not fatal the boy lost a great deal of blood before medical attendance could be obtained.

The boys were examining the mechanical parts of the revolver when it was discharged, the bullet passing through his hand.

It is not thought that he will lose his hand.

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

ROAD SHOW WORST EVER

COMPANY FAILS TO MAKE GOOD
IN INDEPENDENCE.

Theatre Gowers of This City Fail
to Appreciate Efforts of
Road Company.

The Orpheum Road show, about the worst aggregation of "barnstormers" that ever bilked an audience, (dis)graced the boards at the opera house last Saturday night. A very fair patronage was tendered them, and after nearly an hour of waiting beyond the regular time for an entertainment to begin, the curtain laboriously way skyward and the first stunt of the "high-class vaudeville" program was launched.

The show opened with a very clever contortion act by W. Forbs and Kate Kid. They were really good, that is, Forbs "contorted" commendably—and we are willing to concede a few laurels to Kate as well, for although she had only to stand perfectly still and hold a pocket kerchief, she seemed to have absolute control of her faculties during this most trying ordeal and sustained her part well.

Then came "Norba," the mystifying, science baffling Norba. After a two minute speech by "itself" behind the curtain, the canvas was raised and this awe-inspiring creature was revealed to the waiting, breathless audience. How can we describe "it"? That it is a thing alive is beyond doubt, but why it should be exhibited is still a matter more mystifying to the patrons of the show than any of "its" silly maneuvers.

Madam Hudson was good—very good, in her way. But as the Madam "weighs" only 130 averdupois, and did not essay to do any thing more startling than to invite any man in the house to lift her, her part in the graft is in a measure excusable.

Sandow the second, "King Hudson" next performed. We have not learned just what the "King" intended to do. But what he really accomplished however, was to grasp an iron rod, about the size of a lead pencil, and bend it a few times, holding it between his massive jaws. Then he piled a few chairs in the middle of the stage, and after letting them tumble down he made his get-away. Great man, is the King, but his ambition for the stage has deprived some nice little town of what might have made a fine, big burley blacksmith.

The strong man was followed by a poor excuse of single handed minstrel—ay—a lone nigger, who made a weak attempt at monologue. This was too much for the "spit row" in the balcony, and the curtain just saved the coon from being "soaked" with a cabbage. Some one from behind scenes announced that the agony was over, and the audience dispersed as quietly as could be expected under the circumstances. The show was without a redeeming feature, and it is just such fakers as this Orpheum Road Show, that kill the patronage of deserving companies when one of the latter happens to come this way.

MAIL CARRIERS HAPPY

Postmaster Merwin received a telegram Tuesday from Congressman Hawley, advising him that he had been successful in getting the salary of rural mail carriers raised to one thousand dollars per year. This information brings a heap of joy to the mail carriers in Independence.

Mr. Hawley is doing things for Oregon people this year and is making a reputation that he and his many friends will be proud of.

OLD SOLDIER TORTURED

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right they're simply great." Try them for any stomach liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c at all druggists.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE

The first series of the debates of the Polk County High School Debating League will be held next Friday night, January 27. This is the first of a series of two debates and in case of a tie the teams being will debate again and settle the tie.

Each school is represented by six debaters and these form a team of three affirmative and three negative debaters. All affirmative teams travel and the negative teams remain at home meeting the visiting affirmative team. All points won by the debaters from a school are counted for that school and at the close of the series the school having won the most points will be declared the winners of the league and will receive the cup given last year by Supt. H. C. Seymour to the team or school winning the greatest number of points, the cup to remain the property of the school winning it two years in succession. Falls City school won last year. All debates will be held on Friday night, January 27, excepting the one in Dallas, which, owing to the Basketball game between Porage Wis. and Dallas, will not be held until Saturday night, January 28.

The question is: Excepting all reference to the last election, Resolved: That the method of Single Taxation should be adopted.

The teams will meet each other as follows:—Independence at Falls City, Falls City at Perrydale, Perrydale at Bethel, Bethel at Monmouth, Monmouth at Dallas, Dallas at Independence.

Every one interested in education and interested in the tax question, should attend some of these debates.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk county will hold the regular examination for applicants for State and County papers at the county court house in Dallas, Oregon, as follows:

For state papers, commencing Wednesday, February 8, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, February 11 at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Spelling, Physical Geography, Reading, Psychology.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Bookkeeping, Physics, Civil Government.

Friday—Algebra, Geography, Composition, Physiology, English Literature, School Law.

Saturday—Botany, Plane Geometry, General History.

For County papers, commencing Wednesday, February 8, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 10 at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Orthography, Reading, Physical Geography.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Physiology.

Friday—Geography, School Law, Civil Government, English Literature.

Respectfully,
H. C. Seymour,
School Superintendent, Polk County, Oregon.

WOODMEN AND CIRCLE INSTALL

The W. O. W. and Clover Leaf Circle held joint installation in their lodge rooms last Friday evening at which time following officers were installed for the Circle: Guardian Neighbor, Kathrine Jones, Past G. N., Mrs. Fluke, Advisor, Letitia Pervine, Attendant, Nellie Ford, Clerk, Nettie Bohannon, Banker, Cora Hubbard, Magician, Margaret Whitney, Inner Sentinel, Nellie Graves, Outer Sentinel, Mary Ball.

After the work was finished a grand banquet was set before the members present. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and other amusements.

As all the candidates were not present the Woodmen were unable to install the entire list.

No need to take the statement of someone living far away as evidence. Here's a case right in this locality. E. Woods, 22 North 5th St., Salem, Ore., says: "It gives me pleasure to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Although I have never used this remedy myself, it has been taken by members of my family for kidney and bladder trouble with good results." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.