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The Crisis at Salem.

IT is a critical situation at Salem. The legislature is embroiled with Governor Pierce. The house organization is embroiled with the joint ways and means committee. The appropriations necessary to the carrying of current state activities have not been made. Revenues to meet necessary appropriations are insufficient. The governor says he will not permit the levying of an additional tax on tangible property to meet them, and demands that provision be made through special taxes. The ways and means committee shows inclination to comply with the governor's demands. The house organization and many leaders in both branches refuse.

The 40 days prescribed by the constitution for a legislative session have expired. The legislature is performing overtime service. Its pay has stopped. Everybody is under stress of anger or resentment or anxiety to get through. Members who are interested in special measures of their own see danger that the legislature will never get to consideration of them. They are ready to trade and barter; to give support to other measures in exchange for assurance of consideration and support for their own. Disposition of measures under such conditions is not likely to be determined on their merits. The log-rolling process is in its full flower. In such a situation almost anything can happen, and from what does happen under such conditions the public usually gets little better than the short end.

The governor blames the legislature for the snarl and the legislature blames the governor. There is blame to be placed on both sides. Neither has striven so hard for the public weal as for having its own way.

There is yet time for the governor and the legislature to get together and adjust necessary things from the standpoint of the public interest. There will be time enough afterwards for recriminations as to who brought on the crisis. What the governor and the legislature owe to the people now is to clear up the crisis.

An Editor's History of Oregon.

THE written works of an editor do not live unless they are given expression through channels other than his newspaper columns. The editor may be a true leader of the thought of his generation; his work may be of vast value and interesting for its economic, historical and ethical teachings and its literary excellence, and the principles which he inculcates through it may become permanently established within the zone of his influence by aid of his efforts, but his editorials will not be read or quoted or remembered by succeeding generations, for the newspaper from day to day is an evanescent thing.

Harvey W. Scott, late editor of The Oregonian, has been the outstanding editor of Oregon's journalistic history up to now. He was a man of towering intellect, a profound thinker and a brilliant scholar. For more than 40 years he wrote for The Oregonian and directed its editorial policy. He brought to his work, besides the qualifications already named, a tireless industry. The brilliancy of his writings was recognized alike by those who agreed with him and those who differed from him. His complete command of basic background-facts concerning every subject that he discussed was the admiration of all who read his writings.

Mr. Scott's interest was bound up in the newspaper that he edited, and he sought no published avenues of expression outside of its columns. One of the subjects on which he wrote best and with greatest authority was Oregon history. Himself a member of a pioneer family who had come to Oregon from Illinois in 1852, he had seen that history in the making and had part in it. Much of what he wrote on the subject was from personal knowledge of his own. The rest was from first hand information and from original delving in the records. Within the period of his editorship he wrote and published in The Oregonian articles which in their mass entirely carried every essential event and step and every pertinent phase of the beginnings, the rise, the growth and the development of the Oregon country.

That this vastly valuable and humanly written record did not meet the fate of future obscurity, for the reasons set out in the beginning of this article, is due to the enterprise, ability and devoted effort over a period of years of a son of the late editor, Leslie M. Scott. The younger Scott has taken from the newspaper files in which his father's work appeared these editorials. He has cross-indexed, annotated and appended them and has so arranged their sequence that they form a consecutive compilation. He has supplemented them with some few articles from addresses prepared and given by the elder Scott, and with some valuable contemporaneous articles of other origins. The result is an authoritative and complete work which has been published in six volumes, entitled "History of the Oregon Country," and which is, in the view of qualified critics who have scanned the work, in many respects the most valuable contribution yet made to the historical literature of Oregon.

In the work preparatory to compilation Leslie M. Scott recovered, scanned and selected from more than 10,000 articles of Harvey W. Scott's authorship. This statement of fact gives a glimpse of the magnitude of the task which he has performed. That he was actuated by no purpose of financial gain (the edition of the work is limited to 500 copies) but sought only to perpetuate his father's lifework and to make a contribution of value to Oregon literature, adds to the appreciation that public opinion will accord his effort.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Reprisals Threatened (Salem Capital Journal) Legislatures of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina have passed resolutions of protest in opposition to enactment of legislation discriminatory against cotton-seed oil producers in Oregon and other western states. A call has been issued for governors of the ten southern states to cooperate

in presenting a solid front against the enactment of measures taxing oleomargarine and other cotton-seed oil products. "If they boycott us, we might retaliate by boycotting them," suggests Governor Walker of Georgia. Some such retaliatory measures would undoubtedly follow passage of legislation in northern states designed to aid northern farmers by discriminating against southern farmers, which would interfere with the cordial relations existing between the states by forcing economic hardships on the southern states.

If the protective and discriminatory tariff idea spreads among the various states, where will it end? The south may put a reprisal tax upon our prunes, apples, cherries, canned goods, lumber, paper and other products, which would seriously cripple our markets and the entire situation create sectional animosity menacing the solidarity of the nation.

This paternalistic theory of appealing to the state to create class prosperity by destroying the prosperity of other producers, at public expense, may be good local politics but it is mighty poor economics.

The Seaside Normal (Astoria Budget)

The state legislature, recognizing the need of more normal schools in the state for the preparation of public school teachers, has voted to place upon the ballot at the next election a bill to provide for a normal school at Seaside.

As a site for a normal school, Seaside has advantages which cannot be overlooked. Not the least of these is the housing facilities at nominal costs during the school period, owing to the large number of summer homes which are vacant and for rent during nine months of the year.

The public schools of Seaside are large enough to serve as a good laboratory for the normal school. The city of Seaside offers the state a free site for its building, an inducement not to be disregarded in this day of high taxes and insufficient public funds.

It will not be an easy matter, however, to convince the voters of the state of the justification for further normal schools and a thoroughly organized campaign will be necessary to secure an endorsement at the polls.

News of the Day (Grants Pass Courier)

Much distress of all natural caves may have been caused by the tragedy at Sand Cave. If that is so, the Oregon Caves may come in for their share of this. As a matter of fact, however, there is absolutely no reason for anyone to have fears of entering the Oregon Caves as they are as safe as the open air. Composed as they are of marble, there is not the slightest possibility of a cave-in. Might as well stay away from Cater Lake for fear of an eruption from the extinct crater. But then many timid souls may be influenced by the stories from Sand Cave, and not give thought to the great difference in the rock structure.

In Lighter Vein

Experienced. (London Opinion)

A telephone girl was recently successful in a crossword competition, so she should be. She must have many new cross words.

No Hope. (London Opinion)

He—"They say she has decided to marry a struggling young author." She—"Well, if she has decided, he may as well stop struggling."

Shattered Hopes. (American Legion Weekly)

"Do you ever take anything?" asked the old roamer casually. "Sometimes," replied the new boarder, brightening up. "Then be careful," advised the old roamer, "for our lamplight is very flimsy about napping towels and silverware."

Class in Kitchen. (The Humorist)

Lady—"Have you been accustomed to have a kitchen maid under you?" Cook—"In these days we never speak of having people 'under us,' but I have had colleagues."

Age Uncertain. (The Progressive Grocer)

Mrs. Bing—"Oh, I was there twelve years, would be most definite." Mr. Bing—"What's the difficulty, my dear?" Mrs. Bing—"This one tells how to use up old potatoes, but it does not say how the old potatoes must be."

There Will Be. (London Answers)

"Are you going away?" "Yes, to America." "By which ship?" "By airship." "But there is no airship service." "There will be by the time my wife is ready."

Tom Sims Says

LONDON news today. Man left his fortune to a girl who refused to marry him. Her kindness was never forgotten.

Will Florida send Bryan to congress? If she doesn't her realtors will be overlooking some valuable advertising.

Scientist sees something moving on the moon. Wonder if by chance it could be fleas from the dog star?

A doctor finds cold weather makes the hair grow. Our bald readers might try sleeping in the ice box.

"Heavy Snow Falls," says a Canadian headline, as if they expected heavy snow to do otherwise.

Smile and the world smiles with you; laugh and you are boisterous.

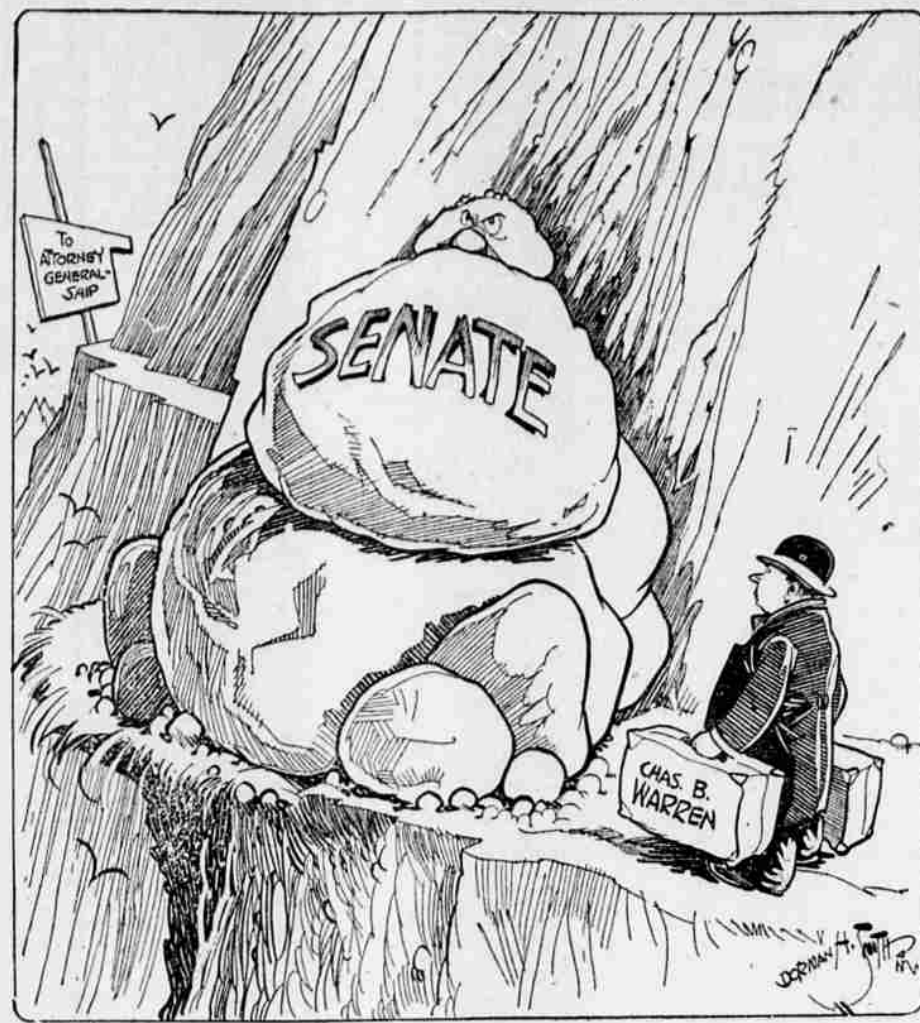
A good man is hard to find, but, according to the police, not half as hard as a bad one.

The man worth while is the man who can smile when the world goes along like a radio set.

Cross dictionaries are selling fast. News-word puzzles make us want the last word in dictionaries.

Thirty girls at an eastern school say they have never kissed a man, but they don't say what man.

Another Blocked Passage



VIEWS DIFFER ON AIR PROGRAMME

Experts All Want Development of Flying Forces But No Two Agree on How It Should Be Carried Through.

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The aviation problem is one of the hardest puzzles the administration and congress are wrestling with just now. Experts' views are very divergent. All want development but no two want it along the same lines.

The lawmakers are beginning to discover that airplanes are not as cheap as enthusiasts have represented. The cost of a plane is a mere bagatelle compared with the cost of a battleship or even a cruiser but there have to be dozens of times as many well-stay away from Cater Lake for fear of an eruption from the extinct crater.

Budget Director Lora complains of an overlapping of army and navy aviation activities, of the duplication of effort and expense. He wants a fusion system to eliminate this.

Maj. Gen. Patrick and Brig. Gen. Mitchell of the army air service favor placing both army and navy services under a single executive head, an army man. Rear Admiral Moffett of the navy air service says such an arrangement would take good care of the army but leave the navy unprotected.

Secretary of the Navy Willbur agrees with Admiral Moffett but Secretary of War Weeks disagrees with Gen. Patrick and Mitchell. Mitchell really is the most hounded aviation man in Washington. Patrick and Moffett are just as enthusiastic but Moffett holds the air services to be no more than army and navy arms and Patrick considers the combined services a military arm in a general way.

Secretaries Weeks and Willbur take the same position that the tendency of the army and navy is to develop air forces of distinctive character, radically different in organization, methods, plan of operations and machine types.

The two secretaries argue that the army and navy have separate missions. The army fights on land and the navy on the water. Land fighters have no business at sea, except possibly on their way to some other shore where land fighting is to be done. Sea fighters have no business on land, except occasionally temporarily, as when small forces of marines are landed.

Both branches of the service need aircraft—to help them, not to fight independently. To get just the kind of help they need the army commander should have aviators under his command and the navy commander should have them under his command.

and is depreciated by the health department.

Fashion note: Hip flasks are going out of style. In its place the quart bottle is now being carried in the overcoat pocket. It holds more than the ordinary flask.

Ed Fogz, manager of the Roosevelt is the only hotel man in town who acts as a personal greeter to hotel guests. He spends an hour in the lobby in the morning, two at noon, and an hour before and after dinner in the evening, "passing the time of day" with in-comers and outgoers.

Your Income Tax

This is the eleventh of a series of articles explaining the income tax to the layman. It has been prepared in view of recent changes in the income tax law.

By R. A. CONKEY (Tax Consultant) GENERALLY speaking, "tax-free" bonds contain a clause whereby the issuing corporation agrees to pay the interest thereon as it matures, without deduction for any tax or taxes which the corporation may be required by law to deduct or retain therefrom. The law requires the corporation issuing bonds of this class to withhold 2 per cent of the interest paid, although the owner actually receives the full amount of the interest due.

This is explained as follows: The debtor corporation pays to the owner of the bond 98 per cent of the interest, retaining for remittance to the government the 2 per cent which it is required by law to withhold. However, in the performance of its "tax-free" covenant, it pays to the owner of the bond, from other funds, a sum equal to the 2 per cent withheld.

These operations for convenience take the form of a single transaction, in which the owner of the bond receives 100 per cent of the interest payable. It will be seen, therefore, that the actual cost to the debtor corporation is 102 per cent of the amount of such interest.

The act provides that the taxpayer needs not include as additional income the 2 per cent withheld on interest received on "tax-free" covenant" bonds, other than the interest earned on the net income to the owner of the bonds and required that it be returned.

In cashing coupons from bonds which contain a "tax-free" covenant" clause it is required by law that an ownership certificate be filed with the coupon showing who is the owner of the coupon, the amount of the coupon, name of debtor corporation, title of bond, etc. If the owner is the taxpayer, the regulations under some of his income tax he is allowed to claim exemption from the withholding.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Thus saith the Lord, call unto me, and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.—Jeremiah, 33:2, 3, 4.

Bible Question

(Look Up the Answer) Is there strength in wisdom. Prov. 24:5.

which he does by filing a yellow ownership certificate upon which the debtor corporation is not required to withhold the 2 per cent. If, however, the owner is one who is subject to the payment of income tax he is required to file a white ownership certificate upon which the company must withhold, and pay to the government, 2 per cent of the amount thereof. Ownership certificates are required only in case of bonds containing the "tax-free" covenant" clause.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of Feb. 23, 1906)

P. J. Jennings came out from the Bohemia mines yesterday. He reports only about four feet of snow on the summit of the mountains, and predicts an early spring.

The machinery in Dyer's old planing mill, near the depot, has been sold to George Midgley, and George N. Frazer. Truckmen were busy removing the same to the purchasers' respective places of business today.

Dr. George Wall is a visitor in Eugene today from Cottage Grove.

C. H. Park left by horseback today for the Bohemia mines where he will be for some time.

Seney Bros. last night sold 144 bales of hops at 6 3/4 cents a pound.

The tannery made quite a shipment of leather today.

Prof. C. A. Burden and the University of Oregon indoor baseball team arrived home today from Coquille.

There are seven prisoners in the county jail.

Oregon Briefs

The first shipment of black spotted trout eggs has started to arrive at the Nacumnum river hatchery, 200,000 being delivered this week.

Prospects for good crops and fat stock were never better at this season of the year, according to reports from Grant county.

Lebanon is inaugurating a building program for the coming season in which more than a mile of street paving will be a part.

The Coos Bay Rotary club will send more than half its members to the district conference which is to be held in Portland March 22, 23 and 24.

By an almost unanimous vote the taxpayers of Reidge in Coos county have decided to build a new six-room schoolhouse to cost \$12,500.

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railroad has been placed in the hands of a receiver. C. H. Demary of Grants Pass being named by Judge U. M. Thomas.

Frank E. Russell, owner of the Waukena hotel at Hood River, has purchased the new Summer hotel at La Grande and will operate the two houses as links in a chain of tourist hotels.

Forty-five boys of the Seaside Central grammar school have joined cooking clubs, according to E. W. McMinde, in charge of the boys' and girls' club work in the county.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL THE American Federation of Labor announces that it will continue the campaign for the child labor amendment, even though it is temporarily defeated. An amendment is permanently pending until passed, so time is always on the side of the proponents. Theoretically, this privilege of ratification continues forever.

There are two amendments legally pending for ratification now, one providing that congress shall not have more than one member for each 50,000 population, and the other that increase in congressional salaries shall not take effect until an election has intervened.

Since the first would now authorize a congress of 2200 members, it is useless. The other is doubtless superfluous, but it is unobjectionable. These amendments were submitted in 1790, and, never having been ratified, are still pending. Let us hope that the child labor amendment will not have to wait so long.

MR. GARNER BETTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The condition of Representative Garner of Texas, who is ill with pneumonia, was reported today as virtually unchanged from yesterday when considerable improvement was noted. He was said to have rested easily during the night.

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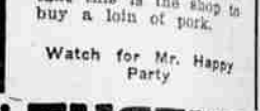
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