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Two Soldier Bills Before Legislature

"Two soldiers' bonus bills for ex-service men are completed and one measure has been introduced in the Senate.

That one of them will pass is almost a certainty—which one is very much of an uncertainty. Whether either or both bills will provide for submission to the people, or whether the legislators have sand enough to pass it and take the responsibility, is also speculation. The loan bill calls for submission to the voters.

"The loan bill also provides for four loans up to a \$200 limit, made to former service men with honorable discharges, who were residents of Oregon at the time of the war and who are still residents, on the basis of \$100 for each month in service; the loan to be for the purpose of acquiring home property or improvement of property already owned, the loan to be secured by mortgage on such property. The loan is not to exceed 75 per cent of the cash value of such property and will carry 4 per cent interest.

"The bonus bill provides for a payment of \$25 for each month of service to both males and females in the army, navy or marine wings of service, who were residents of Oregon during the war and are still residents, and would extend to include the grade of captain. No such compensation is to be allowed to persons who were in training camps at the time of the war's closing, or to conscientious objectors or men who receive additional compensation such as in the spruce camps, etc., or to soldiers who have already received state benefits in excess of what would be their allowance under this bill." —Banner-Courier.

Four weeks from tomorrow, it will be moving day at the White House, one man going in and the other out. Vale et Ave!

Down at Salem

Senator Bruce Dennis, who is also editor of the La Grande Observer, has been unbooming himself in his paper about his experiences in the legislature. In a characteristic vein he gives a very interesting resume of the week's happenings, part of which we here reproduce:

"We find that Oregon is a big state; that there are many conflicting interests; that there are men schooled in the art of "getting things." But be it said correctly that this state senate is about as independent a bunch of "highbinders" as was ever gathered together. Even the boys on the metropolitan press admit this fact, and be it further understood that those boys who have been covering the legislature for many years know whereof they speak. The "press table" has a decided effect on legislation in Oregon."

"Men dig their political graves," to use the expression of my old friend Senator Pierce, by a slip of the tongue which is immediately caught by alert newspaper men and placed on the wires."

"Many a plan that seemed feasible to a legislator when he was at home, on the ranch, or in his office, is shown unworkable when applied to the state as a whole, and in this newspaper men figure quite extensively for their judgment is always good, and usually they give everyone who consults them a square deal and the benefit of their knowledge."

The disagreement of the jury in the Lotisso trial for the murder of his 18 year old wife provokes the comment, that one never knows what a jury will do. There was no denial that he committed the shooting, but his lawyers made him the victim of a brainstorm, caused by some injury to his head, and then cast slurs on the fidelity of his wife. This bunk evidently won over some of the jurors. The unwritten law has been worked to a frazzle and it is time that a halt should be called on its superseding the written law.

Severe storms have been raging along the coast doing a great deal of damage. Those who have only been to the coast during the summer have no idea of the ferocity of the sea in a storm. It is an awe inspiring spectacle as the immense waves roll in and with thundering crash hurl themselves on the beach. There are two splendid descriptions of a storm at sea, one is in Psalm 107 and the other in one of the books of Virgil's Aeneid.

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