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OREGON WEATHER

Rain tonight in west and rain or snow in east. Tuesday fair. Northwesterly winds.

THE SPECIAL SESSION

The special session of the legislature completed its labors early Sunday morning after a strenuous week at the state capital. The Courier did not believe that there was emergency that would justify the calling of the session, and the results bear out the thought that it would never have been called except that Olcott was seeking cover in the woman suffrage situation.

The outstanding feature of the session was the expression on every occasion of a lack of confidence of the body in the accidental chief executive of the state. This was most pronounced when the legislature, which is composed of a better-than-usual type of legislators, enacted a bill for a new fish and game commission. It was announced on many occasions by the members that the law as passed and signed, which provides for the election of the commission by the legislature itself, was not right in principle and would not work satisfactorily in practice, but anything seemed to it better than to take chances with Olcott. He had already thrown too many monkey wrenches into the state machinery, and the legislature was bound to protect Oregon by giving him as little occasion for further damage as possible. The legislature stated as plainly as was possible that it considered Olcott a blunderer and an incompetent, and it tried to find some way in which he could be jarred loose from a position in which the public has said it did not want him, and in which he has established himself through a musty precedent that is based upon neither good law nor common sense.

The legislature was not anxious to serve at this time, and it hurried matters to the limit to get home within a week. As a consequence, a lot of legislation was jammed through in the final hours, and it will require some study to determine just what the net results of the session will be. However, if the term "Olcott's circus" is justified, it proved that Olcott was his own clown.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

The automobile has taken a large place in the business, the industrial and the social world, and is every

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day taking a larger place. The highways will within a very few years have been given over almost entirely to the gas-propelled vehicle, for the horse has now almost entirely disappeared from them. This vast increase in power-driven vehicles has brought with it a menace to the general public that can not be entirely controlled, but that will require stringent laws enforced without favor to protect the rights of the people from carelessness and incompetency. The rights of the other users of the highway must always be recognized by the driver, else accidents will happen that might have been avoided. There will be certain accidents upon the highways that are unpreventable, but nine out of ten that now occur would not occur if due care had been exercised.

One of the laws passed by the recent special session of the state legislature was for the licensing of automobile drivers, and it provides that no person will be permitted to drive an automobile in Oregon without a license. The permit can be secured on application to the secretary of state by any person over 16 years of age who is not mentally or physically deficient and who has had five days' experience in operating motor vehicles.

Those who have not had five days' experience, may apply for a learners' license, which will permit them to drive a car for a period of 15 days, provided they are accompanied by a licensed operator. If at the end of that period the operator is competent to drive a car, he can secure a license.

A license may be suspended or revoked by the secretary of state upon request of a magistrate, sheriff, chief of police, or city marshal. If the operator, within 30 days, fails to convince the secretary of state that he is a proper and competent person to drive, the permit is revoked for a period of one year. The penalty for violation of the act is \$400 fine, one year imprisonment, or both. The license may also be revoked for one year.

NOTICE

I am visiting my father, Mr. Fry, and my brother, Mr. M. J. Masiker, at 401 West G street, and on account of the feebleness of the former I am unable to call on the women of the town. I would appreciate it if you would drop in and see me, as I bring an important message to you on the Plan of Peace.

MRS. E. M. WEST.

War Souvenirs Blew Clubhouse to Bits. Explosion of souvenir shells brought from France caused the destruction of the Admiral Benson clubhouse for service men at Hoboken, N. Y.

Toads lay their eggs in strings.

TURNING SWORDS BACK TO PLOWSHARES AGAIN

London, Jan. 19.—Even the great Woolwich arsenal has turned from the manufacture of war material to the peaceful pursuits of trade. Ten thousand butter churns have been manufactured in the great building which during the war sent out vast quantities of munitions for use against the Germans.

The nickel purchased to manufacture bullets is being used in the arsenal to make five-cent pieces for British Honduras currency. There is a world shortage of locomotives and railway cars. To meet this it has been decided to manufacture these articles in the arsenal and work already is underway there on orders for 2,500 cars, 300 locomotives and for repair work on 700 cars.

This serves a double purpose. Thirty-thousand persons now are employed in the arsenal where 110,000 were at work in war time. Thousands of these men are skilled munition workers. By keeping these busy making locomotives and other peaceful products, the government not only gives them work but retains their services. In event of another war they could return immediately to the munition works in which they are skilled.

One of the side line products of the arsenal since the armistice has been the striking of 6,000,000 war medals.

SECOND PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS IS OPENED

Washington, Jan. 19.—Marked by the presence of leading financiers and business men of 21 republics of the western hemisphere, the second Pan-American financial congress opened here today for the consideration of international problems arising from the return of peace.

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CLOSE BASKETBALL CONTEST IS PLAYED

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"The Grants Pass girls played a splendid game. It was a hard contest, and a fight from start to finish. The first play of the evening left the Roseburg girls rather round-eyed. Almost before they could realize the game had started the local girls had made a basket.

"The girls here played fine team work and it can't be said that any girl was a star. The guards, Vera Robinson and Thelma Robinson played against heavy odds as one of the Roseburg forwards was much taller than any player on the Grants Pass team. The forwards, Lynetta and Vernetta Quinlan had the same trouble with the Roseburg guards, but were able to do their quick work regardless of it. The centers, Katherine Baker and Evelyn Anderson played a hard game also in keeping the ball from the Roseburg centers.

"There were no serious injuries but one of the local players was slightly hurt. The local team is looking forward to meeting Roseburg on the local floor, sometime next month.

Valuable Tool Chest.

War created many ingenious devices, developed in the time of stress to aid the fighting men on the battle front, but capable of adaption to the needs of peaceful industrial armies. One of these is a mobile tool chest, described in Popular Mechanics Magazine. It resembles a field artillery caisson, in which are packed implements and supplies in great variety and quantity, and is recommended for building contractors, lumbermen, road builders and others who require a compact, easily moved tool carrier. Among the articles packed in the box are shovels, mattocks, mallets, sledge hammers, pliers, wrenches, extra handles for axes and picks, ropes, pulleys and wire, besides many others.

Naughty Arthur.

David and Arthur shared a bed together, but did not get along well in doing so, for nearly every night there was some disturbance between them. "Well, what is the matter now?" mother called from the foot of the stairs one evening on hearing loud talking in their chamber. "A little voice flouted down to her: 'I can't get into bed, 'cause Arthur' kicked around in it till he's all unmade!'"

ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to a petition presented on January 16th, requesting that I become a candidate before the primary election on May 21st for the nomination of county clerk upon the Republican ticket, I take this means of announcing to the voters that I will become a candidate for such nomination and I solicit the support of the voters of the party.

F. L. COON.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Being too busy at this time to write personal letters Eclus Pollock takes this means of stating to those who have asked him to become a candidate at the primary election in May for nomination to the office of County Judge on the Republican ticket, and who are awaiting his decision, that his name will appear on the ballot at that time.

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