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### EIGHT HOUR LAWS COMING.

Eight-hour laws for women in all the industries are coming, and they will come the faster because of the employers' threats to replace women with men where eight hours for women are established by law. This is the conclusion of Senator Works, of California, sustained by Senator Jones of Washington, and Senator Kenyon of Iowa, after hearing the District of Columbia merchants' and laundry owners' protests against the eight-hour standard for women in the federal district.

Senator Works is particularly zealous in behalf of the improvement of conditions for female wage earners, whom he says are as a rule more reliable and painstaking than men. He bluntly told the Washington business men that the payment of wages in industrial plants at an average of \$5.45 per week was an incentive to immorality.

Senator Jones proposes that the amount of wages paid to each woman employe be posted publicly along with the number of hours she has worked each day, as provided in the LaFollette-Peters bill.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX.

Any public spirited man or woman ought to be willing to help maintain a public supply of good books at the rate of ten cents for every \$300 of his actual wealth. One-third of a mill on a dollar would be one cent on \$30, ten cents on \$300, one dollar on \$3,000. As property is ordinarily assessed at from 50 to 90 per cent of its real value the actual tax on a \$3,000 property would be about 75c, and for this small sum the taxpayer and his family would get all the books they could read in twelve months, and the children would have the benefit of the reference in their studies. The owner of a \$1,500 house would have the same privilege for 38 cents.

### TAXES ARE PAYABLE.

While Josephine county tax payers have been permitted the pleasure of making payment of their taxes for a week past, not many have yet liquidated their debt to the commonwealth, though they still have three weeks in which to take advantage of the rebate of three per cent that is allowed those who are early in making payment. This rebate is allowed on all taxes paid before March 15th. If the taxes are paid between March 15th and the first Monday in April no rebate will be given, neither will any penalty attach, but the full face of the tax will be demanded.

If your taxes are not paid on or before the first Monday in April, they will become delinquent, when there will be added a penalty of ten per cent and the tax will also draw interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum in addition to the penalty.

If you pay one-half of your taxes on or before the first Monday in April, then the remaining half may run up to and including the first Monday in October following, but if the last half of tax due is not paid by the first Monday in October, it becomes delinquent, and there will be added to such balance a penalty of ten per cent and in addition, such balance will bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the first Monday in April until paid.

On all personal property taxes, if one-half is not paid on or before the first Monday in April, the law compels the sheriff to levy upon and col-

lect the same after May 1st, hence to prevent a levy upon personal property after May 1st it will be necessary for one-half to be paid as above stated.

If the taxes are not paid either half or in full by August 1st, the property will be advertised, which cost will be added to the tax.

If the taxes are not paid by October 1st, a delinquent certificate may be issued for same which bears interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum.

### THE COW AND THE HOG ARE NEEDED.

The extension division of the Oregon Agricultural College has recently communicated with A. H. Carson, commissioner on the state board of horticulture for the third district, concerning a series of meetings in the interests of the dairying industry throughout the Grants Pass country. It is proposed that Professor Kent come here in the near future and hold public meetings at Grants Pass, Wilderville, Merlin and Murphy, and assist in the building up of the dairy interest.

The necessity for the development of the stock business in Josephine county is felt by all. For the past few years the energy of the community has been largely given to the planting and caring for orchards and dairying was neglected, though the outlying valleys have been increasing the dairy herds in the last year.

In the line of stock growing, a powerful object lesson was seen when that Applegate farmer came to this city the other day with two hogs that brought him \$78 in cash at a local market. These hogs were but one year of age, grown largely on alfalfa, and their 400 pounds of dressed weight each spoke eloquently of the adaptability of the country to swine raising.

Dairying and hog growing are closely allied industries, and the one should develop with the other. There is no danger of overproduction in either direction and the market is sure and profitable. The sooner fields of alfalfa are seen in every direction, and the succulent legume is converted into dairy products and pork, the sooner will prosperity come to stay. Fruit is all right if one's pocketbook is long enough to stand the wait, but while you are waiting for your orchard to come to bearing age your neighbor will be raking in the shekels with the cow and the porker.

### WEST AND SENATOR SMITH.

Governor West has made reply to Senator Smith's recent request regarding the attitude of the executive toward the Rogue river fish bill, the senator asking in a communication if he intended doing justice to the people of Josephine county, or if he proposed following the dictates of Jackson county democrats. The governor's reply was as follows:

"I am in receipt of yours of the 20th instant, in reference to the Rogue river fish bill, and wish to say that, should a bill affecting fishing in the said river be passed at this session of the legislature, my views on the subject will be made known either through my approval thereof, or by veto which will fully set out my reasons for its disapproval."

A Salem newspaper correspondent makes the following report upon the situation of the Rogue river bill:

"The statement by the governor as to his position relative to Rogue river fisheries legislation, while non-committal, is said to be somewhat different from that ascribed to him in the statements of several of his lieutenants. They have said that if the bill were not left in the same shape as when it passed the house, he would veto it.

"If the governor means to veto the bill because of changes, he will have the opportunity. When it came up in the senate Saturday afternoon it led to a warm debate in which there was an interchange of other than pleasantries, but a majority of

the members took the side of Senator Smith of Josephine, and an amendment was inserted to allow Grants Pass citizens three months' commercial fishing. Smith of Coos and Curry, declared that he had been assured the bill would not pass the house if amended, and in the event that it should, it would be vetoed by the governor. He was informed that the threat of the governor to veto a bill should have no weight with the legislators, that they should do what they thought right and await results.

"It was also asserted that Representative Reames should be taught at least one lesson, that he cannot dictate to the legislature, and that if he is not willing to accept the amendment he can let Rogue river commercial fishing go by the board.

"While a conference committee will be appointed, the Josephine senator now occupies the most advantageous position, as the bill must go through in its present form or lose, unless the senate shall recede from its present attitude, which does not seem at all likely. Either the failure of the bill or its passage in the amended form will be acceptable to Senator Smith."

### ELECTRIC LIGHT RATE CASE ARGUED.

The action brought by the California-Oregon Power Co. to restrain the city of Grants Pass from putting into effect the provisions of the new ordinance lowering rates charged by the corporation for electric current within the city was argued before the federal court in Portland Monday, City Attorney Colvig representing the city and Attorney A. C. Hough the power company. This suit is brought in a friendly spirit by the California-Oregon company to determine its position as regards rates within the city, the restraining order being asked to prevent the city from taking action under the ordinance pending the hearing to determine the legality of the ordinance and the reduction of rates ordered by the council.

Radical reduction in the rates which it was legal for the company to charge within the city was provided in the ordinance passed last summer. The California-Oregon company did not reduce the rates to meet the new law, and the council in January passed another ordinance to enforce the provisions of the first. The company has now taken the matter into the courts for adjudication.

Before the federal court the attorney for the California-Oregon company based his contention upon three main points. First, under ordinance No. 219, passed in 1905, it was maintained that the city gave the Condor Light and Water Co., which was succeeded by the present company, a franchise, under which the company could make its own rates. City Attorney Colvig answered this by arguing that the ordinance attempting to grant a perpetual franchise was not lawful, and that therefore its provisions would not hold.

The California-Oregon company argued in the second place that in 1910 Dr. J. C. Smith, then mayor, contracted with the company for lights for the cluster light service on the public streets at a stated price, which contract was still effective. Attorney Colvig's answer to this contention was that the city through the council had never authorized the contract, that it was void because not so authorized, and that as it provided for a contract of more than \$1,000 it would not be legal under the charter unless ratified by vote of the people. The expenditure under the contract would be about \$2,000 per annum.

The third point raised was that the state railway commission under the public utilities act had authority over the rates charged by public service corporations. Mr. Colvig's argument on this was that the public utilities act was not effective until November 5th, 1912, after it had

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been ratified by vote of the people, and that ordinance No. 598 was in force and effect for more than six months before the November election.

The judge has taken the case under advisement and will probably render his decision next Monday.

### COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR WARRANTS.

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants registered up to and including January 31st, 1910, and interest will cease January 31st, 1913.

A. E. PETERSON,  
County Treasurer.

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State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas county, ss.

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### BRING THE BABIES.

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### Public Utilities Bill Passes—

The senate Tuesday afternoon passed the public utilities bill permitting municipalities to build and operate railways within or without the municipality. This bill was introduced by Mr. Blanchard at the request of Mayor Smith, and is now in the hands of the governor, who will no doubt readily sign it.

good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

### A Word to the Men—

How would you feel if your wife told you that this year you would be compelled to work the farm with an ox and bull-tongue plow? It would go tough, wouldn't it? So it is tough for the housewife to take the old fashioned rubboard and do the family washing. Men, if you don't these statements, take a washboard and try one washing—that will be enough to convince you. Now, why not loosen up? Try an autocycle washer. City address, 513 G St., V. S. Grout, agent.

Girls, we want to send the Buck's dining room picture and the stories away about March 1. If you have not already sent your picture to us, do so at once. Rogue River Hardware Co.

## TREES TREES

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