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**THE LEGISLATURE**

The legislature spends half of its time correcting mistakes, either the mistakes of previous legislatures or of writers of bills. Bill after bill, and hour after hour it goes through all the formal motions sanctified under the rules just to change a few words or lines in existing laws or bills. True, the sense of laws can be changed radically by a few words, but it seldom is.

One gets the impression that the department officers, who do the work for the state, regard the legislators as something of a scourge inflicted upon them by an unkind fate, a flock of uninformed persons from the provinces who must be primed with routine information, fed with statistics and carefully instructed to keep them from upsetting things completely. The expression, "One never knows what a legislature will do", may as well be "The ways of God are strange."

There is ordinarily little argument about bills up for passage. The word of some sponsoring senator or representative or of some trusted committee that "it is a good bill and should pass" is usually enough to insure a favorable vote. Votes are canvassed before hand in many cases, as well, on important bills.

Regardless of the small ray meted out to Oregon legislators it is not to be wondered that they wish to return indefinitely. They are treated in Salem with all the courtesy accorded a rich uncle. It is senator this and the honorable Mr. so and so until it is a wonder personal egos are not strained beyond the bursting point. They seldom are, however, which is to the credit of human nature.

A sense of the ridiculous is too infrequent a part of the make-up of the human being it seems and this may account for some of the freak legislation always passed at each session. More Senator Strays and Representative Haight are needed to point to the laughable characteristics of some of the most foolish bills. One is reminded of the old Roman who said that those who were serious in ridiculous matters would be ridiculous in serious matters.

Certainly there is room for improvement on the present manner of making laws. Forty days are insufficient to permit legislators to pass on six to eight hundred bills. Maybe a divided session would be the solution, perhaps a longer session would be advisable, it is possible that some restriction on the number of bills would be advisable although it has dangerous possibilities. Close application to the original reasons for establishing the constitution of Oregon, "—to the end that justice be established, order maintained, and liberty perpetuated—", would make a lot of work unneeded.

**GIVE US MORE LOVE, OR MORE DISDAIN**

Winter is lingering overlong in the lap of spring. Perhaps this is not true by a strict observance of the calendar but some weeks ago there was promise of working weather and farmers are impatient to be about their job after the first few warm days. It is time for the weather man to turn on the heat or definitely rule out hopes of work by sending a big snow or heavy rain.

The fuzz-tails and Belgians have been driven in from the stubble fields and the tractors have been backed, in all their leviathan greatness, out of the sheds all ready for the year's work and here it is freezing nights again. Farmers don't like to be fooled that way. When the sun shines in the spring they are as anxious to be in the field as a fire horse is to be at the fire. They champ at the bit and fret. Now a good snow, such as the weather dispensers have not sent for some years, would send them back to their fireside again content with the delay for good snows are worth waiting on, but sunny days with frosty nights will not do it. Give us more snow or more more sun.

House bill No. 238, introduced by Representative Fatland, of this district, is designed to save some time for the legislature by giving county courts the duty of setting the salaries of all county officers except themselves. Their salaries will be set by an election. Every year there is a list of bills introduced in the legislature to change the pay of county officers. Very few of the members of the house and senate know the conditions and often vote blindly for the bills on the recommendation of the legislators from the district in which the county lies. County courts would know the conditions and are elected to represent the people of the county who pay the bills. There are varying conditions that should effect the pay of county officers. Some have deputies, some have none; counties vary widely in population, assessment, number of taxpayers, crime, legal work and all these should be taken into consideration. The county courts are most capable of judging on the matter and should be given jurisdiction.

... soldiers seems to have gone to  
 He's already to declare war to give them  
 a little practice.

**Grass Valley**

At a Theta Nu sorority evening, at Marsh hall Wednesday night of last week, at which members of the Alpha Zeta fraternity were entertained, a huge cake, appropriately decorated and bearing the names of Carolyn and Dale was brought into the chapter room by the sorority sisters in honor of the engagement of Miss Carolyn Woodford and Dale Baker, which had become known on the campus last week. Miss Woodford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Woodford, is a graduate of Forest Grove high school and a sophomore at Pacific university. Mr. Baker is a junior and comes from Grass Valley.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby in Portland, a seven pound daughter, Wednesday, February 13.

George Witter is working on the Kruzow ranch east of Moro putting up a windmill.

A joint birthday party was held at the Koepke ranch Sunday when Hans Koepke, Heinrich Peters and Edwin Peters had birthdays close together.

Bob Poley spent the week end here from his school work at Eugene.

The Stradley family spent Saturday in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sharp have returned to Sherman county and are now working on the Wilcox farm. They expect to remain all summer.

Florin Coon and wife have finished the work on their home and are installed in the new part of it.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson entertained the bridge club Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Dell Olds was hostess to the cast of the coming faculty play Tuesday night at her home.

The Newcomb house has been remodeled by Henry Roth and now has a much changed appearance internally.

The Public Speaking class of the high school was entertained Wednesday night with a formal dinner at the home of Miss Dorothy Olds. The valentine idea was predominant in the decorations and favors.

Friday evening the 22nd the high school band, aided by other high school pupils will give a recital for the purpose of raising money for band uniforms. Beside the band music several readings and vocal selections will be given.

**Grass Valley School Notes**  
 By Dorothy Fairchild.

Kent came to Grass Valley last Friday night to play off their scheduled game here. The grade school team played first. The Grass Valley Midgets won by the score of 32-9.

The girls game was not as close as had been expected after the close game that Kent played with Rufus. The G. V. forwards made enough of their shots good to defeat the opponents 28-11.

The first quarter of the boys game showed very efficient checking on the parts of both teams. It ended 5-3 in the Tiger's favor but their persistency broke thru Kents defense to make them the winners by 51 points the final score being 67-16.

After the games the players went to the lunch room where their hunger was appeased. The luncheon was followed by speeches made by various members of the teams and the referee, Mr. Goddard.

The game that will be played with Rufus on the local floor on Friday, February 15, is expected to be very good—especially that.

**ALMANAC**



"He who tastes every man's broth sometimes burns his mouth."

- FEBRUARY
- 12—First six day bicycle race is started at New York, 1899.
  - 13—Commercial food canning introduced in U. S., 1819.
  - 14—Ohio River rises 71 feet at Cincinnati, 1864.
  - 15—John Barrymore, stage and screen star, born 1882.
  - 16—General U. S. Grant captures Fort Donelson, Tenn., 1862.
  - 17—Tennis is first played in United States, 1874.
  - 18—Jefferson Davis inaugurated as Confederate president, 1861.

of the boys which is a championship game.

The various members of the glee club have received their ensignias. The little boats with the musical note and the word "Glee Club" on the masts proved very pleasing to those who were awarded them.

The Literature club held its regular meeting at the home of Katherine Burton last week at which time the new officers were installed. Also a new constitution, was accepted with small reservations.

During its class period on Friday, the Public Speaking class gave a banquet at which each person present was a representative from some country who was an advocate of international peace. Each speaker endeavored to use the dialect of the country thus represented.

"Mabeth" is being studied by the English IV class this week. Until it was read, this play was that of a sordid bit of literature that was too "deep" to be read by high school students but when it is dramatized, it becomes much simpler and more interesting.

On Sunday evening Marjorie Blake gave a dinner in honor of those who went to McMinnville. Mr. Rowe and the three debaters, besides Marjorie—Mildred Alley, Elton Eakin and Janet Wilcox, were invited.

**Kent News**

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bartlemay and children, Max Pluemke, and Ernest Smith motored to Portland Friday on business returning Saturday.

Ted Kelly, Anna and Jack Sather went to The Dalles Sunday, where Jack remained in the hospital for treatment, the former two returning Sunday night.

J. E. Norton, Mrs. Alfred Lyons and Phoebe Lyons were transacting business and shopping in The Dalles Friday.

Pauline Davis, who works in the County Agent's office at Moro, spent the week end here with her mother Mrs. Ida Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Hood River are visiting relatives at Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie and Mrs. Ida Davis were business visitors at Grass Valley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and Paul Wilson were shopping in The Dalles Tuesday.

J. M. Wilson, Arthur Justesen, L. W. Amick, J. C. Wilson, Wilbur Haggerty, Robert and Paul Schilling, Max Pluemke, and Alex McLennan were those from Kent attending the tractor show at Moro Tuesday.

The Home Economics Club is sponsoring a card party Thursday evening February 14th.

**KENT SCHOOL NOTES**

by Margaret Dunlap.  
 A few of the 4-H club leaders held a meeting last Friday to discuss plans for a banquet for the club members who finished their work last year. They decided to have it as soon as possible. The Home Economics club of the grade will be in charge.

Doctor Poley was a visitor at school Tuesday. He examined the children for skin diseases.

Evelyn Davis has invited the high school students to a party at her home this Friday. Practically everyone is planning to attend.

Mr. Knighten was at school last Friday for the purpose of getting the names of those who want to join the Forestry Club. The trees are going to be ordered soon.

The Kent teams met with a triple defeat last Friday night in the hands of the Grass Valley Tigers. The grade teams played a preliminary game which was followed by the girls game. It was one-sided as the Kent girls could not seem to get organized. The boys game was a good exhibition of team work but the Tigers won by a large margin. After the games the teams were served with refreshments which were greatly appreciated. Following this, speeches

were given by representatives from Borstel have earned reading certificates this week.

The upper grade room contributed several numbers for the program on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

The upper grade boys have completed a salt map of the Panama Canal. The primary room observed Abraham Lincoln's birthday with stories, recitations and a song.

The boys and girls in the primary room have been illustrating the story of milk by drawing pictures.

The sand table in the intermediate room holds three different models of the old mill and Jerry the Miller as conceived by the fourth grade reading class.

The intermediate room is enjoying the use of a new set of Source Books. Previously they have had to borrow from the upper graderoom when desiring to look up information.

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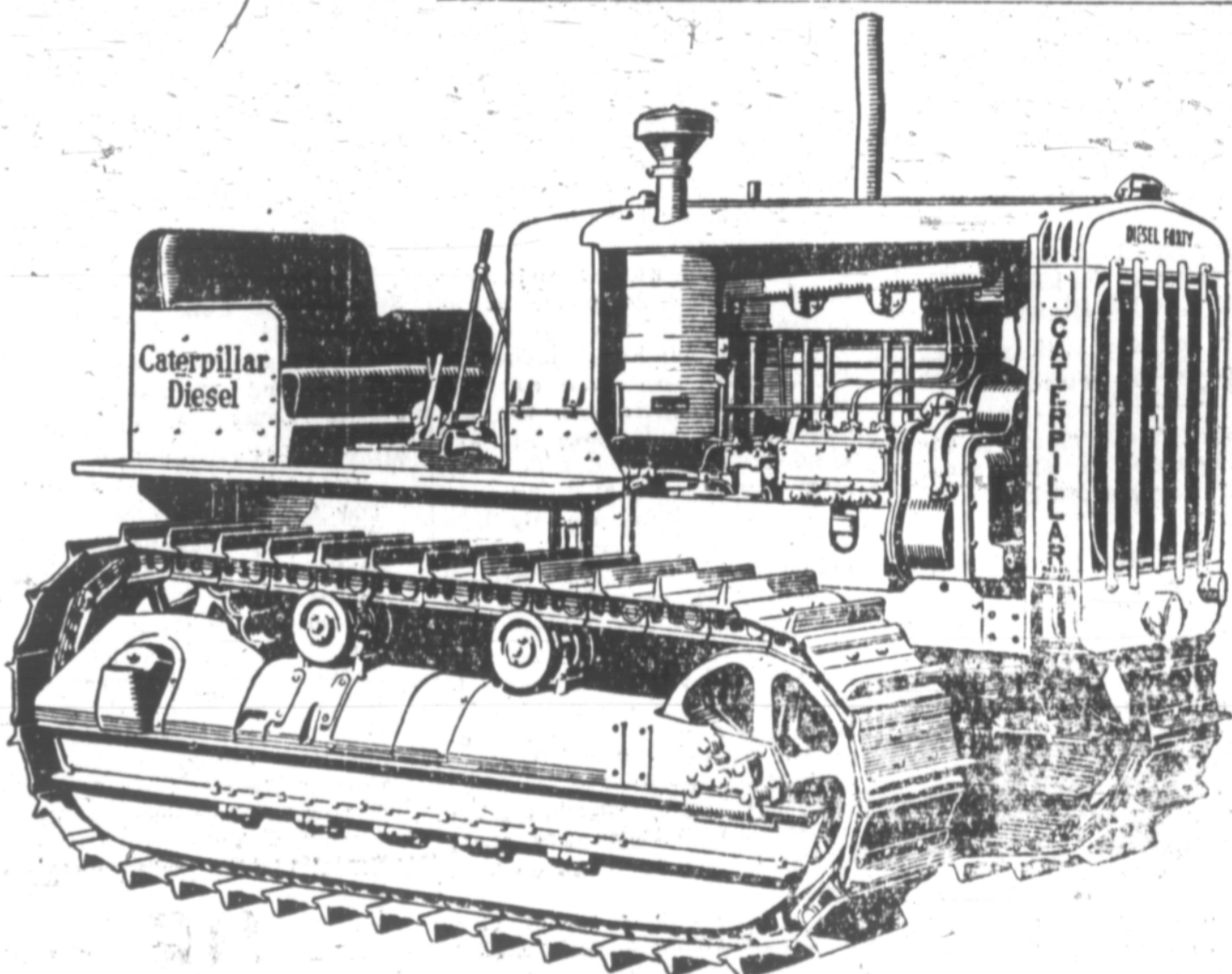
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