

REVIEW OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

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Small Cities Protected

House bill 333, companion to the bill repealing the general certificate of public convenience and necessity act, passed the house without a dissenting vote. This bill requires that certificates of public convenience and necessity must be obtained before a competing utility may enter an incorporated city or territory adjacent having a population of 2000 or less, which on January 1, 1931 was served by a similar utility excepting utilities owned or operated by municipalities or mutual utilities. This is purely a protective measure for small cities or municipalities.

Better Grading Bill Passes

Another bill, subject to statewide controversy, was senate bill 160, sponsored by the committee on agriculture, carrying a load of amendments and providing for standards and grading of better.

Senator Dunne, chief sponsor on the floor, declared it a standardization measure which means more money for the farmers and dairyman's cream; that grades are the same required by the U. S. government; that dairyman little and big are for it.

It is one of the dairy measures which Mrs. C. S. Jackson has advocated, through the Oregon Journal, for the stimulation of the dairy industry of the state.

The bill passed the house by a vote of 21 yes to 7 no.

Real Estate Tax Upheld

House joint resolution 6 by Representative Mott, reserving real property from taxation for state purposes, created a real stir in the house where it originated. Under it the people would vote for a constitutional amendment to this effect. It was vigorously supported on the floor. The final vote was: yes 29, no 31.

Free Use Text Books Score

One of the most controversial and far-reaching measures of the session is that of the free use of text books, house bill 34. At a public hearing, when this bill was in the house, crowds of persons representing teachers, parent-teachers' associations, and others, appeared in its behalf, while representatives of private and parochial schools opposed it.

In both houses the bill was opposed on the ground that taxes are already too high and would be increased under it. It was also attacked by representatives of private and parochial schools as discriminating against such schools.

Attention was called to the fact that the present system is wasteful, thousands of dollars being invested in books which are used but a short time and then discarded, while under

the proposed law text books will be used until worn out. An argument in favor of the proposed measure was that the district should furnish books for the same reason that they furnish buildings, blackboards, seats, and many other articles of equipment and that as the law forces children to attend school it should furnish them the tools for their education.

Barber Bill

Another controversial measure was the "barber" bill having to do with sanitary conditions in their shops. After floods of oratory had been spilled in the senate the final vote stood 17 to 13 for the bill.

Hold Up Income Tax

Members of the house, thoughtful of the interests of the man with big incomes, put through bill 164, providing that no income tax shall be collected for the year 1929. This year included the time during which the tax was held up by referendum. Only 10 votes were recorded against the ordinary taxpayer wants relief he must initiate his own laws.

Tax Base Affected

House joint resolution 9 provides that tax levies of any one of three preceding years may be used as the base for levies under the 6 per cent limitation. This would allow taxing bodies to reduce materially in any one year the tax levy and not establish the smaller levy as a basis for the next year. It is an economic measure and would, it is estimated, enable governmental units to save large sums of money.

Farmers Protest Taxes

Reports in rapidly increasing numbers, reach the grange legislative committee day after day of farmers gathering together to protest payment of taxes under the present system which discriminates against real property. Meanwhile certain legislators oppose any proposed measure for a more equitable plan.

Grange Power Bill Passed

The last, but not least of the utility and power measures to be considered by the legislature was the peoples' utility district bill, known as the "grange power" bill.

During the entire session it had been subject to public hearings, wide open criticism by friends and foes including attorneys for the private utility companies. This measure is the outcome of the passage last fall of the constitutional amendment which provided for the formation of peoples' utility districts and commanded the legislature to provide machinery for carrying into effect this amendment.

The only expressed opposition to the measure was to further amend it so that it would require 25 per cent of the voters of any proposed district to petition for the formation of said districts instead of 5 per cent as provided. The state constitution would be violated by requiring so many petitioners.

Emotional Voters Swayed by Political Enthusiasts

One sure way to get votes in western states, particularly in the Pacific northwest, is to sponsor some public ownership scheme promise anything or everything, and after election go about telling how the opposition prevents action. This is the formula recommended by a successful candidate in Washington state. His prescription for successful treatment of the patient public is guaranteed to work. Some of these politicians frankly say that they do not believe in municipal ownership, nor do they believe it can be made to pay in public operation of power plants and other utilities. But people are emotional, and the appeal made is seldom weighed by discerning minds. Oratory and pictures of great savings to be gained, without cost to the taxpayer, are still workable systems in the Pacific northwest.

California has been somewhat awakened. Only by educational campaigns can the non-taxpayer voter be convinced of the unwisdom of saddling huge debts on the taxpayer. It seems at times that the non-taxpayer doesn't care and the real taxpayer doesn't investigate. A glance at the list of supporters for these public ownership movements reveals few taxpayers of large interests. Industrial heads, bankers, business men, professional men and financiers are seldom found among the list of those who support public ownership propaganda. On the other hand, the small home owner, the man of limited means, is easiest to influence. Meantime, the politicians thrive amazingly, avoiding the definition of promise and performance.

Trend of Transportation

In a recent address J. L. Haugh, vice-president of the Union Pacific railroad system, brought out some important facts concerning "The Trend of Transportation."

Mr. Haugh points out that the railroad industry, in the hundred years of its existence, has given the United States a network of transportation facilities which is unequalled anywhere else in the world, either in comprehensiveness or standards of service. Now competitive modes of travel and transportation—the aircraft, buses, waterways and oil pipe lines—are being developed and are taking an appreciable part of the business that

Miss Mildred Ginn Writes a Very Interesting Letter From South India

Thevally, Quilon P. O., Travancore State, South India.
Sunday, January 18, 1931.

Dearest Mother and Daddy:

You have a lazy little girl out in India. I hardly have the energy to push a pen along. I had an attack of something Friday night. Spent most of yesterday in bed and don't amount to much today.

Winnie, a classmate of mine in Bible school, had arranged with a teacher to begin lessons last Tuesday but he went on a drunk and didn't turn up. We arranged for one of the head teachers at the high school to try teaching us for a week. If it isn't too much for him he will continue. Winnie is to have her lesson from 6:30 till 7:30 and I from 7:30 till 8:30. It will be only an hour each but I imagine it will be a concentrated hour. I was going to have a class yesterday morning but as he was late in coming I decided to go back to bed and didn't take it. I shall be more equal to it by tomorrow. Winnie treats me like a proper invalid which might be one reason for my slow recovery.

We went for a swim Friday late afternoon in the ocean about two miles from here. The backwaters are about the compound but are not safe to swim in. The ocean water was ever so warm and the beach lovely. A letter came from Mrs. Dickens today with some pictures enclosed. Am enclosing one that was taken after church one morning. Miss Robinson took the picture so is not in it.

Saturday afternoon Winnie has a sewing class for the Indian girls. It forms a point of contact and gives an opportunity for giving them the truth. Sunday morning at 6:30 she has a Bible class in English for the high school boys. Not many come but it means a lot to reach a few of this type. At 8:30 is Sunday school for the neighborhood children taught by a native Christian.

Wednesday—Have just finished studying Malayalam. Have had two lessons and found the teacher knows his business. Winnie just informed me that this is Tuesday which gives me another day to get my letter off. Air mail letters from both of you arrived yesterday. Plain mail has not yet arrived. How newsy your letters were! Harold wrote about doing some tinning. I'm glad you liked it.

We went for a canoe ride yesterday evening before dinner. The back waters are calm like a lake and twine in and around the palm bordered shores. It was simply beautiful, slowly gliding over the waters which were reflecting the trees and the rosy tint of the sunset sky. Before we reached home the stars were out in brilliant array and their twinkling light drilled into the water to pull the boat nearer to shore. The phosphorescence were so brilliant it looked as if he had lights on his feet. Chivian, the butler and cook ran out with a lamp and we were soon sitting down to a chicken dinner which he had prepared. Chicken is not such a luxury here as it is in the States. Now, that's a little bright touch of missionary life. The hardest part right now is to sit still and study, apparently doing so little.

I'm to speak at a convention this week and talk to the girls sewing class on Saturday. It will have to be translated, of course, and I don't relish the idea.

Hazel Fountain, the girl living with Winnie, is about 36 years but ever so young. She has pretty red hair and freckles with a corresponding disposition though not too fiery. She is a Baptist and leaves for New Zealand when we go to the hills.

Miss Ada Pitt, one of the teachers from the school in the hills where Mary, Winnie's daughter, attends, is with us for a vacation. A wee bit peculiar but all right.

So Dickie has a tooth and is wearing rompers. Can't be a baby long. Mary Jo sent me his finger print. Was holding him while writing and stuck his finger in the ink.

The following lines are comforting

I know not where thy road may lie,
Nor which way mine will be;
If thine will lead through parching sands
And mine beside the sea;
Yet God keeps watch 'ween thee and me,
So never fear;
He holds thy hand, He claspeth mine,
And keeps us near.

I sigh some times to see thy face,
But since this may not be,
I'll leave thee to the care of Him
Who cares for thee and me,
"I'll keep thee both beneath my wings"
This comforts dear,
One wing o'er thee and one o'er me,
So we are near.

I mustn't continue now. Heaps of love, Mildred.

once went to the rails. This has a definite bearing upon the future success and progress of the railroads.

These new modes of transportation have a justifiable place. By cooperating with the railroads they can further improve and broaden transportation of both commodities and persons. The danger lies in that they may go beyond the point of their value and thus injure both the railroads and the public. This, to some degree has already happened.

The railroads are still the most satisfactory agency of long haul transportation, and will undoubtedly continue to be so. Buses and truck lines, on the other hand, may serve smaller areas. "It should be practicable," says Mr. Hough, "to develop each form of transportation within its own sphere so that the railroads will handle the mass transportation and the truck lines will handle the local distribution, thus forming a complete service and not one of ruinous competition."

All transportation agencies have a place—but their services should be coordinated so that they all prosper and the public benefits accordingly.

Wheat Market Stronger

Domestic grain markets strengthened slightly during the past week. Continued dryness in the principal wheat areas of the United States and Canada, some reduction in trade estimates of the Argentine surplus as the result of wet weather during harvest, and a slight improvement in demand from deficit areas, were the principal strengthening influences in the wheat market, according to the United States weekly grain market review.

Pacific coast markets held practically unchanged, under slow demand from domestic mills and feeders and the lack of an export outlet at current quotations. Marketings at Portland and Seattle continued relatively large but were mostly taken by domestic marketing agencies. Domestic mills took some small amounts and moderate quantities were sold in California.

Every issue of the Sherman County Observer is a salesman, visiting the homes each week and soliciting business for its advertisers.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is given that by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, on a judgment therein recovered on the 22d day of November, 1930, in the action therein pending wherein L. D. Howland was plaintiff, and Emma Happold, also known as Frances Rogers, was defendant, and which said judgment is in the sum of \$496.20 with interest thereon from the 26th day of May, 1930, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, and \$15.00 costs, and which said execution directs me to sell the real property attached in said action for the purpose of satisfying said judgment and costs and accruing costs:

Now therefore, I will, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1931, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day, and at the front door of the courthouse at Moro, in Sherman County, Oregon, for the purpose of satisfying said judgment, sell, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for cash in hand all the following described real property:

The Northeast Quarter of Section Seventeen (17), Township Two (2) North, Range Eighteen (18), East of the Willamette Meridian in Sherman County, Oregon.

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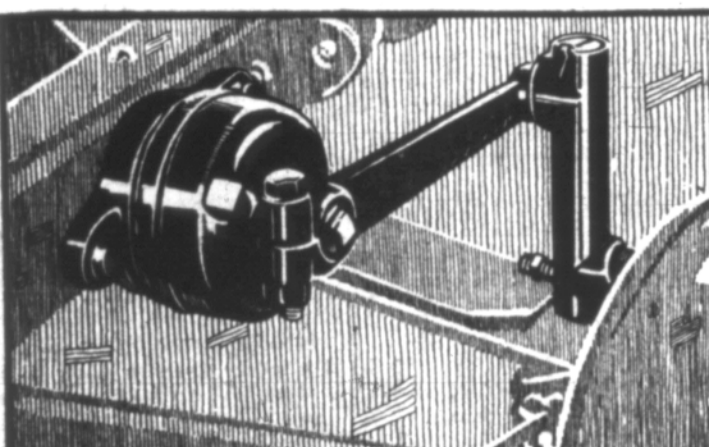
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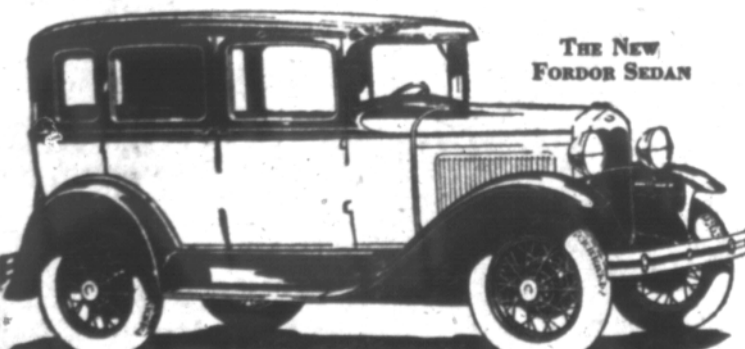
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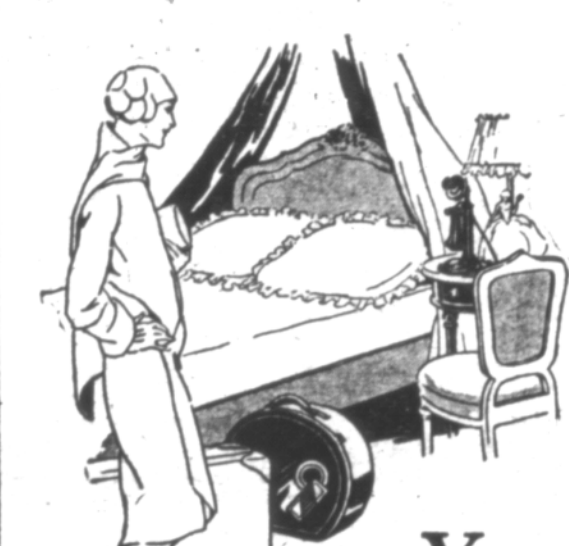
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County. In the matter of the Estate of Cecil E. Decker, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the above entitled court their final report and account of their administration of said estate and that Monday, 9th day of March, 1931, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the county court room in the courthouse at Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of said estate.

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LUTHER DAVIS
ARTHUR J. DECKER
Executors of the Estate of Cecil E. Decker, Deceased.
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