

SENATOR MILLER RETURNS TO SALEM

Linn County Solon Claims There Is Too Much Legislation on Statute Books.

GOOD ROAD MEASURES HAVE MERIT SAYS LEBANON SAGE

He Favors Passage of Constitutional Amendment Limiting Number of Legislative Bills.

Continued from Tuesday, March 4.

Declaring that he regards it as the duty of every member of the state legislature to return to Salem and complete the business of the session, Senator M. A. Miller left on the evening train last night for the Capital City.

While in the city Senator Miller gave out the following interview to a Democrat representative:

"It was a very industrious legislature and passed some good laws. It met with the same experience that most legislatures meet with, and that was a congested condition of business at the closing days of the session. This is a condition that ought to be remedied and can be. A proposed amendment to the constitution was offered to be voted for at the next general election. It limited each member of the legislature to five bills and it lacked but two votes of passing in the senate. I gave it my earnest support. I believe that if such an amendment was proposed that the people would adopt it, and it would be one of the greatest reforms that could be brought about. Two years ago the legislature broke all previous records in the way of introduction of bills, some 725 being introduced. This time they reached nearly 1000. It is impossible to consider so many bills in forty days, and the result is that many laws are passed without careful consideration, thereby loading up our statute books with matters that cause the succeeding legislature to repeal."

"Oregon is not in need of very much legislation but what she needs is good legislation along certain lines. Among some of the more important matters of public interest that were passed upon at this session of the legislature, was the question of good roads, including two bills, one providing for a highway commission consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, with power to appoint a state engineer at a salary of \$3000 per annum. It also provides for a quarter of a mill levy on all taxable property in the state and the commission has power to let out work to the lowest bidder; also to work convicts on the road. The state engineer is to establish an office at Salem and work in conjunction with the various county courts throughout the state in constructing roads. The other bill is the county bonding act which provides that bonds may be voted at a popular election by the people themselves, leaving the matter in the hands of the voters. Both of these bills were compromises and I believe are very good bills."

Mr. Miller served as acting chairman of the committee on roads and highways during the time these last two bills were under consideration.

STUBBORN MAN REFUSED TO PAY FINE; SENT TO JAIL

Otto Lesch Eccentric Character Before Police Court This Morning.

Refusing to pay his fine of \$10 and costs or to work on the streets as punishment for his offense, when he was brought before Police Judge Van Tassel this morning, Otto Lesch, a laborer, was sent back to jail to think over his troubles.

Lesch was arrested last night on a charge of drunkenness and passed the night in the city bastille. It is said that he had plenty of money to pay the fine and was perfectly able to work but out of stubbornness refused to do either.

BANK WILL BE OPENED AT SHEDD; CAPITAL \$15,000

C. J. Shedd, of Shedd, arrived this morning on a short business trip, preparatory to the opening of the new bank at Shedd. The bank was organized yesterday with Mr. Shedd as president, J. B. Bell vice president and W. M. Beals, Jr., as cashier. The capital stock is \$15,000. Mr. Bell went to Salem today to make the proper filings with the state bank examiner, and the bank will probably open tomorrow. Shedd first banking institution. It begins business on a solid basis, in a prosperous section of the county.

Ben Barker, O. E. motorman, who passed south at 9 o'clock this forenoon, reported his father A. D. Barker, recently stricken with paralysis, as greatly improved.

MARK WOODRUFF TELLS OF P. & E. EXTENSION PLANS

The Road Between Albany and Wellesdale Will Be in Operation This Year.

That the electric line between Albany and Wellesdale, on the West Side road, will be in operation this year, was the statement of Mr. Mark Woodruff, publicity man of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern. Mr. Woodruff arrived this noon with a large number of maps of the system between Portland and Eugene, showing three hundred and forty miles of electric road in all. From Portland there will be two routes, one the old West Side road, the other a new line running south just west of the Southern Pacific on the East Side, touching all the built up towns along the way. There will also be a diverging line taking in Molalla and Silverton, on the east side.

The line between Albany and Corvallis will be electrified this summer as a part of the system, and work is now being pushed on the extension of the road south from Corvallis to Eugene.

It is said this system, when completed, will become one of the greatest electric systems in the United States.

Y.M.C.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE HOLDING MEETINGS

At Supper in Banquet Room of New Elite Plans Discussed and Campaign Started.

The board of directors of the local Y. M. C. A. convened an informal meeting last evening in the banquet room of the new Elite, when a daunt supper was served.

It is the intention of the board to meet every week to discuss the plans pertaining to the local institution and to push the work forward as rapidly as possible.

The main topic of discussion before the meeting last evening was the subject of membership canvass. It was decided that a campaign will be started to increase the membership of the association.

When interviewed Mr. Carl E. Sox, president of the institution, said: "By May 1, we expect to enroll a membership of 250 and I would like to see all who would like to join the Y. M. C. A. come forward and make out their applications without delay for we wish to rapidly increase our membership."

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF FIRE COMPANY NO. 2

Fire House to Be Rearranged and Cots Installed; New Apparatus Expected Soon.

An enthusiastic meeting of Fire Company No. 2 was held last night at headquarters on Lyon street and was attended by nearly all of its members which numbers 32.

The session convened at 8 o'clock and was presided over by John Spooner, chairman of the company. Many matters of interest were discussed. Several splendid talks were given by members present in reference to systematic fire fighting and on the economic way of handling apparatus.

Many changes are contemplated at the engine house to accommodate the new fire fighting apparatus which is expected to arrive sometime the latter part of the month. Upon its arrival, it is claimed, this city will be equipped with the latest implements for fire fighting.

It was decided at the meeting last night that the upper story of the building would be rearranged, and several regulation fireman's cots will be installed. Fred Hockspier the chief of the fire department has been out of the city for some time working on the Oregon Electric and E. H. Horksky, the assistant chief, is acting in Mr. Hockspier's absence.

Thomas S. Paine, of Corvallis, was in the city today.

Miss Pauline Birch and Sam Birch, a brother, returned this morning on the early train from Oakland, Calif., where they have been attending school for the past winter.

C. B. Bettelheim of Tangent was in town today.

J. McDowell, the shoe dealer, went up the C. & E. this morning, on a commercial trip.

Hous. L. G. Lewelling and Chas. Childs returned to Salem this morning by the Oregon Electric. Mr. Lewelling was accompanied by Mrs. Lewelling. They are entitled to credit for being against the machine.

Mr. Hullbert arrived this noon from Prescott, Ill., while on a coast trip. He is the guest of S. Freerksen. Mr. Hullbert was here three years ago.

H. E. Van Ness, of Corvallis, has been in the city.

Mrs. C. V. Little went to Portland this forenoon, called there by the dangerous illness of her sister, Mrs. Helen Robinson Henderschott. She received a telephone message this morning, telling of the illness of her sister, and the taking of her to St. Vincent's hospital for treatment and care.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS SESSION

Mustered Quorum Last Evening and Held First Meeting in Several Weeks.

NOTHING BUT THE ROUTINE BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED

Manager Stewart to Communicate with Scio Club for Better Train Service.

After the regular meetings had been postponed several weeks on account of inability of members to be present, the Albany Commercial Club mustered a quorum last evening and held its regular Monday session.

Aside from the general routine of business nothing of particular note came up before the board. Recent bills incurred were allowed and several communications, relative to measures before the twenty-seventh legislature, in which the club took an active part, were read and passed upon.

A communication from the Oregon Development League was read announcing the fact that every measure introduced by them in the legislature had met with success. The thanks of the league were extended to the Commercial Club for its assistance in putting the bills through the legislature.

Another letter from the Oregon Development League was also read, commending the legislative delegation from Linn county for their active and efficient work in promoting the passage of senate bill No. 72, and other measures proposed by the league.

Communications were received from the Home and Bell Telephone companies, notifying the club that on account of the enactment of a new law by the legislature, they would hereafter be unable to extend to the club the concession of free phones.

The special committee, consisting of the president and secretary of the club, appointed some time ago to look after the interests of Linn county at the present session of the legislature in the matter of the division line between Linn and Marion counties, reported that the club's contention had been sustained, and that senate bill No. 60, describing the boundary line, and introduced at the request of this club, had been passed and signed by the governor.

Before adjournment Manager Stewart was requested to communicate with the Scio Commercial Club, in an effort to secure a better train service over the C. & E. R. between Albany and Detroit.

CITY SPAN OF MULES ARE CENTER OF MANY REMARKS

Splendid Pair of Animals Are Known by Familiar Names of Wilson and Marshall.

The splendid pair of mules recently purchased by the city at a cost of \$500 and used to haul the new street flusher, present an interesting sight in their new harness, hitched to the new wagon. The team has been the center of much interest, if the attitude one person is a criterion.

"I don't see why the city wasted its money on those things," said this person. "A good team of horses wouldn't cost any more."

"Well, you see," remarked a bystander, "it is just carrying out the ideas of the incoming administration. The mule, or rather his antecedent, the donkey, is the beast of burden for the democrats."

"Doesn't make any difference," shouted the first person, "I suppose if the progressives had won, the city would have bought a pair of bull moose or a couple of baby elephants, if the republicans hadn't lost out."

"Well, look at it from this point," rejoined the other, "this is a day of horseless carriages, and it carries out this idea."

"Thunder with the horseless carriages and your ideas," shrieked the first person as he wheeled and strode away.

Nevertheless several city officials have expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the work and behavior of the team, and Art Palmer, the driver, says he has become quite attached to them. Already the mules are known by the familiar names of "Wilson and Marshall."

Fruit Inspector D. W. Rumbaugh went out to Brownsville this morning to look after the trees in that section. He reports a large increase in the amount of spraying done, probably ten times what it was three or four years ago. Farmers are waking up to the fact that if they have fruit trees they must take care of their trees. At the same time there are a good many neglected orchards that need improvement.

Mrs. Cox, of Portland, returned home today, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dr. Cox. She had been here several days on a visit with her son, Dr. W. A. Cox.

C. C. Colter, Northwest superintendent of the International Correspondence school, returned to Seattle today in a response to a dispatch, after being in Albany a few days.

F. P. Devaney went out to Lebanon this forenoon.

\$10,000 AVAILABLE FOR POST OFFICE

Wire Received from Senator Chamberlain Indicates Bill Has Been Passed.

BUILDING WILL CONTAIN ROOMS FOR FEDERAL COURT

Appropriation of \$65,000 Not Enough for Erection of Suitable Building.

That the public building bill has been passed and signed and that the same includes an additional appropriation of \$10,000 which was proposed by Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain, was the word received today from the senator by the manager of the local Commercial Club.

The wire was received by Mr. Stewart just before going to press and detail information could not be secured as to the date when the appropriation will be available.

The sum of \$65,000 had been previously provided by the house bill but this sum was found to be inadequate. The services of Senator Chamberlain were enlisted on behalf of Albany and the amendment giving the city an additional sum of \$10,000 was the result of his activity as a member of the senate.

With the additional appropriation available the building will be constructed on a larger scale and will include room for a federal court and offices.

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TELEPHONE RATES BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION

Hon. Frank J. Miller Goes to Brownsville to Hear Evidence on Rate Question.

Hon. F. J. Miller, chairman of the state railroad commission, went to Brownsville this morning to hear evidence in the matter of the raising of the rates by the Independent Telephone Company, of Brownsville. This hearing is under the new utilities law. Whenever rates are raised it is necessary to have the consent of the commission. It is said the maintenance cost of the line is more than that of the annual toll, a rare thing in the business.

Mr. Miller returned this morning from Medford, where he has been to preside at a hearing in reference to telephone rates there. Considerable business of this kind and also in connection with water rates, is now constantly up before the commission, several cities have contentions, among them Medford, Marshfield, and Grants Pass.

LINN COUNTY COURT CONVENES SESSION

Several Road Petitions Will Come Up; Road Supervisors Go Before Court.

The county court convened in regular session this afternoon. The auditing of numerous bills occupied the attention of the court a good portion of the afternoon.

Several road petitions are to come up at this session and the action of the court on these papers cannot be learned until tomorrow.

Several road supervisors are in attendance and it is expected that the improvement of many roads in the county will be ordered.

Aside from the general routine of work, Judge McKnight informed the Democrat representative that nothing of particular importance would come up at this session. The court will remain in session all the afternoon.

SENATOR SMITH HAS NINE BILLS PASSED

Senator Smith, of Marshfield, a member of the Senate in the 27th Legislature, in company with James Lewis, a real estate dealer of Corvallis, were at the Hammel for dinner this noon.

The Senator is on his way home from Salem and when seen was in a hurry to catch the south bound train. Mr. Smith was a prominent figure during the legislative session, contributing a good many to the 1000 bills introduced in the Legislature. He said that nine of his bills succeeded in passing.

LEWELLING SAYS GOOD SESSION

Linn County Representative Is Loud in Praise of Work of 27th Legislature.

MUCH MERITORIOUS LEGISLATION PASSED

Claims Linn County Delegation Voted Right on All Important Questions.

Declaring that the members of the twenty-seventh legislature worked harder and more industriously than the members of any previous assembly and it is his belief that when the smoke blows away the people will realize that a good deal of meritorious legislation was accomplished, Representative L. G. Lewelling who returned this noon from the capital city, expressed himself as satisfied to let his constituents decide for themselves.

The following statement was authorized by the representative when interviewed:

"When the smoke clears away, I believe that the people of this state will give the 27th session credit for having passed more constructive and meritorious legislation than any preceding session."

"It has been conceded by those who have been present at prior session that we worked harder and longer hours than any session heretofore."

"I believe we established a precedent by remaining in session at our own expense until all legislation was considered carefully. I don't mean to say that we didn't make mistakes, but we made fewer than if we had tried to pass upon all the matters before us in the 40 days usually taken."

"I think our constituents will give the Linn county delegation credit for voting conscientiously upon all measures. And upon Gov. West's moral crusade measures we went down the line in support of all of them. We were also a unit in voting to sustain the governor's vetoes on all salary bills which were passed over his head at yesterday's session, taking the stand that the sooner the legislature is relieved of the power to regulate county salaries the better it will be for all concerned. They are only used now for the purpose of log-rolling and whipping members into line. I am pleased to say that the Linn county delegation was successful in securing the passage of every measure which we introduced except one which I introduced to abolish the state immigration office. This office asked for \$100,000.00 appropriation, but after my bill came up to abolish it the appropriation was cut to \$50,000.00 and one-half of this goes to the state board of immigration. I think we were treated well at the hands of the legislature, commonly called the 'steam roller,' in view of the fact that we opposed it all during the session."

EASTERN MAN THANKS ALBANY FOR GOOD HEALTH

Says Climate Is a Good Doctor and That He Is Now a Well Man.

Arriving in Albany last Thursday a confirmed invalid, J. H. Robebaugh, a former resident of Sharon, Pennsylvania, is now a well man and says he is indebted to the invigorating climate of the Willamette Valley for his recovery.

When Robebaugh arrived he was conveyed from the train to his apartment at the hotel in a wheeled chair but is now engaged in the construction of a barn on a place in North Albany, which he purchased from Hecker & Beam.

Two years ago Mr. Robebaugh was taken ill with a severe attack of rheumatism and never until he located in Albany has he been free from pain.

Don Ross, chief operator of the Postal Telegraph Co., at Portland, for the section running from the Sound to Southern Oregon, has been in the city looking after local interests, among other things the running of a line from Rawlins office to the O. E. depot. Mr. Ross is a former Albany young man, in charge of the postal office here eleven years.

A little three or four year old boy at the depot this morning, who had evidently seen a little of the world, after looking at engine No. 5, on the C. & E., headed for Detroit, remarked: "Isn't that a funny engine. It burns wood."

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, of the McDowell Shoe Store, went up the C. & E. this morning.

Mrs. H. K. Cronise went up to Kingston this morning on a visit.

THREAT MADE TO BURN OIL PLANT

Anonymous Letter to Standard Oil Co. Demands Resignation of Howard.

REPRESENTATIVE OF CO. IS HERE TO INVESTIGATE

Believed to Be Work of Liquor Element of City, Who Seek to Oust Police Officer.

That the destruction by fire of the Standard Oil Company's plant of this city has been threatened, was learned yesterday afternoon from authorities in connection with the local plant.

A representative of the company from Portland was in the city yesterday to investigate the information conveyed in an anonymous letter received at Portland Monday from this city. The letter was addressed to the Standard Oil Co. at Portland and signed "the committee," and stated that unless the company demanded the immediate resignation of the local representative, J. L. Howard, the plant would be set afire. The letter was written on plain stationery and contained nothing to disclose the identity of its authors. The handwriting was uneven and was evidently written by an uneducated hand with efforts to disguise the writing. It is said that the letter has caused uneasiness among Standard Oil company officials at Portland and upon receipt of the missive at the Portland office an immediate investigation was ordered. From the representative who was in the city yesterday, nothing could be learned with reference to the result of the investigation or the probable action to be taken by the company.

The letter has caused considerable commotion in local police circles and to whose door the matter can be laid or for just what cause such a bold threat has been made on the local oil plant is a matter of much speculation. However, police officials are of the opinion that it is the malicious mark of the liquor element of this city, in view of the fact that Mr. Howard has been closely identified with the police force. Mr. Howard has provided an efficient policeman and has taken an active part in upholding the law, having figured conspicuously in the arrest of several bootleggers who were recently arrested.

Similar threats have been made before on local city officials and it is believed that in view of the responsible position held by Mr. Howard, the writer of the letter thought that the object of his threat would easily be accomplished.

Mr. Howard said this morning that he intends to ignore the matter, as he is satisfied that the threat emanated from a source of lower elements, who are seeking his downfall because of his activity as a member of the police force.

THEY WILL WASH EVERYTHING BUT THE BABY

The New Laundry Is One of the Best Equipped in the Entire State.

"We wash everything but the baby," said E. L. Wiedner this morning when interviewed at the plant of the Albany Steam Laundry. "We would just as soon," continued Mr. Wiedner, "wash a piece of Irish crochete as to wash a pair of socks."

Judging from the equipment of the plant, which was recently purchased by Messrs. E. L. and C. H. Wiedner and J. R. Roberts, it appears to be capable of doing any kind of laundry work. At the instance of Mr. E. L. Wiedner, who has had 20 years' experience in the laundry business, many changes for the betterment of the concern have been made.

The plant has been thoroughly overhauled, several economic conditions have been changed, and it is now practically a new laundry. A new ironing machine has been installed, together with new starching and washing machines of the latest type. A modern extractor was also recently added to the plant.

The laundry as it now stands under the latest sanitary methods, represents a modern concern in every detail. Everything is kept in a clean and orderly condition and the most efficient help is employed.

C. E. Stanard and P. E. Coppack, prominent Brownsville men, went to McMinnville this afternoon to attend the funeral of H. E. Hillary, formerly a resident of that city. Mr. Hillary was held in high esteem there.

J. C. Lowe, of the Home Telephone Co., Corvallis, went to Brownsville this morning to take in the telephone case at that city.

SURVEYING?

See PENLAND & EATON

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