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TOO MANY LAWS-- TOO MUCH MAKING

Collector of International Revenue; Miller Gives Ideas of Present Legislation.

NOT ENOUGH CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO MAKING

Ex-Linn Senator Gives Out Interesting Interview Here This Morning.

"There is too much legislation and not enough time given to its consideration," Miller.

Declaring that the system of legislation now in vogue in the legislatures of the United States is cluttering the statute books with useless laws and deploring a tendency to attempt too much in a limited time, Collector of Internal Revenue Milton A. Miller of Portland, in an interview while in the city today, enroute to Portland from Eugene, where he addressed the university students yesterday, suggested the commission form of state government, unicameral legislatures and split sessions, as possible remedies.

"The result of this rapidity of legislation," said the collector, "is that the time of the courts is taken up considering and putting constructions on these hastily conceived enactments. Legislatures are frequently called in extra session to correct their mistakes.

"The average legislator has but little or no experience in the lawmaking line and therefore is at a great disadvantage. He is unaccustomed to preliminary tactics, he is not capable of drafting a bill and the few men who are drilled in that line take advantage of the situation and men become confused or at a loss to know how to vote, and frequently vote opposite from what they really want to.

"To attend to legislation successfully for the people in 40 or 50 days, besides considering two or three thousand bills, is simply out of the question. No one can do it with satisfaction to himself or to his constituents. If he is an honest man he will admit he frequently votes when he knows not what he is voting upon.

"Under the present system, adequate committee work or reading and studying all the bills and resolutions introduced, and knowing, thoroughly all their contents, would take all the time of the legislative session, let alone attending the sessions of the legislature faithfully each day."

Mr. Miller complimented highly the legislative reference library, inaugurated and so successfully developed by the state of Wisconsin. This plan involves a separate department of the state government where highly trained specialists in law, practical politics, political economy and science, sociology and kindred subjects, devote their entire time to searching for unbiased information on legislative subjects. Such experts regard truth as the important factor in their investigations and are at the service of the legislators. Mr. Miller showed that with bills properly drafted and looked into before being put up for a vote there would be no need of judicial review.

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 31 ELECTS W. E. WITCHEY

District No. 31 held an interesting road meeting to select the supervisor at Orleans Chapel yesterday, with 150 people in attendance.

One hundred and twenty taxpayers cast their ballots, 36 of which were cast by women. The two candidates for road supervisor were W. H. Hulbert, present road supervisor and W. E. Witchey. Mr. Witchey received 85 votes, and Mr. Hulbert 35.

A. C. Miller, was chosen chairman of the meeting and L. Edward Dyer, secretary.

ALWAYS GET ENJOYMENT OUT OF LIFE--HEWITT

Well Known Local Attorney Comments Philosophically on Life.

That we are always getting enjoyment out of life was the optimistic and philosophic remark of Judge Henry H. Hewitt this morning while walking downtown from the courthouse, after pausing a moment to watch the children of the Central school at play on the school grounds during the recess hour.

"They are having the best time of their lives," he remarked.

"However, we are always getting enjoyment out of life," he continued. "This fact was impressed upon me emphatically the other day when I was in Salem. I was just in the act of getting on the train to return to Albany, when I heard someone call me. Looking around, there stood my daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Bushnell, of Forest Grove. I concluded to stop over with them until the next train and later while I was waiting for a cart to go to the depot, I met another old friend.

SANTA CLAUS NEED NOT ASK FOR DIVORCE NOW

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Superior Judge Graham's court is closed to couples with minor children seeking divorce. "If you have children," said the court, "you needn't come around until after the holidays. Minors should have the society of their parents at this time."

SHOW MAN TO SPEAK--T. G. Blich

The well known show man of this city, is scheduled to speak at the state picture show convention which is to be held in Portland on the 22nd and 23rd of the month. The convention promises to be the largest affair of the kind ever held in the state. Among the speakers, who will be at the affair, is Governor Oswald West.

Oregon Sportsman Out.—Containing interesting articles on sportsmanship, game, hunting, rivers and streams, game laws and current questions thereto, the December number of the Oregon Sportsman was issued today. The booklet is published under the direction of State Game Warden Finney of Portland.

Boat Been Running for Month.—The Oregon City Transportation company's boat line from Portland to Corvallis has been in operation for a month. The "Grahamona" leaves here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock a. m. and arrives here from Portland on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at about midnight. Much freight has been shipped and many passengers are taking advantage of the service.

Weather Fair.—The range of temperature for 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning was 44 to 32 degrees. The rainfall for the same period was .08 inches. The river is 2.8 feet. The weather report says fair tonight and Friday.

Senator Miller in Albany.—Passing through Albany on his way to Portland, Ex-Senator M. A. Miller spent the night at the St. Francis hotel. Mr. Miller yesterday addressed the students at the University of Oregon and is scheduled for a second address in the University City during the next two weeks.

Assumed Business Name.—A certificate of assumed business name was yesterday filed with County Clerk Marks by Messrs. White and Knapp, of Brownsville.

Court is Over.—Judge Galloway adjourned the term of circuit court yesterday afternoon and returned to Salem. He will return here next Tuesday to continue the term.

Marriage Licenses Issued.—A marriage license was issued this morning to Fred Robertson, age 27, and Etta Mabel Heyne, age 23, both of Waterloo.

Case Under Advisement.—Judge Galloway took the case of McKinney vs. Craft, to foreclose a mortgage, under advisement. The case was tried yesterday afternoon.

NEW REVOLUTION STARTS IN MEXICO

Groze and Salazar Are Leaders of New Movement Started This Week.

ZEPATA SAID TO BE WILLING TO JOIN FACTION

No Modified Demand Made Upon Huerta Said O'Shaughnessy in Interview.

(By United Press Association) El Paso, Tex., Dec. 18.—A new rebellion has been launched in Mexico. Generals Orozco and Salazar are its active leaders but with them, it is said, are Felix Diaz and Emilio Vasquez Gomez. The leaders assert that General Zapata is willing to join them.

The latest developments in the Mexican situation is explained by the break between Generals Orozco and Salazar and General Mercado at Ojinaga. Mercado has remained loyal to Huerta and Orozco and Salazar determined to act independently. Being in the command, Mercado lost his command and may lose his life.

Mexican Lie Nailed.—Mexico City, Dec. 18.—O'Shaughnessy and Foreign Minister Mohena joined in characterizing as "only another lie," the story telegraphed to the American papers in which it was stated that O'Shaughnessy had handed Huerta a modified demand for the latter's retirement.

Boy Killed By Auto.

(By United Press Association) Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—Ray Harroun, aged ten and a son of the famous automobile driver was struck and killed today by an automobile.

CONTRACT FOR ALBANY POSTOFFICE IS AWARDED

Salem Contractor Lands Job on Lowest Bid Submitted at \$58,282.

Word was received in Albany today that the contract for the Albany post office building has been awarded. It was awarded by the treasury department yesterday to Fred A. Erickson, a well known Salem contractor. Mr. Erickson was the lowest bidder at \$58,282. The bids were opened recently and at the time the eligible bids were published in the Democrat. The plans and specifications of the building, which is to be known as the federal building, have been given. The building is to be erected on a vacant lot at Second and Broadalbin streets. The indications are that work will commence within a short time. It is to be a handsome structure and will be in keeping with the progress of Albany.

P. H. Holmes, of Salem, attended business here this morning.

L. L. Monan, of Eugene, transacted business here yesterday afternoon. City Recorder F. E. Van Tassel went to Portland this morning.

Oscar Dearnit, of Gates, was in Albany yesterday transacting business.

NO SPECIAL SESSION SAYS GOVERNOR WEST

(By United Press Association) Salem, Dec. 18.—There will be no special session on the Oregon legislature for the purpose of correcting defects in the registration laws, Governor West made this plan when he said that "the use of a little horse sense would straighten out any supposed tangle or confusion in the election laws of Oregon." He treated the matter lightly.

MINERS DEMAND GOVERNOR'S RECALL

March in a Body to the Capitol Buildings and Deliver Ultimatum to Ammons.

DEMAND DISCHARGE OF HIGH OFFICIALS IN MILITIA

Governor Given Five Days to Comply with Request; Under Penalty of Recall Petition.

(By United Press Association) Denver, Dec. 18.—Five hundred union men marched to the statehouse today for the purpose of delivering an ultimatum to Governor Ammons in connection with the coalfield strike. They wanted the militia recalled in the strike-bound district, demanded the removal of Adjutant-General Chase, Judge Advocate Boughton and other high officials of the state guards. They also insisted that the strikers now held as prisoners by the military authorities be turned over to the civil courts for trial. The governor was given five days to make up his mind whether or not he would comply with the strikers' demand. If he failed to do so they announced that they would begin immediately the circulation of a petition for his recall.

Governor Refuses Strikers.

Denver, Dec. 18.—Governor Ammons refused to accede to the demands of the union men who led a delegation to the capitol on behalf of the striking miners. If he sticks to his decision, it is understood that a general strike will be called and the circulation of a petition for the governor's recall will be started at the expiration of the five days allowed in the ultimatum.

J. D. Ogden, of Salem, attended business matters in Albany and Lebanon yesterday morning and afternoon.

Mrs. C. Miller, of Eddyville, was an Albany shopper yesterday, returning home this morning.

NEWS NOTES OF PEOPLE OF PEORIA AND VICINITY

Peoria, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special to Democrat.)—Miss Maude Law accompanied Mrs. Anna Studley to Monroe Saturday for an over Sunday visit on the Studley farm.

W. B. Lamar left Monday for his old home in Knoxville, Tenn., for an extended visit with his mother whom he has not seen for 30 years.

Mrs. Wm. Githens and Mrs. Chas. Shaw were Saturday shoppers in Albany.

J. W. Lamar the merchant had business in Albany Monday.

W. L. Frady, C. W. Barcus, Cato Gibbs and H. Kaltrider were passengers on the noon electric to Albany Saturday.

Baker Cummings of Eugene was in Peoria Tuesday with Guy Bramwell of Lake Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Brattain, Miss Lucie Barcus and Lester Porter were in Corvallis Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jones of Beaver Creek, Benton county, were in Peoria the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Smith of Benton county attended church in Peoria Sunday.

JEWELRY STOLEN FROM HOME OF M. SENDERS

A jewel box, containing a locket and chain and a gold ring was stolen last night about 6 o'clock from the home of Morris Senders on Fifth street.

STAGE IS ALL SET FOR THE WRESTLING MATCH

Principles Are in Pick of Condition--Starts at Eight o'Clock.

Ladies will be welcomed to the wrestling match to be given tonight at the armory, under the auspices of the Albany Military club. The entertainment will commence at 8:30 o'clock. Several preliminaries are to be given and the promoters announced that the stage is all set for the evening of genuine entertainment.

Bob Peterson, 180 pounds, champion of Alaska, who has been training here for the past few days is in the pink of condition for the bout. Jack O'Neill, original trainer of Gutch is reported as in fine condition at 186 pounds. He has been training at Corvallis. Both of the wrestlers are residents of Corvallis.

From indications many will attend the exhibition. The rule will be two out of three falls. Scores of tickets have been sold.

ALBANY ELKS TO GIVE DANCE DURING HOLIDAYS

A grand ball is announced by Albany lodge, No. 359, B. P. O. Elks, for the evening of Monday, December 29, and invitations have gone out to all the members of the lodge and their ladies for the event, which occurs annually. It is expected that a goodly number of the members of the lodge, now living away from this city, will be here for the event, which is in the nature of a reunion and homecoming. There are about 75 members of Albany lodge living in Portland.

PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT ENJOINED

In the case of E. F. Gooch vs. Caroline Galloway, which was for an injunction against damming a stream at Shelburn, and which was taken under advisement after being tried, Judge Galloway rendered a decision yesterday afternoon adjoining both the parties. The defendant, by the decree, is enjoined from damming the stream and the plaintiff from emptying any refuse therein.

Three Dogs in Pound.—There are three valuable dogs in the pound and they have been there over the time limit of 48 hours. They are doomed unless the owners bail them out. Is your dog missing? One is described as a cross between an air-dale and a shepherd and the others as terriers.

Pfeiffer's Granddaughter Ill.—Word was received this morning that the daughter of Rev. Dorris of Centralia, Washington is ill with an attack of typhoid fever. It is a mild case and the child is said to be improving rapidly. There are 150 cases of typhoid in Centralia.

Died at Hospital.—After an illness of nearly three months, John Schaffner died last night at St. Mary's hospital. He has been confined there since taking sick. Arrangements for the funeral will be made this afternoon.

Administrator Appointed.—George W. Goodwin was today appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph R. Fodwin, deceased. It will be remembered that some time ago the heirs were involved in a contest over the estate but that it was finally settled out of court.

Christmas Green on Sale.—On the vacant lot at the corner of Broadalbin and Second streets, a miniature wilderness has sprung up. Several Christmas trees of various sizes have been stuck in the ground and there is a mistletoe and other greens of Yuletide decorations on sale.

Baby Born to Prichards.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Prichard, nee Rhoda Stahlaker, a girl on December 12, at Great Falls, Mont. They are former Albany people and are residing on a homestead near Loma.

Funeral Tomorrow.—The funeral services of the Mrs. Emily L. Johnson will be held at the family residence, East Knox Butte, Friday at 10 a. m. Rev. F. H. Geselbracht will officiate. Interment will take place in Central church cemetery. Mrs. W. L. Johnson was a member of the Presbyterian church, loved and respected by a large acquaintance.

LEWIS BILL IS NOT SATISFACTORY

Administration Is Not Entirely Satisfied with Provisions; New Bill Will Be Drawn.

BURLESON INVESTIGATES PROPOSED TELEPHONE LAW

President Said to Favor Federal Ownership but Undecided As to Time.

(By United Press Association)

Washington, Dec. 18.—The bill drawn by Senator Lewis providing for the government ownership of telephone lines did not meet with the entire approval of the Wilson administration. This was made certain when the house leaders admitted that they contemplated introducing this session a bill providing for the government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines and that the measure will be re-framed under the direction of Burleson.

Following the examination of the proposed Lewis bill by Postmaster General Burleson and his assistants it was announced that the former's bill will be withheld and an administration measure substituted and introduced, provided that the plan meets with the approval of the Democratic caucus. It is considered certain that Wilson favors the government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines but it is undecided regarding the wisdom of taking them over at this time.

ALBANY WOMAN WAS AT LOUVRE AT TIME OF THEFT OF MONA LISA

That a member of the Albany College faculty, who modestly declined to allow her name to be used, was in Paris on the Wednesday following the Monday Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre, became known this morning.

She, at the time was sojourning in the French capital city, with a party of friends and had visited many places of interest, including the Louvre, the renowned French museum.

Going to the Louvre on the day the great picture was discovered missing, the party, in company with scores of other visitors, were later ordered out. Nobody, at the time, understood why. Inquiry of a workman as to the reason, brought a response that he didn't know and that he had been working there for more than 10 years and had never known the place to be closed, during the week. Later, the party found out that the missing picture was the reason.

A Louvre workman was at first suspected. It was at 3 o'clock in the afternoon that the picture was discovered missing. Shortly afterwards the workmen were seen standing on a stairway, acting suspiciously and was right away regarded as the thief. However, he proved his innocence.

HE WANTS DIVORCE ON CRUEL TREATMENT GROUND

Charging various acts of cruel and inhuman treatment, Herbert W. Pryme has filed suit in the circuit court against Anna A. Pryme, on the grounds of desertion. Attorney W. R. Bilyeu represents the plaintiff. They were married in Portland, May 11, 1911. There are no children. The desertion, it is alleged, occurred in November, 1913.

Various acts, the defendant is said to have accused the plaintiff of, are set up in the complaint. All of which are claimed to be false. They are mainly pertaining to his alleged attentions to other women.

L. C. Elwell, of McMinnville, is in the city attending business.

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