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MEMBERS OF HOUSE ARE INDEPENDENT

The Legislators Stand on Own Ground
Throughout and Splits Are
Numerous

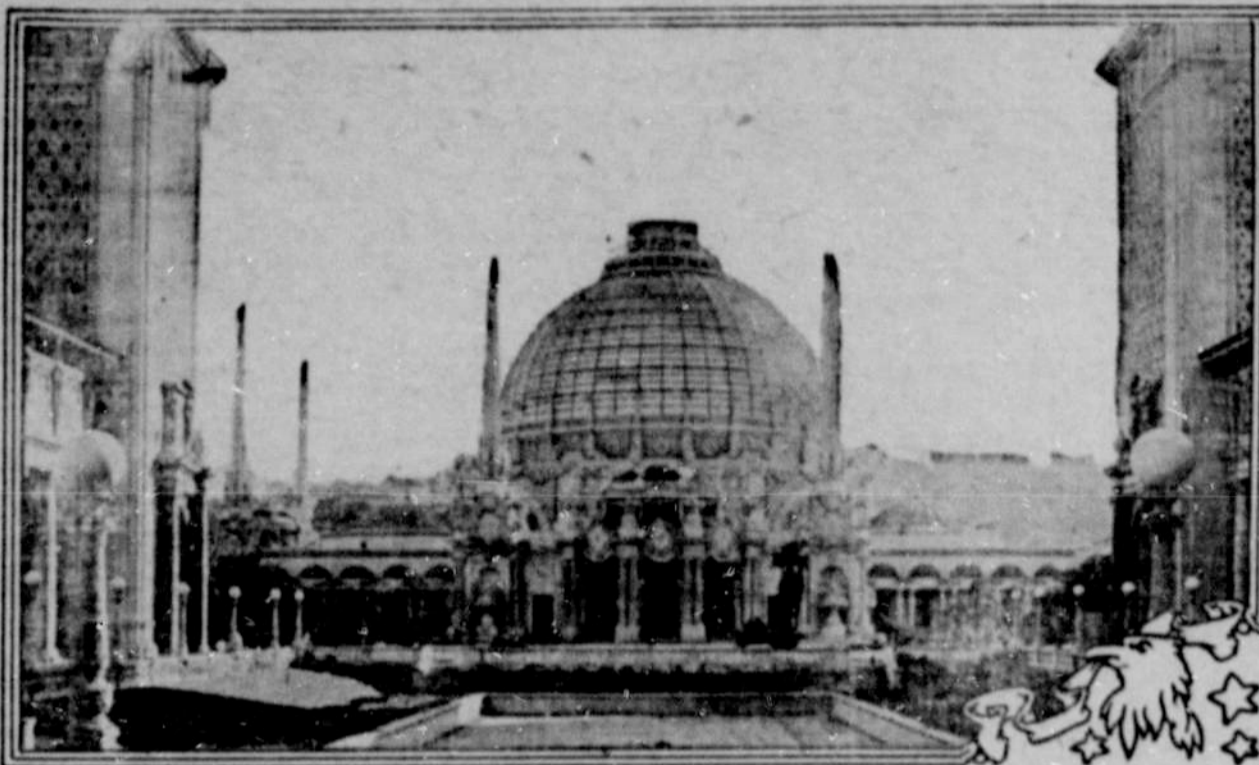
State Capitol, Salem, Jan. 31.—Events of the first three weeks of the legislature show that the House members are extraordinarily independent in all their deliberations. An examination of the journal reveals that no group of representatives has voted consistently together throughout the session. They have been split in different ways on almost every rollcall.

Those upstate members who feared the domination by a mythical Multnomah county machine have seen that dream shattered to bits almost every turn. In fact the Multnomah county members are not trying to maintain a machine. Speaker Selling, himself, discouraged it from the start if ever there was any disposition to build one. The Multnomah delegation has been badly split on almost every question decided on a close vote—even on those issues affecting Multnomah county directly. Only when the House has expressed itself unanimously on a subject has the Multnomah delegation clung together.

Even the bill introduced by Representative Olson providing for elimination of petition-peddling did not win the unanimous support of Multnomah representatives. The so-called evils of petition-peddling are more pronounced in Portland than in any other part of the state and it was expected that the delegation would stay together on this subject, but several of the members were won over by the appeals of the up-state representatives, who declared that petition circulating had not yet reached the stage of abuse in their respective localities.

Probably the best controlled group in the house is the Eastern Oregon delegation. Whenever it is necessary the members from east of the Cascades cling together, but frequently this is a difficult task for the leaders.

It is probable that the Eastern



WONDERFUL GLASS DOME OF THE PALACE OF HORTICULTURE, PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

Palace of Horticulture, looking through the Court of Palms. This beautiful structure has a glass dome 285 feet high and 152 feet in diameter. Crowning the dome is a huge basket. The general style of the architecture is the French renaissance, with Saracenic modification. The extreme length of the palace is 672 feet and breadth 320 feet.

PANAMA CANAL OPENING DELAYED

President Wilson Proposes to Visit the
Exposition in March and Make
Several Speeches

Washington, Jan. 29.—Formal announcement of the postponement of opening ceremonies at the Panama Canal from March until some time in July was made today by Secretary Daniels at a cabinet meeting.

In July the Atlantic fleet will pass through the canal and all of the other ceremonies planned for President Wilson's attendance in March will be held. The report of Governor Goethals of slides in Culebra cut was given by Mr. Daniels as the reason for the postponement.

It was definitely announced that President Wilson expects to go to the San Francisco Exposition in March, despite the postponement of the opening of the canal, and will make a special trip to Panama in July.

Unless an extra session of Congress is called the President plans to make a number of speeches on his return trip east. It was said authoritatively at the White House that there were now no plans for an extra session.

Officials have every expectation that the slides will be completely removed by July.

Oregon group will stick closely together when the irrigation bills come up. The irrigationists are asking a one-half mill state-wide tax levy and a cash appropriation of \$450,000, with the expectation of getting one or the other, the tax levy preferred.

So far as the speakership contest is concerned the lines that divided the Selling forces from the Eaton supporters at the beginning of the session, or more properly before the session, were broken down after the first day.

Deeds to Locks Approved

Washington, Jan. 31.—Attorney General Gregory today approved the deed by which the Federal Government will acquire title to the Oregon City locks, and sent his letter of approval, with the deed, to Secretary of War Garrison for acceptance. This practically closes negotiations that have been under way for nearly two years, and it is now necessary only for the Secretary of war to affix his signature and request the secretary of the Treasury to pay over the cash.

When the purchase is completed the secretary of war will announce the policy of the government, and it is expected that the canal will immediately be thrown open to free navigation. Until that time plans of the war department as to future work near Oregon City will not be made public.

Looking to Consolidation

Out east and southeast of town there are three lodges of the Bohemian order of Z. C. B. J., neither of which has a very strong membership. An effort is on foot to consolidate the three into one strong lodge.

The Tribune knows nothing about the objects and aims of the order, but as a general principle, one strong lodge is far more interesting than two or three weak ones. It is productive of more interest on the part of the members. Our Bohemian friends are certainly making a wise move.

John Cyrus, of across the South Santiam on the C. & E. railroad came to Scio Tuesday afternoon. This is his first visit to his old home town for two or three years. He remarked the improvements made since he was here. Mr. Cyrus came over to attend the K. of P. dedication.

Scio was voted, by our late visitors, to be the best town on the map. We suspect the bountiful lunch prepared by the ladies was the cause. Nor do we suspect that our lady friends were endeavoring to purchase votes, either.

SWECK DROPPED AND ALBANY MAN NAMED

William H. Hornbrook, Editor of Democrat
is Nominated for Minister
to Siam

Washington, Feb. 2.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of William H. Hornbrook, of Albany, Ore., editor of the Albany Democrat, to be Minister to Siam. Mr. Hornbrook was appointed on the joint recommendation of Senators Chamberlain and Lane, who acted on numerous recommendations made to them by prominent democrats when in Oregon at the time of the late campaign. The senators filed their recommendation with Secretary Bryan when they returned to Washington prior to the opening of congress and the appointment has been delayed while the state department inquired into Hornbrook's qualifications.

Senator Chamberlain at the last session made a strong effort to secure this appointment for Alex Sweck, of Portland, and Sweck's nomination was sent to the senate, but subsequently was withdrawn because of strong opposition. Senator Chamberlain made several efforts to have Sweck renominated, but Secretary Bryan insisted that some other democrat be named.

Lon Holman Dead

Lon Holman, who was temporarily residing in Albany for medical treatment, died Monday, aged about 72 years.

The remains were brought to Scio for burial yesterday. Mr. Holman married a sister of J. A. Bilyeu, of this city.

Doc Sanderson, who purchased a Shetland pony at Salem last week for Jack, thinks the diminutive piece of horseflesh about the neatest thing in that line in the country. He is thinking of entering the new purchase in the races at the fair, next fall, with Jack for the jockey.

PYTHIAN TEMPLE WAS DEDICATED

The Grand Officers and Visiting Knights
Executed the Work Most
Proficiently

Perhaps Scio has never had a more important benevolent society function pulled off than that of the dedication of the new temple for Leonidas lodge No. 36, K. of P., last Tuesday night.

The lodge hall, which was erected last year, has been in use since last fall, but the lodge furnishings had not been supplied nor could a date be arranged with the Grand officers until this time.

Tuesday night the following named grand officers, regular and protem, with many visiting knights, were present and dedicated the new temple in a very efficient manner. The following had charge of the ceremonies:

G. C., A. E. Wrightman, Silverton.

G. V. C., W. L. Marks, Albany.

G. P. Thos. B. Laugherty, Astoria

G. K. of R. and S. L. R. Tinson, Salem.

G. Mas A., J. B. Bourne, Ranier.

G. I. G., George Cusiter, Silverton.

Visiting knights present besides the above, were:

From Silverton, Chas. L. Morgan, John Wood, John Fishwood, R. C. Eastman, W. S. Jack, Al Nickerson, Elmer Olsen, Geo. Moorey, Geo. Cusiter, and R. B. Mount.

From Albany, J. H. Thompson, Ora Baker, George Goltra, H. W. Stratton, Geo. Richards, L. F. McClain, A. L. Geddes, C. B. Essex, L. F. Newton, Chas. C. Curry, M. E. Bilyeu, J. W. Miller, R. M. Russell, Lafe Compton, H. A. Stearns, Neil Bain, W. L. Marks, Clyde Crawford, J. L. Hill, W. B. Chance, George Sanders and J. M. V. Bilyeu.

When the dedicatory services were concluded, the lodge and visiting members repaired to the Wesley-Cain hall and listened to a very excellent vocal and instrumental program.

By this time tomorrow had nearly arrived. Nevertheless, the lodge and visitors returned to the Castle hall and conferred the Esquire rank upon an initiative, the Albany lodge conferring the work in a most efficient and impressive manner.

Then the talkfest began in which G. C. C. Wrightman, G. K. S. Stinson, Dr. J. L. Hill and others participated, until about 3 a. m., when the function was closed.

Notes—All visiting members commended Leonidas lodge highly for the enterprise in building their Castle hall and prophesied a most prosperous future for the lodge.

Some 15 members of Laurel lodge No. 7 drove over in an auto truck. In one or two instances, the aforesaid members had to get out and pull the truck out of the mud.

Everybody, members, visitors, spectators and the Pythian Sisters, voted the exercises of the evening a splendid success.

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