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No Meeting Monday Night

December was the last meeting of the Forks of the Santiam Community Club, for two reasons: None in January because of the death of President Frank Smith's mother, in deference to him in his sadness; in February, because no community has invited it and there is no place to go.

Whether there will ever be another meeting is problematical. If the same activity is shown during the next month as in the last two months, it is certain no meeting will be held in March. Why let it die? Did it fail in its mission? If so, why? Were the officers, or any officer, a misfit? If mismanaged, how? Who would do better and bring more life into the club and community? Shall the club die? These are questions that are pertinent, what say you, fellow citizens?

Cantata Pleases

Rev. D. V. Poling of the First Presbyterian church of Albany with the members of his choir and an eight-piece orchestra, gave the cantata "The Nativity" at the Christian church last Thursday night.

Those who attended say that this was the best of the three popular singers have given here. Just prior to the closing number Rev. Poling led the audience in a community sing. An offering was taken which is to go to the benevolent fund of the Scio church.

After the program they were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mylo Bartu where refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed until a late hour.

Arm Causing Trouble

Several months ago Will Richardson received an injury to his left arm while bridling a horse that has caused him almost continuous pain ever since, and has been under the constant care of a physician. For a time it was thought the arm was dislocated at the shoulder, but as the pain did not cease and heal, the arm was put in a cast for several weeks, with no apparent success. Mr. Richardson was in Salem Monday and had the cast removed. He still suffers intensely, and is worried as to the outcome.

Scio Well Represented

One of our citizens who was in Albany Saturday says that Scio and vicinity was well represented. He reports having seen the following: Guy McKnight, Tom Large, L. F. Jones, John Hubacek, George Bilyeu, Ed Bilyeu, V. E. Shelton, S. F. Zysset, T. M. Holt, Steve Young, Jake Bilyeu, John and Frank DeWall, Mrs. M. P. Long.

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LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED BY OREGON SOLONS

Only Fight Is Over Banks Bill, Which Is Opposed By Portland City Officials.

Salem.—The first two weeks of the present session have passed with very little of importance accomplished. While a number of important bills have been introduced no measure of general interest has received attention in both houses. With the exception of the fight in the senate over the Banks bill, which gives the right of appeal to the circuit court where a license is revoked by a city council, the first two weeks of the session were rather tame and devoid of public interest. The Banks bill passed the senate, but it will meet with strong opposition in the house, as it is bitterly opposed by Mayor Baker of Portland and the Portland council.

The gist of bills introduced seems to be about as numerous as during previous sessions. A total of 61 bills were introduced in the senate and 125 in the house during the first two weeks.

Governor Pierce and the lawmakers have not seriously clashed, but trouble is liable to break out at any time, particularly if efforts being put forth to perfect an organization to override the governor's vetoes succeed.

Prohibition Investigation Lags.

Little was done by the committee investigating the prohibition department last week, but interesting developments are expected this week when officials of various counties and others are expected to appear before the committee. The committee put in much time last week going through the mass of records brought from his Portland office by Prohibition Commissioner Cleaver.

The public hearing on the proposed ratification of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution brought large delegations from Portland. While it is doubtful if the amendment will be ratified, sentiment in its favor seems to be increasing. The younger members of the legislature seem inclined to favor ratification, but the older ones are dead set against it.

Irrigation, which is likely to be one of the most important subjects to receive attention during the session, is in more or less of a tangle.

The bills proposed by the Anglo-London-Paris bank of San Francisco are not liked by irrigators, who insist the measures are for the interest of the bondholders of the Warm Springs project and not for the benefit of the settlers. The bank agents flatly deny the imputation. At least four irrigation bills will appear during the coming week.

Creation of an office of state director of land reclamation to supervise both arid and wet land operations in Oregon is recommended in a report of the committee on irrigation, appointed under authority of a legislative act passed two years ago.

Primary Amendment Proposed.

Two proposed amendments to the direct primary law, calling for conventions have appeared. The Mills bill provides for a post-primary nominating convention, and a bill sponsored by the Jackson county delegation provides for a pre-primary recommending convention. The Mills bill was reported back by the house judiciary committee without recommendation. These bills will undoubtedly provoke a flood of oratory.

The drive for more normal schools for Oregon opened in the house, when delegations in both houses from Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties, supported by some scattering members, introduced house bill No. 87, intended to rehabilitate the Ashland normal.

Simultaneously in the senate a bill was introduced to abolish, formally, the state normal school at Weston. Regents were authorized to dispose of the property to the city of Weston.

Would Aid Farmers. Sponsored by the entire eastern Oregon delegation, a bill was introduced

in the senate providing for the appropriation of \$300,000 to be used by the state board of control in affording relief to wheat farmers of the state whose crops have been destroyed by the recent freeze. The bill authorizes the board of control to loan from this fund to farmers for the purchase of not to exceed 500 bushels of seed wheat, taking a mortgage on the crop as security for the loan.

Tax Ban Asked.

Senator Dennis introduced a joint resolution calling for a constitutional amendment which would prohibit income and inheritance taxes in Oregon and in the house Representative Shelton offered a resolution that would prohibit the enactment of an income tax prior to the year 1950.

The Dennis resolution is patterned closely after a constitutional amendment recently adopted in Florida prohibiting inheritance and income taxes.

This week will probably see introduction of the bill for a new state office building on the capitol grounds adjoining the supreme court building. Representative Kilham of Multnomah county will father the proposal and will ask for approximately \$410,000 of state funds.

The senate committee on banking has introduced in the senate a new banking code, which has been compiled as a result of a study of more than three years by a committee appointed in behalf of the Oregon Bankers' association.

Colonization Body Desired.

Colonization and settlement of idle lands and creation of what would be known as the Oregon state colonization commission are provided in a bill introduced in the senate. The colonization commission would be composed of three members to be appointed by the state board of control, who would serve without compensation.

The senate approved a house joint resolution authorizing appointment of a committee of five members of the legislature to confer with similar committees from Washington and California with relation to uniform traffic laws in the northwest states.

Swearing in Voters Prohibited.

Swearing in voters at the polls would be prevented under a constitutional amendment proposed in house joint resolution No. 6, introduced by Representatives Swan, Collier, Howard, Oakes and North. The bill provides that only persons who have been duly registered may vote. It is designed to prevent marshaling of votes by any particular interests at elections.

A bill calling for the appropriation of \$1200 to be paid in installments of \$50 a month to Mrs. Isabella T. Geer, widow of the late ex-Governor T. T. Geer, was introduced in the house by Woodward, Multnomah county. A long petition signed by many representative Portlanders requesting legislative relief for Mrs. Geer accompanied the bill.

The gathering of information by a committee of seven members for the purpose of recommending consolidations and eliminations of state departments and boards, with corresponding reductions in governmental expenses, was proposed in a joint resolution introduced by Senator Toole.

Would Regulate Stages.

Since the introduction of the Hall bills to cut automobile license fees 40 per cent and substitute a 5-cent sales tax instead of the present tax on gasoline, no highway legislation of importance has appeared in the senate. In the house several new highway bills (Continued on page 2)

Pioneer Crosses Over

Frank P. Devaney, 96, one of the oldest men in Linn county, and a resident near Jefferson for more than half a century, passed away at the home of Mrs. Suretny Hansard, a daughter, in Lebanon, on Monday, Jan. 26, at 8 p. m. Death was due to the complications of old age.

Mr. Devaney was born in Franklin county, North Carolina, October 30, 1828, and while a small boy he moved with his parents to Tennessee, where at the age of 21 he was married to Miss Gemma White, who passed away in 1902. The young couple later moved to Missouri, and at the beginning of the civil war Mr. Devaney enlisted in the confederate army, serving under General Price. He was once taken prisoner by the Union forces.

In the fall of 1865 the family came to Oregon, crossing the plains by ox team. Ten children were born to them, of whom seven survive. They are George of Albany, Robert of Roseburg, Andrew of Jefferson, Mrs. Suretny Hansard of Lebanon, Mrs. J. M. V. Bilyeu of Albany, Mrs. M. J. Seehale of Jefferson and Mrs. Leola Knight of Lebanon.

A short funeral service will be held in Lebanon at 10 o'clock this morning by the Elks lodge, and the burial service will be in charge of the Odd Fellows lodge of Jefferson at Franklin Butte cemetery about 1 o'clock.

Telephone Meeting Saturday

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Scio Mutual Telephone Co. in Scio, Saturday, Jan. 31, at 10 a. m., the session to be held in the city hall, at which time the special committee on revision of by-laws will report. The committee is composed of G. L. Sutherland, H. O. Shilling, S. B. Holt, Jas. Oupor and J. D. Densmore.

At this time an executive board of five members and a president, secretary and treasurer will be elected, should the proposed changes in the by-laws be adopted. There is much of importance that should be cause for every line connected with the Scio switchboard to be represented at this meeting. Therefore again we say: On Saturday, Jan. 31, at 10 a. m., every phone owner connected with Scio central is invited to come to Scio and hear the report of the committee. The meeting will be held at the city hall.

Don't forget the masquerade ball Saturday night at the Z. C. B. J. hall, and the Aumsville home talent minstrel show and dance at the same place on Tuesday night, Feb. 3. A good show is promised, and you will miss something good if you stay away.

Dr. J. G. Gill and family of Lebanon visited Mrs. N. E. Gill Sunday.

A Tractor School

A tractor school is to be held by Barrett Bros., the McCormick Deering dealers in Albany, on Friday, Jan. 30. This school is held for the purpose of being of help to the users, no matter what make, and tractor drawn tools, also to all who are interested in power farming whether they own a tractor at present or not.

The school is to be practical in every way, we understand, and that something of interest will be doing all the time. All questions asked will be answered, and internal combustion engines explained. The school is also given for the benefit of young men and others who are interested in taking up the study of operating tractors and tractor drawn equipment, and this is a rare opportunity to get a good start in the knowledge of modern tractors, their operation and care.

The school starts at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow, and a lunch will be served at noon, so nothing may be missed. Six reels of pictures showing the various subjects will be shown. If possible, everyone interested in power farming should attend.

T. L. Dugger Stricken

Word was received here last Thursday that T. L. Dugger, many years publisher of the Tribune and one of the best known men of Linn county, had suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home in Hotel Lebanon, where he has resided since returning from California nearly a year ago. For a time his life was despaired of but latest reports said he was improving.

His many friends here will be sorry to hear of his present condition and will hope for a speedy recovery.

A Birthday Surprise

Mrs. John Legner and her mother, Mrs. Compton, gave Mr. Legner a surprise birthday dinner Sunday. The afternoon passed pleasantly with playing games and a general good time.

Miss Aileen Mumper, who is working in Salem, spent Sunday at home.



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