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THURSDAY, Feb. 12, 1925

Today is the 116th anniversary of the great American and Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. Today let us remember his great gift to the people and try to bring ourselves to realize that our taxes and all else come "of the people, for the people and by the people," and we can become better governed by studying his life and achievements more.

There will be some extra good news for the patrons of the school at the Parent-Teacher meeting tonight. "Asleep at the Switch" may be a tame affair to what we hear has been allowed to happen in this district. If you are interested in your school, be present.

So many bills of all kinds have been introduced in the legislature that congestion is feared. Grandma would call it indigestion, because of the numerous kinds of bills that they have poured into their system, which even hearty, robust men would find hard to digest, let alone a puny legislature.

Not many cats live to be 19 years old—for many reasons. But Tease, the household pet at the Fred Bilyeu home did. He didn't mix in the feline family rows nor gossip about his female friends. He stayed at home, minded his own business and died a peaceful death without a mar on his body nor dishonored, and he was just an ordinary black and white cat. He was mourned in this home where he had lived for 19 years, and rightly so.

Seldom does it come to the notice of the editor of the Tribune that one of his readers or advertisers sees fit to advertise it right out in bold letters and in a conspicuous place. But that is just what Joe Wesely has done, and we gratefully accept the high compliment, for it came unsolicited and because he believes in the Tribune. On a placard in his show window he says: "Read the Scio Tribune, the best country paper published in state of Oregon." That's a bouquet to the living, not to the dead, when they cannot be seen by the recipient nor be appreciated by him. If all the bouquets were extended in life, instead of so many brickbats, honor among men would be almost universal and the old world made a much better place in which to live.

Marriage is serious. It is a problem only two can solve. It means future bliss or future hell. If two parties are unsuited to each other, temperament before marriage will reveal the fact, and the first time

LAW-MAKERS ARE BEHIND IN WORK

Investigation of State Prohibition Department Is Cause of Much Delay.

Salem.—The legislature must speed up its work during the remainder of the session if congestion is to be avoided during the closing days, for when it convened Monday with only 11 working days remaining, comparatively few important measures had been sent up to the governor. Before adjournment over the week end the speaker called attention to the fact that few senate bills had been received and that unless the house gets its own bills out of the way congestion was bound to follow.

Many important measures had not received attention by both houses, among them the child labor amendment, road legislation, and tax bills. In the house 414 bills had been introduced, and of this number the house passed 103 and sent them to the senate. Only 16 senate bills had been

this revelation comes should be the last. The seven-year-old girl in San Francisco is one instance of a divided home. She was born in hate, with murder in the heart, and she has become an adept in the art of murder. She is too young to pay the penalty in jail or by death. Who is to blame? God only knows. But parents can help soften the demon in the heart of their children by making the best of a bad bargain by sticking together amiably for the future happiness and well-being of the child or children they brought into the world.

A new commission is proposed by a member of Linn county's delegation in the legislature—H. E. Tucker. In a bill prepared by himself he would have a commission of three at \$2400 a year each to censor all motion pictures before they can be exhibited in Oregon, and would tax each film \$1.00 for the privilege of being censored by this commission. This bill should also tell the censors how to make the films so funny and understandable that tired mothers can take their babies to the exhibition so that they will laugh instead of cry. Then create another commission to censor the work of the first commission at a salary of \$3600 each a year, and our taxes in higher prices for entertainment added to all the other taxes will hasten the doom of the legislative assembly in Oregon. We know it will if the burden is not lessened, for the people are getting tired of whims being made laws.

BRIEF AND BREEZY

Some lawyers won't defend bootleggers; others patronize them.

"Congress can spend less money," says the Los Angeles Times. But congress won't.

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, has a cure for ignorance. But why a cure when ignorance is so blissful?

Wayne Wheeler's little boy, the prohibition amendment, celebrates its fifth birthday. Wait until the Eighteenth amendment is as old as the Fifteenth.

A Viennese professor says if you can wear a full dress suit with ease, it shows your ancestors for 200 years were among the socially elect. As waiters, or butlers, professor?

Chief Attookie of the Comanche Tribe goes up from the reservation to try to break into the inaugural parade. He escapes with his feathers.

A tailoring paper says that a man with a new suit is instinctively trusted. Of course. If he wasn't, how would he ever get the suit?

The first move in the campaign to make the churches Christian ought to be to require preachers to stick to their own job and leave politics to the laymen.

passed by the house. In the senate a total of 187 bills were introduced and of these about 50 were sent to the house.

Much of the delay in getting down to work is attributed to the investigation of the state prohibition department, which required the attendance of groups of members of both houses.

Port Bill Becomes Law.

The Port of Portland commission bill is now a law, as it was passed over the governor's veto. Immediately after the reading of the veto message in the senate, Senator Banks moved that the senate proceed to consider it, and without comment that body passed it over the executive's veto with only three members voting to sustain it. The three were Senators Joseph, Fisk and Zimmerman.

The house passed the measure over the executive's veto with only Mott, Shrock and Hunter of Union voting to sustain the executive.

The other measures stripping the governor of appointive power over various departments, among them the fish and game commission, are likely to cause some lively debates. While it is possible some of these bills will pass both houses, many seem to think that it will not be as easy to override the governor's veto as it was on the Port of Portland bill.

Appropriation Bills Perplex.

How to provide money for the operation of the various state departments and activities during the current biennium is the perplexing problem that the joint ways and means committee of the senate and house is finding it difficult to solve.

After hearing representatives of the various state activities seeking financial assistance the committee will go into executive session to pass on the appropriations. It has been proposed by the committee to have the appropriation bills on the floor of the house not later than Friday of this week.

At the request of the committee, Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, submitted a lengthy statement showing that the actual appropriations recommended by the state budget commission exceed the funds available by approximately \$79,000. It was said that this shortage of funds was due to the low tax levy fixed by the state tax commission and the inclusion in the budget of certain items not absolutely necessary in the conduct of the affairs of state.

Besides the actual appropriations recommended by the state budget commission the heads of the various state departments and institutions have submitted to the committee estimated requirements of \$1,700,000.

Farm Aid Bill Signed.

Governor Pierce signed the measure which provides \$1,500,000 as a loan fund to Oregon farmers for purposes of purchasing seed wheat to reseed land where crops have frozen out this winter. The bill carries the emergency clause and became effective as soon as signed by the governor.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, has closed a deal whereby the Portland banks have agreed to accept state bonds as collateral for funds needed in financing the wheat growers of eastern Oregon under the relief measure.

For the use of this money the state will be required to pay the Portland banks interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. The farmers who borrow the money from the state will pay interest at the rate of 6 per cent. This spread in interest, it was said, probably will more than offset any losses that may be suffered by the state as a result of the administration of the act.

The house roads and highways committee has decided upon three-eighths mills as a basis for determining fees to be paid by bus and truck lines. Charge of three-eighths of a mill per seat or per ton capacity multiplied by the number of miles traveled will give the additional tax to be paid by bus or truck lines over the regular fee charges.

The bill which the house roads and highways committee will report favorably to the house is a revision of the house bill introduced by Swan and Oakes. In its original form the bill would have taken one and one-half mills as a rate-making basis.

The committee decided against embodying the certificate of public convenience and necessity in the bill.

The house passed the Mills post-primary convention measure by a vote of 32 to 27. This measure, however, will in all probability never reach the executive, as there are already more than enough votes lined up in the senate to defeat it.

The senate has passed Senator Maglady's bill, which gives the secretary of state authority to employ all officers

used in the state traffic department, and limits the number to not more than twenty-five. At present the authority is centralized in his office, but he is limited to seven men and, through a gentlemen's agreement, the state highway department has added seven more, and all are paid from the same fund.

Would Validate Proposed Laws.

The house adopted house joint resolution 10, submitting to the voters of Oregon an amendment to the state constitution requiring the supreme court to give its opinion upon important questions upon solemn occasions, when required by the governor, the senate or house of representatives, and all such opinions shall be published in connection with the reported decisions of said court.

It was argued that were this system in vogue the legislature would avoid passing many unconstitutional bills, as the subject of constitutionality could be determined at once by the supreme court when application was made to it by a majority vote of either senate or house of representatives.

The senate passed a bill making it a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of from \$100 to \$500 and imprisonment for from sixty days to six months, to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

If a death is caused by an intoxicated driver, he would be liable to conviction of manslaughter, under the bill.

Movie Censorship Asked.

A state board of motion picture censors would be created under the terms of house bill 409, introduced by Representative Tucker of Linn county. The censors, three in number, would receive \$2400 annually and would name viewers, whose compensation would not exceed the total sum of \$1000 a year. A dollar a reel would be charged for censoring, if the reel did not exceed 1000 feet in length. If longer, a fee of \$2 would be charged.

Only films of a moral, educational or amusing and harmless nature would be passed.

Criticism of the present educational system in Oregon played an important part in the discussion of Senator Eddy's bill limiting the power of election of studies by high school students and providing for the inclusion of practical courses in the high school curriculum.

The bill was approved by the senate by a vote of 24 to 6.

Salary Increases Passed by House.

This legislature promises to be among those sessions noted for raising salaries. The number of bills already introduced with the purpose of increasing the pay of officials and others yet to come would seem to bear out the statement.

A salary bill passed by the house was of benefit to the district attorneys, pay being increased throughout the state, the basis of advance being that of the number of prosecutions handled. The bill means the annual addition of \$18,000 and some odd dollars to district attorneys' salaries and, curiously enough, this sum is to be raised by a \$5 addition to court costs of filing divorce suits.

The house committee on banking has reported favorably on Representative Gordon's substitute for house bill 35, authorizing the incorporation of mutual savings banks. Many changes have been made in the bill, the most important being elimination of a provision for establishing branch institutions.

Legislative Brevities.

Rumors persist that the governor will sponsor a gross earnings tax on all public utilities.

The house passed house bill 198 transferring control of the state game commission from the governor to the state board of control. Eleven votes were registered against the measure.

Congress will be memorialized, by terms of a joint memorial, to enact legislation along lines of the McNary-Haugen bill and form export corporations to market surplus crops. Representative Mann and others introduced it.

Women and girls would be required to purchase hunting and fishing licenses under house bill 233 passed by the house. It provides that any person over 14 years of age shall obtain a license.

Governor Pierce vetoed Senator Upton's bill authorizing the city of Bend to exchange water taken from the Deschutes river for a similar amount of water from Tunalo creek for municipal purposes.

Sam Stoller took the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Compton to Salem Tuesday.

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