

REVIEW OF LEGISLATURE

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tain it.

Soldier bonus legislation is still at an uncertain stage and it is uncertain just what the outcome will be at the present session. Legislators seem to be a bit chary about committing themselves, although the undercurrent appears to be against any cash bonus.

One soldier compensation act introduced by Senator Dennis would make available the sum of \$30,000,000 as a loan fund.

The measures provide that the credit of the state may be lent and indebtedness incurred to an amount not exceeding 3 per cent of the assessed valuation of the state for the creation of the fund necessary to place the act in operation.

If approved by the legislature this measure will be referred to the voters at the next general election.

A bill having for its purpose the more stringent enforcement of the prohibition law was introduced in the senate by Senator Farrell of Multnomah county.

This bill provides for the creation of the office of prohibition commissioner, to be appointed by the governor, whose duty shall be to enforce the provisions of the prohibition act.

A companion bill relates to search and seizure. Under this bill officers having personal knowledge or reasonable information that intoxicating liquors are being unlawfully manufactured, held or kept in any building or premises or are being unlawfully carried or transported in any satchel, suitcase, grip, trunk, receptacle of any kind, or any wagon, truck, automobile, car, boat, airplane or other air craft, or in any other vehicle, may search such containers or carriers without search warrant.

Legislature Asks Tariff on Poultry.

The legislature adopted a joint memorial urging congress to place a tariff on poultry and poultry products imported to American markets from foreign countries.

It was explained that approximately 60 carloads of Chinese eggs had arrived in Seattle in one week recently, at a cost not to exceed 7 cents a dozen. With a continuation of these importations it was suggested that the Oregon poultrymen would suffer serious financial loss, and that the industry eventually would be ruined.

New Emergency Board Created.

The governor, secretary of state, president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives and state treasurer would be removed from membership on the state emergency board under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator Bell. Bell's bill creates a new emergency board of seven members, including the chairmen of the house and senate ways and means committees, with five other members to be selected from the personnel of the joint ways and means committee. These five members would be elected by the ways and means committee in joint session, with the president of the senate presiding. The president of the board would be elected by the board, and the secretary of state would be constituted as the secretary of the board.

Church Schools Taxed.

Much of the church, schools and hospital and other property in the state which is now exempt from taxation will be made taxable if a measure introduced by Senators Jones, Strayer and Hume gets by both houses and is signed by the governor.

The bill confines entirely to houses of worship the buildings of church organization that shall be exempt, and adds church schools to the tax rolls. An added clause exempts from taxation all property of all honorably discharged Civil war veterans, sailors, and marines to the amount of \$1000.

Legislative Brevities.

School teachers in Portland are maintaining a lobby in Salem to oppose any change in the tenure law.

Creation of a state board of aircraft examiners to regulate and control flying is provided in a bill introduced in the house.

A bill providing for the election of recorders in the counties of Clackamas, Linn, Benton, Marion, Washington, Yamhill and Umatilla was approved by the senate.

Additional powers to county boards of equalization, whereby such boards may require the attendance of witnesses, would be granted by a bill introduced by Representative Beals.

Any state bank may lend not to exceed 25 per cent of its capital, surplus and commercial deposits upon notes secured by mortgages or other form of real estate security, in case a bill introduced by Senator Hall becomes a law.

Following out the recommendations contained in the special message which Governor Olcott delivered last week Senator Patterson introduced a bill under the provisions of which \$300,000 would be appropriated for the con-

struction of a training school for boys to replace the present Oregon State Training school.

Efforts to limit chaplain service in the state penitentiary and the boys' training school to members of the Salvation army failed by a single vote after a lively debate in which practically one-third of the house membership participated.

BROWN AND GOLD LEAVES

Umatilla High School
By Lotys Davis

At the school election held last Saturday, P. McNabb was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Merrick, resigned.

Miss Jesse Jenks, third grade teacher, was called to her home in Albany on account of the serious illness of her father, who suffered a paralytic stroke. Mrs. Ford is substituting during her absence.

The eighth grade agricultural class has received samples of cotton in the different stages of manufacture from the Pacific Mills of Lawrence, Mass.

Several pupils are absent from the lower grades on account of colds.

The eighth grade has received copies of examinations which are being given in some counties as regular examinations. These are being used as the semester tests for the purpose of practice. The papers will be put on file, so that the county superintendent may look them over on his next visit.

Clara Park and Ralph Nichols are absent from the eighth grade.

The boys frescoed the baseball diamond last Saturday and it is now in excellent condition. They also prepared the girl's basket ball grounds.

The semester examination occurred this week.

Get This Idea?

Whether it is better on the outside looking in or on the inside looking out may be decided according to the circumstances. At any rate, with the editor's kind indulgence (if it be that he will indulge the writer) wishes to write one phase of the community development from the standpoint of the outsider looking in.

How may the people of Hermiston be adequately complimented on the far sighted policy of providing in a magnificent way for the tourist? Suffice it to say that they have appreciated early the tremendous advantage of the highway and the importance of the tourist traffic. Of course, they had as guide the experience of towns through which improved highways run.

For instance, between Seattle and the California cities there is built a great highway. Almost every city of any consequence along that line of travel has provided camping grounds for the tourist. Some have provided wood, water, shelter, telephone, literature and other conveniences. Even in many of the smaller towns where camping accommodations are provided there is an average of some two hundred tourists who make camp there each day during the summer months. An added population of 200 make business for the town. Provisions, drygoods, accessories, gasoline, meals must be purchased. Indeed there is scarcely a line of business which is not materially benefited either directly or indirectly. It is surprising to note the number of home-seekers who now travel by auto.

In some of these camps it is not uncommon to see people from a dozen states assembled. The cars bear not only the license tags of the western states but many have license under the states of the Atlantic seaboard. Cars of the expensive type are parked with the humbler kinds, and the wealthy fraternize with the poor.

Next spring the Columbia highway will be open from Portland to the east. The scenic beauty of the highway has been well advertised throughout the country. Hermiston is on the big east and west highway through Oregon as well as one of the principal highways leading from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Few people now form a true idea of the immense volume of summer traffic which there will be. Unlike the Pacific highway, the towns are quite a distance apart; therefore there will be a great need for camping facilities. The average day's run will be from Portland to the Umatilla project. So it comes about that my hat is off to the men who have seen in advance the good business of providing a nice camp ground.

Now there is Podunk, a town of which I have heard, which failed to fully see the advantage of providing camping privileges. True, the good people of that town often talked about the matter but upon an endeavor to establish a location the adjoining residents objected. Of course

this is a good American right, and some of their points may have been well taken, but the peculiar thing was that the matter was dropped right there. Instead of pursuing the matter to its conclusion and selecting a site upon which all could agree, Podunk established the unenviable reputation of being the one town of hundreds that failed to establish a camp ground and its neighbor Alert got the business and interested the home-seekers in the surrounding acres. Hats off to Alert and Hermiston.

Moral: A stitch in time is worth two in the bush; or, a word to the wise may sound fishy.—Contributed.

"Roast" Handball Players.

The execrations uttered by the indignant baseball fan against the unlucky or awkward player in America are as gentle murmurs compared with the epithets hurled by the occupants of the gallery at the contestants in the game of handball in the playgrounds of Madrid, Spain. "Rogue!" "Thief!" "Convict!" and "Idiot!" are some of the mild terms with which the players are greeted when they miss a ball or send it back in an easy position for the opponent to play it.

The reason for this excitement is the prevalent betting, in which the women spectators participate as much as the men. Professional bookmakers attend all matches, and their shouts of the odds for and against the players are mixed with the cries of the gambling spectators, until the scene resembles a bedlam.

Another Discoverer.

In an old Spanish geographical work on America published in 1552 by Francesco Lopez de Gomera, a priest of Sevilla, it is mentioned that Labrador was reached for the first time by a party of Norwegian sailors piloted by John Scolvus or Jon Skoip in 1476. The announcement was made for the first time some years ago, but it was greeted with skepticism that Columbus had been anticipated on the American shores by any but Leif Ericson, but recently additional evidence has shown that Columbus' visit to this country was antedated by Scolvus by 20 years and steps are being taken to urge the former's claims for honors.

Pecks of Diamonds.

During the year 1919 South Africa exported 1,124 pounds of diamonds. This quantity represented just about 125 quarts.

This vast quantity of precious stones reduced to terms of bushels would equal a trifle less than four, or what would be two ordinary grain bags full of them. Naturally the stones included a great number of very large ones as well as many medium-sized and small ones.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Shaft for Hero Dead.

An obelisk of granite seventy feet high is to be erected in Denmark as a memorial to the many thousands of American and allied soldiers of Danish descent who died in the World war. It has been estimated that about 80,000 men of Danish blood fought in the American armies in France and that about 20,000 Danes fought in the Canadian, Australian, British and French armies.

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The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, representing a payroll of approximately \$3,000,000 per year in Oregon, has reached a point beyond which it cannot go with its present income. It has asked for higher rates which will enable it to maintain its service, meet its payroll obligations and earn a reasonable return upon its investment in Oregon. If it obtains this it can carry on its construction program, offer more work in Oregon, enlarge its payrolls and take its proper part in the progress of this state. If it cannot secure adequate rates it must limit its expansion in every way, abandon its plans for extensions and lay off its construction crews.

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