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REAMES WRITES OF PROSPECTS FOR ROAD LEGISLATION

SALEM, Jan. 27.—To the Editor: I wired you today that House Bill 163 had been reconsidered. There will be a meeting tonight of the committee on roads and highways and I enclose you herewith a communication which I am sending to that committee, which will show my objections to the bill. The way that the matter stands at the present time is this: the senate has passed senate bill No. 12, the house has passed No. 163; a large number of members of the house seem to be committed to it. Each of these bills go rather to the extreme. In the senate bill it is provided that an election is called and there is no notice given of the place where the permanent highway is to be constructed. In house bill 163, you will note that it is provided that there must be a district road meeting before the location of the proposed road can be established. I am of the opinion that my bill No. 13 will probably be adopted as a compromise.

Hopeful for Good Roads: I am very hopeful that good roads legislation will be enacted at this session. I have worked very hard to bring about some comprehensive scheme that will be satisfactory to a majority of the conflicting interests and I feel sure that this legislature is not going to adjourn and leave this question unsettled. Senator Von der Hellen, in the senate, has splendid charge of the situation there. I am of the opinion that if the representatives from Jackson county can assist in passing good roads legislation that will give the people of our district the good roads that they want that it would be better than to do anything else at this session. I am thoroughly appreciative of the fact that the people of our county are demanding good roads legislation and that they expect us to accomplish something along this line.

Fire Bill Not Introduced: By the way, you had an article in your valued paper a few days ago stating that I had introduced a bill providing for the creation of the office of fire marshal. Mr. Cowles called to see me Saturday evening and left with me a very excellently drawn measure providing for the creation of the office of fire marshal and asked me to introduce the same. I believe that this is a very meritorious measure but the demands that have already been made upon the legislature are so great that it is going to be absolutely necessary to curtail the expense wherever. If we do not do it the people of the state will have a right to say that this legislature was the most expensive in the history of the state. I have, however, turned the bill over to the committee on insurance and have asked them to give it their careful attention. You were, however, in error in saying that I had introduced the measure; it has not, in fact, been introduced.

Yours very sincerely, C. L. REAMES.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Mrs. Percy Vere de Vere Sadly shed a pearly tear, Brushed her face with a bit of lace And made the remarks that are quoted here. "Things have come to a pretty pass And rain starts us in the face. The country's headed down the hill At, really, quite a rapid pace." Then Mrs. Percy Vere de Vere Shed another pearly tear, And the pink of her cheek came off her face. Onto the bit of dainty lace As she sighed, "I've the gown, and house, and all. But the Wilsons aren't going to give a ball."

GOOD ROADS LETHARGY.

CALIFORNIA is spending \$18,000,000 for a state highway in addition to millions spent by various counties for good roads. Washington is to spend \$15,000,000 on trunk lines, in addition to several millions already spent. British Columbia is spending many millions in highway construction.

Oregon alone of the coast states is not spending a cent for highways and the outlook is gloomy for its spending any. Constitutional amendments passed at the last general election permit the state and the county to spend two per cent of their assessed valuation for highway construction. Enabling acts are necessary to make these laws effective—and the legislature so far has shown incapacity to pass them.

The Panama Pacific exposition will draw tens of thousands of people to the coast—yet Oregon is doing nothing to make it possible for them to see the state by automobile. What is the use of making a display at the exposition to attract tourists when tourists cannot get through the state when they come? The legislature is not only deadlocked on an enabling act to permit counties to bond themselves, but has made no effort toward building trunk lines through the state. The Pacific Highway is one of the great assets of the state, yet the legislature cannot see that it is worthy of consideration.

Ten millions of dollars of appropriations are asked already—not a cent for the Pacific highway. Moreover, the legislators will tell you such legislation couldn't pass, and if it did, would be referred. Pin this can't-do-it club down and they will tell you "the grange is opposed to it"—that is, a few pests that claim to represent the grange at every legislature, have "got the goats" of the legislators and even bluffed them into passing grange bills repudiated by the people last fall.

The legislature is an expensive luxury. The house alone has 95 stenographers and pages for sixty members, each at \$5 per day. It is trying to regulate everything under the sun—but doesn't seem able, either to comprehend or realize the fact that the all important legislation before it, is that ensuring a program of good roads construction.

Is Oregon to remain forever in the rear of the procession? Is the state always to be the messback rendezvous of the coast? Always to lag behind her sister states in enterprise and development? She will, just so long as her legislators fail to grasp the necessity of state highways.

The lack of good roads is costing Oregon hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly. The state is daily losing desirable population and wealthy homeseekers. Oregon's attitude is forcing the best class of people to pass through her on limited trains at night to reach a state where they have real highways instead of streaks of mire—where the part that the tourist plays in a country made beautiful by nature is realized and appreciated and real effort made to attract them.

The fact that the valley is located in Oregon instead of California has cost the Rogue River valley millions in money and thousands in population—for in California the state not only permits counties to develop themselves but co-operates in their development.

Oregon's road lethargy will not only keep away desirable immigration and shut off tourist traffic, but force her own citizens leave the state to secure that which they are denied at home.

FIFTH VENIRE IS DRAWN TO TRY DARROW AGAIN RECORDER MUST TURN ALL RECEIPTS OVER TO COUNTY

- (Permanent jurors to try Clarence Darrow.) E. J. Robinson, Butcher, Los Angeles. David Dunn, artist, Florence. Frank Sanderson, rancher, Whittier. Silvester Grant, retired, Los Angeles. R. A. Burner, rancher, Duarte. Byron Street, orange grower, Claremont. Walter F. Arms, mining engineer, Los Angeles. Wm. H. Ernest, lodging house proprietor, Pasadena. Silas Satchell, music teacher, El Monte. Geo. Hempstead, rancher, Lankershim.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Defendant, attorneys and permanent jurors in the Darrow trial are marking time today while court officers are securing the county for citizens drawn in the fifth venire, from which it will be attempted to complete the jury to try Clarence Darrow. There was no session of the trial today, the previous venire having been exhausted during yesterday's session. The permanent jurors have been secured, while one talsman, seated in the box for examination, is all that remains of the fourth venire.

The Shuberts will produce "Romance," by Edward Shelton, as Winthrop Ames has disposed of his rights in the play to them.

M'NICHOLAS PUT UNDER ARREST BY POSTAL AUTHORITIES GOOD ROADS LOBBY LEAVE FOR SALEM TO AID LEGISLATORS

Word received from Boston is to the effect that James H. McNicholas, under indictment at Cleveland, Ohio, for use of the mails to defraud, was arrested at Boston Tuesday and held under \$10,000 bonds to await arrival of federal officers from Cleveland. McNicholas is well known in Medford where a year ago last December he organized a company to acquire the Tolo brick plant from the Ray brothers. He secured quite a sum of money, much of which he was forced to refund.

Previous to the Tolo promotion scheme, he cleaned up a fortune by manipulating a number of placer mines in Josephine county, including the "Old Channel" mine owned by J. R. Harvey. He paid \$25,000 down for an option on this property and then effected a merger with other optional mines and proceeded to sell highly watered stock in the holding company, which only owned options. While in Medford he boasted that he had "stung" Wm. Rockefeller and other wealthy men in the deal by pretending to let them in on the ground floor to skin the public. When the options expired, the scheme collapsed.

Indictments of James H. and Thomas McNicholas, brothers and residents of Portland, were voted in Cleveland late last year. Just before the indictments were returned, both were reported to be living in Portland, but disappeared when the officers came to arrest them, and have not been heard from since until the postal authorities made the arrest of James H. in Boston. Both of the brothers were believed to have gone to Mexico. The fact that James H. is the principal in the mining operations accused by the government of fraud, has returned to the United States, will be taken by their Portland associates as evidence that the brothers will fight the charges preferred against them on testimony of Ohio witnesses.

It is not known here how many counts were in the indictment returned at Cleveland, but from the statements of the federal authorities it is inferred that several charges have been preferred. Several mining companies were promoted by James H., and a large amount of stock sold in these. His heaviest operations were in and about Cleveland, where he is said to have sold an enormous quantity of stock which proved worthless. The St. Joe and the Deep Gravel companies were two of the main concerns involved in the charges.

MEDFORD WINNER OVER KLAMATH FALLS

In an exciting game as has been played here in years Medford high school Tuesday night defeated the Klamath Falls team at basket ball; score, 29 to 18. The game was not decided until extra time had been allowed to play off a tie, as the score stood 18-18 when time was called. The winning basket was thrown by Cochran who aimed a perfect throw from the center of the floor, while the 299 high school students present went into a frenzy of applause.

The high school team played smoothly throughout and was kept at its best by the aggressive and accurate work of the opponents. The game aroused more enthusiasm from the supporters of the team than has hitherto been displayed and speaks well for continued interest in the team's schedule. What is certain to be a fast game will be played Thursday evening at the Nat when the Chosen Friends meet the Ashland Athletics. The Ashland team defeated the Klamath Falls boys by a larger score than the high school, and as the Chosen Friends have once defeated Ashland this game should be well worth seeing. Should the Chosen Friends win, as the dope has it they will, it will put them on equal footing with the high school. A large crowd is expected, many coming from Ashland.

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