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AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING

At the ceremonies attending the inauguration of Governor Withycombe at Salem this week, the music was furnished by an orchestra from the asylum for the insane, which was most fitting.

These interesting ceremonies were followed by a two days' fiery debate among the members of the house of representatives upon the sacred privilege of each representative being furnished a pretty stenographer—at state expense. Of course the stenographers won. Having set this excellent example of economy, the House is now ready to economize at the other fellow's expense, along lines of every legislature since time began.

In the organization of both houses the Oregonian machine worked like clockwork. The rump Multnomah caucus gets nearly all the important chairmanships in both houses. Those like Gill of Multnomah, who refused to play ball, are smashed by the steam-roller.

Meanwhile Governor Withycombe has made an auspicious start by making the insurance department political spoils, swinging the axe upon Insurance Commissioner Ferguson, an expert accountant appointed for efficiency, and appointed Harvey Wells, who as chief lobbyist for the insurance companies led the fight against the bill regulating insurance companies six years ago, and lobbied in their behalf every session since. Thus the insurance trust will be regulated by its own lobbyist. Other special interests expect the axe to swing for them along the same line and permit them to regulate themselves.

The assault is on all along the line. Casualty companies have measures in to emasculate the workmen's compensation law and blue sky statute. Bills are introduced and lobbyists busy for the biennial raids on state tide-lands, state swamp lands, mineral lake beds and other parcels of the people's heritage.

No wonder the occasion brings melody from lunatics.

AN OUTRAGEOUS MEASURE

The most radical bill concerning fishing in the Rogue river introduced in many sessions is senate bill No. 2, introduced by Dr. J. C. Smith, senator from Josephine, who last session traded every vote he had on every measure to secure support for his bill reopening the Rogue at Grants Pass to commercial fishing, and will evidently follow the same course in behalf of the present measure.

Smith's new bill not only extends the commercial fishing season at Grants Pass from two to four months, but throws open the entire Rogue river to commercial fishing. It permits the use of gill nets in the upper waters, forbidden now for many years.

In no stream in Oregon is commercial fishing permitted in headwaters. As a matter of fact, there should be no commercial fishing much above tidewater, for the longer the salmon remain in fresh water, and the further they go from the ocean, the less oil they contain and the more they lose in flavor and value as food fish.

The Rogue river is too small a stream for commercial fishing above the mouth of the Illinois. Only legislative-jobbery permits a limited season at Grants Pass. To open the river to the few commercial fish hogs as proposed would completely deplete the stream of all fish and destroy its value to anglers, ruin it as a source of recreation for the multitude and as an asset as a tourist attraction.

If Dr. Smith's bill becomes a law it should be re-referred. But it cannot become a law if the Jackson county delegation makes the fight against it the situation demands.

MINERAL SPRINGS PROJECT

ASHLAND is having the customary trials of the pioneer in any line in its efforts to dispose of its municipal springs bonds, to pipe mineral water to the city and make a second Carlsbad. Two elections have been necessary, and still no purchasers appear for the bonds.

Grants Pass, for its municipality owned railroad, had to have three elections and secure the passage of a special law by the legislature and secure two supreme court decisions before its bonds were marketable, because the project was a departure from the beaten path. Ashland may have as much trouble in disposing of its securities.

The Ashland Tidings printed a "Springs Edition" on January 1, containing the full history of the mineral water development project, together with analysis of the water, showing it superior to the water of most of the famous health resorts. The edition was most creditable, contained sixteen pages profusely illustrated, and printed upon book paper. Cuts of the leading citizens of Ashland also adorned the issue, which is a valuable advertisement for Ashland.

REJECTION CAUSES SURPRISE

THE rejection of the charter has caused much surprise in other cities, where the reversal of Medford's progressive policy is viewed with amazement.

In commenting upon it, the Grants Pass Courier says: "Medford has defeated its new charter by a majority of ninety-one votes. The document was an excellent one, and no doubt would have meant a great improvement in the conduct of the municipality. It is rather surprising that this usually progressive city should defeat a measure that stood for progress."

FIRE AT SIOUX CITY CAUSES \$2,000,000 LOSS

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Jan. 15.—Fire in the Trimble block, in the business district, caused a loss today of \$200,000.

When the blaze assumed alarming size authorities of the St. Vincent's hospital, which adjoins the Trimble

block, began removing patients. The removal of patients was accomplished without disorder.

Smoke Home-Made Cigars. Governor Johnson, Mt. Pitt and La Vista are the best.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 22 S. BARTLETT Phone M. 47 and 47-38 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

FEDERALS FILE MANY AFFIDAVITS AGAINST TRUST

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Nine additional affidavits, charging grievances against organized baseball, were filed today in support of its anti-trust suit against leading bodies operating under the national agreement. Among the affidavits was one made out by James J. Lillis, vice-president of the Jersey City club of the Inter-national League, which is within the pale of organized ball.

The Lillis affidavit, affirmed that Harry W. Knight, former shortstop for the New York Americans and at one time with the Jersey City club, had been unable to enforce a contract with the Yankees and although he had appealed to the National commission, had failed to obtain redress.

Mike Doolan, shortstop of the Baltimore Federals, in an affidavit, contended he was told he could not accompany the globe-trotters last winter unless he had his life insured for \$10,000 in favor of the Philadelphia Nationals. Doolan refused. Finally Manager McGraw of the New York Nationals agreed to pay the premium.

Abe Marks and Edward Treulich, employees of the Baltimore Federal grounds, made affidavits that they had seen a spy perched on the roof of the International club's grandstand just across the street trying to count the attendance at the Federal Park.

Information for Lung Sufferers

The makers of Eckman's Alternative will be pleased to send reports of recoveries from tuberculosis and a booklet of interest to sufferers, with information about diet and fresh air. Investigate this case—2141 Susquehanna Ave., Phila., Pa. "My Dear Sir:—For two years I was afflicted with hemorrhages of the lungs, and later I was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia. When I recovered sufficiently to walk about the house I was left with a frightful, hacking cough, which no medicine I had taken could alleviate. It was at this time, March, 1902, that I started taking Eckman's Alternative. In a short time my cough was gone and I was pronounced well. I cannot speak too highly for the good it has done."

(Signed) HOWARD E. KLOTZ. Eckman's Alternative is most efficacious in bronchial catarrh and severe throat and lung affections and up-building the system. Contains no harmful or habit-forming drugs. Accept no substitutes. Small size \$1; regular size \$2. Sold by leading druggists. Write for booklet of recoveries. Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia. Price \$1 and \$2 a bottle.

PROSPERITY BROUGHT TO FORT COLLINS BY SUGAR BEETS

(From the Ashland Record)

A. D. Jillson of Fort Collins, Colorado, has been in Ashland for the past few weeks looking over this locality with a view of locating here. For seven years he was an employee of one of the big sugar companies located in the vicinity of Fort Collins and speaks freely of his observations in that line. When questioned with relation to the sugar proposition for the Rogue river valley Mr. Jillson stated:

"No greater thing could come to the valley than a big sugar company. Through its operations it puts money into every channel of business and no business enterprise of any kind, however small, will fail to feel its enlivening effects.

"Sugar beet culture," continued Mr. Jillson, "increases the efficiency of every branch of agriculture. In the first place the ground for the growing of sugar beets must be thoroughly cultivated. To do that a farmer must naturally have the best of everything with which to work. To plow the ground to the depth required for beets you must have extra-large horses. This naturally encour-

IT Theatre

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Matinee-Evening

Mystery of the Sleeping House Episode No. 2. "Zadora" Complete Two Reels

Mutual Weekly News

Shorty Escapes Matrimony Two Reel Broncho, Shorty Series Princess Comedy

In Her Sleep 5 and 10c ANY SEAT 5 and 10c

STAR THEATER

K. L. Bernard, Manager

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Mr. Daniel Frohman

PRESENTS

Famous Players Road Show No. 1

America's Sweetheart

Miss Mary Pickford

— IN —

The Eagle's Mate

A Powerful Drama of the Virginia Mountains

In Five Parts

With a Large Company of Broadway Stars

Admission Always Five and Ten Cents

Souvenir Postcards of Miss Pickford with each Admission Ticket Friday

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THE MAN ON THE BOX

With Mr. Max Figman

ages to breeding and raising of better draft horses. It encourages the buying of better implements and harness and above all it encourages the farmer to put the same efforts upon the cultivation of his other crops as he does on his beets."

Mr. Jillson stated that in his home town in Colorado there were always more people trying to get beet ground than there was acreage to be had. He stated that to find 50 men at one time looking for land to lease for this purpose was not an uncommon thing at all.

MARRIED

Church-Link—At Yreka, January 9, by City Recorder J. W. Paugler, Charles C. Crouch of Medford and Olive Vera Hake of Ashland.

EXPOSITIONS A white diagonal checked madras Ide Silver Collar The leading men's wear stores have Ide Silver Collars or can get them for you—but if you have the slightest bother, write us for a list of our dealers nearest you. GEO. P. IDE & CO., Makers, TROY, N. Y.

VAWTER HEADS ROADS, HIGHWAYS; WAGNER, MINING

SALEM, Jan. 15.—Multnomah county has been given ten of the 41 house committee chairmanships by Speaker Selling. Jackson county drew one important chairmanship, roads and highways.

W. I. Vawter is chairman of Roads and Highways and a member of the committees on Horticulture, Fisheries and Banking.

F. D. Wagner drew chairman of the committee on Mining and memberships on the Ways and Means and Printing committees.

Miss Towne is put on the Education, Health and Public Morals and Salaries committees.

Of the 13 most important committees, eight Multnomah county men are chairmen. These are the ways and means, with S. B. Cobb; judiciary, with C. P. Olsen; revision of laws, with S. B. Huston; railroads, with L. J. Wentworth; banking, with Dr. A. C. Smith; labor, with O. W. Horne; alcoholic beverages, with E. V. Littlefield; corporations, with D. C. Lewis.

Other important chairmanships were allotted as follows: Assessment and taxation committee, Stagfield; agricultural, Cartwill of Baker; fisheries, A. A. Anderson of Astoria.

After two days of spirited debate, the house decided against the proposition of contracting for the clerical and stenographic work of the legislature, or any curtailment in the usual number of attaches, and voted that each member be given a clerk or stenographer.

NIGHT CABINET MEETINGS IN ORDER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—President Wilson has broken another precedent and will hold night cabinet meetings. Beginning tonight the cabinet will meet in the president's study every Friday at 8 p. m. for informal discussion of the government's business. After the adjournment of the last session of congress the president abandoned the custom of holding to cabinet meetings each week and the cabinet assembled on Tuesday morning. He has now decided, however, that it will be advantageous for the cabinet members to meet informally once a week and take up departmental business and general policies.

It was said at the white house that there was no other significance to the change.

WITHYCOMBE'S AXE STRIKES FERGUSON

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—Without assigning any reasons whatever in the official statement issued, Governor James Withycombe, on his first day in office, lopped off the official head of State Insurance Commissioner J. W. Ferguson and appointed to succeed him Harvey Wells, a Portland insurance man and treasurer of the republican state central committee.

It is admitted at the executive office that the chief reason for the removal of Commissioner Ferguson is that "he is not in harmony with the administration." Gov. Withycombe probably felt compelled to act quickly in order to save the department as a separate branch of the state government, because if it were consolidated with some other department there would be one less place to fill.

It is now reported about the lobby that before the week is out the governor will make room for another of the faithful. It is probable that the official ax will fall next on the neck of Corporation Commissioner R. A. Watson, and perhaps also on members of the industrial accident commission.