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W. C. T. U. OF COUNTY DISCUSS PENDING STATE LEGISLATION

Thursday, January 28, the Medford W. C. T. U. entertained Jackson county's organization in the M. E. church. The morning session was devoted to business. The superintendent for the different departments were appointed and Mrs. Grace Holmes elected as vice-president.

A night letter was sent to Representative Towne urging her to vote no on bill 132; also a letter was sent to our congressman and senators at Washington, protesting against the amendment of the post office appropriation bill and any measure that would curtail the freedom of the press.

A committee was appointed to look up the bill before the house pertaining to the shipping of fire arms to warring nations.

At noon a good chicken dinner was served to the delegates and visitors. Fifty were present.

The afternoon session was called to order by the president, Mrs. Lydia Howell. After the devotional, the different unions told of the work they had done and they help they have had through the press and otherwise.

Christian Citizenship was ably handled by Attorney H. Canaday, who made the appeal to mothers to train their children for the right kind of citizenship, and wherever they may be they will remember their mother's teaching.

Mrs. A. Walker gave a reading, "Only 10 cents for a Glass, but it That All?" Mr. Hawkins spoke on "After the Passing of the Poor Man's Club, then What?" A very lively discussion followed. Miss Brena Roberts gave a piano solo which was very beautiful.

RUSSIANS ROUTE TURKS IN PERSIA

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The Paris correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company telegraphs that he learns that the Russians have routed the Turkish troops in Persia and have entered Tabriz, capital of the province of Azerbaijan, which the Turks occupied early in January.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Turkish forces have suffered a fresh defeat in Persia, following those inflicted upon them north of Erzerum, according to dispatches received by the Matin. The Turkish right wing, which invaded Azerbaijan, the dispatches say was routed by the Russians who have returned to Tabriz. The Turks are said to be retreating toward Maragha, 50 miles south of Tabriz.

THE ROGUE RIVER FISH BILLS

THE Rogue river is the most beautiful of the many beautiful rivers of Oregon. Under smiling skies, between fir-fringed hills, verdure-clad valleys and rock-ribbed precipices, an overgrown mountain brook, swirling and turbulent at its narrows, swift and shallow over gravel bars, eddying in and out of occasional placid pools, it races and tumbles madly to the sea.

Save near its mouth, the Rogue river is in no sense a commercial fishing stream. To open it throughout to commercial fishing means the speedy extermination of the fish for the benefit of a few fishermen, mostly non-residents, who, with nets drifting from bank to bank, clean the stream of fish, although the salmon taken are inferior because of their long sojourn in fresh water.

The Rogue river is the finest angling stream in the world—an asset as a tourist attraction and the great recreation ground of the people of southern Oregon, who emphatically protest the reopening of their river—closed in Jackson county for the past ten years. Senate bill 27 opens the stream to its source—it should be defeated.

The people of Jackson county have to fight a biennial battle to protect the fish in Rogue river. Failing to secure justice from the legislature of 1909, they appealed to the people of Oregon—and an initiative bill closing the Rogue to commercial fishing was passed by a majority of 16,000 in 1910. Bills to reopen were vetoed by the governor in 1911 and 1913, but the present law, permitting a two months' open season for a ten-mile strip at Grants Pass, one hundred miles from the mouth, passed over the governor's veto and the expressed will of the people of Oregon set aside.

The people of Jackson county have no quarrel with the legitimate fishing industry at the mouth of the river, which, with its large investment, is a commercial asset to the state. They only ask that protection be accorded above the Illinois river, twenty-seven miles from the mouth—a protection given all other small streams in the state, a protection as essential for the preservation of the fish for commercial purposes as for angling.

Senate bill 26 opens the river to its source. It should be defeated.

Senate bill 102 closes the river above the mouth of the Illinois. It should be passed.

The legislature is again asked for a square deal for the fish of Rogue river.

THE COMPENSATION LAW

A STRENUOUS effort is being made at the legislature to repeal the Oregon compensation law and substitute the Michigan law in its stead.

The Oregon compensation law is one of the people's laws. It passed the legislature with but three dissenting votes. It was indorsed by a popular majority of 40,000 at the referendum election.

The opposition comes from two sources—the ambulance-chasing lawyers and the eastern and foreign casualty companies, whose graft it interferes with.

The compensation law is not compulsory—only those concerns who wish it are under it. Its funds are invested in Oregon securities—the money stays here instead of being sent away to stay away. Two new high schools at Amity and Rainier were built with proceeds derived from the sale of bonds with accident funds, when it was impossible to secure outside loans.

Before the law went into effect it was impossible for a workman to secure damages without a lawsuit with the casualty company, with the result that the lawyer got half of the money secured. Frequently the casualty company or the employer, retaining able counsel, secured immunity upon technicalities, and the injured man or his family got nothing.

The Michigan law permits the casualty insurance companies to carry the insurance at a profit, every dollar of which comes from the injuries of the workers. Instead of the state carrying the risk, it is farmed out to foreign corporations, who keep the money out of the state.

Casualty concerns, private interests, should not be permitted to come between employer and employe to reap a harvest from human distress. Compensation for injuries is best provided as a part of the government, not run for profit, but for the public good.

Washington has found state compensation a relief to both employer and employe. So has Oregon. Special interests should not be permitted to emasculate the law. Only those changes should be enacted which the commission recommend—as shown necessary by the experience of the past year.

Let us keep our money at home, giving the workman and employe both protection without a needless profit to liability concerns and shark lawyers.

PLEASURE PIER VENICE, DESTROYED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 30.—Heavy seas riding in on an unusually high tide swept away half of the pleasure pier at Venice today. Several concessions, including a museum and a store, went with it down into the surf.

A fifty-mile gale which swept the southern coast yesterday had dwindled to a twenty-four mile breeze today, but huge breakers still swept the strands of every beach resort between Supta Monica and Long Beach. At Del Rey several houses were washed out to sea, while several lengths of bulkheads at Long Beach went into the sea. Several persons had narrow escapes at various points, but no casualties have been reported. Damages have been variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

\$50,000 IN GEMS STOLEN IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of diamonds were stolen today from the pawnshop of Adolph Stern, on the upper east side, by four men, who drove up to the store in an automobile, held up the three clerks with revolvers, bound and gagged them, threw the jewels into three suit cases and escaped in the car.

A water grade highway up Hood river is being planned.

John A. Perl Urdetaker, Lady Assistant, 28 S. BARTLETT, Phone M. 47 and 47-78, Ambulance Service, Deputy Coroner.

BRITISH AIRSHIPS LOST IN AERIAL RAID ON OSTEND

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Wireless advices from Berlin bring a report that of seven English aeroplanes which have bombed Ostend and Zeebrugge, three failed to return. It is stated that three machines were surrounded by German air craft and captured into the open sea.

The above dispatch may indicate a new British air raid on the Belgian coast towns. The last British raid reported in that direction occurred at Zeebrugge January 22. Two British aviators took part in this attack and it was stated that their bombs damaged a submarine and killed or wounded the crews of the guns mounted on the mole. The Germans report of this raid said that no damage was done.

MISS TOWNE DEFENDS DIRECT PRIMARY

SALEM, Or., Jan. 30.—Efforts to break in upon the integrity of the direct primary precipitated a denouncement in the house that resulted in a demand for a call of the house to retrieve those who had fled to escape a roll call. The situation arose when H. B. 19, introduced by Conrad P. Olson of Multnomah came up for final passage. This bill proposes to abolish the system of circulating petitions of candidates and to substitute in its place a system whereby a candidate may deposit a stipulated fee with the secretary of state or county clerk and find place upon the primary ballot.

Miss Marian B. Towne of Jackson county led the fight in opposition. In a thrilling speech before the men members she declared the bill un-American and undemocratic and an attack upon the primary that should be countenanced by no legislator.

"If it is right to impose fees at all, it is right to fix the fees," she said. "The next legislature may amend it by fixing the fees so that it will be impossible for young and ambitious attorneys and others to become candidates at all."

TURKS DEFEATED IN CAUCASIANS BY CZAR'S ARMY

PETROGRAD, Jan. 30.—Successes by the Russians in the vicinity of Tabriz, Persia, is indicated in the official communication by the general staff of the army on the Caucasus today. The statement says:

"In the valley of Alashkert we came in contact with the enemy and after a stubborn battle captured their colors, guns and military supplies. The enemy himself retired toward Tabriz, abandoning on the battle field many hundreds of killed."

Speaking of other fighting in the Caucasus the statement says: "In the region around Tcheroch, south of Batum, a column of troops

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of the enemy were repulsed in the village of Insekkioi. They retreated precipitately.

"On the front near Sari Kamysh there has been no important change. On January 28 the Turkish artillery cannonaded energetically a part of our front but with no success."

SUSPEND MAYOR FOR SHOOTING AIRSHIP

NANCY, France, Jan. 30.—The mayor of a large township in the vicinity of Nancy has been suspended from office for a fortnight for shooting at a German aeroplane as it was flying over his town.

"In taking this measure the higher authorities of Nancy held that a civilian had no right to act as a combatant, as by so doing he only brought upon the heads of the civilian population severe reprisals."

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