

# HOUSE DECLINES TO SPEND MONEY ON GOOD ROADS

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—Road work for the coming biennium is to be continued on the one-fourth of 1 mill tax levy of 1913, according to decision of the house of representatives, when it indefinitely postponed the Vawter bill, No. 293, raising the levy to 1 mill. The majority report of the ways and means committee was against any increase whatever in road taxes, but a minority report, signed by F. D. Wagner of Ashland and Dr. A. C. Smith of Portland, was brought in cutting the levy to one-half of 1 mill, which would be one-quarter of 1 mill higher than the present levy.

Vawter moved the adoption of the minority report, declaring that Governor Withycombe in his inaugural message had made a plea for better highways and that the interests of the state demand additional road development under the new plan to be directed by the state highway engineer. But the motion was lost by a majority of two.

There is absolutely no sentiment here in favor of good road legislation. Legislators begrudge 15 cents if it goes from the fund except the money spent in their own county.

Bill 390, giving Jackson county help on the Siskiyou road, will probably come up for hearing Monday. Mr. Vawter agreed to wait until after Brown's road bill is disposed of, and that bill is surely knocked into a cocked hat now. However, Mr. Vawter will wait until after Brown's bill is disposed of before taking H. B. 390 from the table.

# WITH THE FAMOUS ALPINES OF THE FRENCH ARMY.



The Alpines of the French army, who are known for their brave fighting, have borne the brunt of the heavy fighting in the Vosges Mountains, where the French have gained much ground. In the above illustration is shown a battalion of Alpines held in readiness during a battle in the Vosges. In the other scene a French supply column attached to the Alpine infantry is seen passing through a village in the mountains.

# PANAMANIAN RIOT DURING A CARNIVAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—One Panama policeman was killed and twenty-five persons—twenty-three of them Americans—were wounded in the carnival riot at Panama Saturday night. Major General Wood today forwarded to Secretary Garrison this report of Brigadier General Edwards, in command of the zone forces:

"In a carnival riot at Panama City between Panamanians, soldiers and Americans, twenty-three Americans were wounded, two from gunshots. One Panama policeman was killed and two wounded."

General Edwards also reported he was investigating with Panama officials and that it was hard to fix the blame.

# LANE RECOMMENDS DESCHUTES PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Secretary Lane has designated the north canal unit of the Deschutes irrigation project, in Crook county, Oregon, as one for which he wishes congress to appropriate \$450,000, but in making this designation Secretary Lane recommends that the money appropriated shall not become available until a like amount is appropriated by the state.

The project which the secretary conditionally approves will cost \$900,000 and in the event the senate adopts the amendment no work can be done until the state has appropriated an equal amount.

Failure of the state to make the appropriation will invalidate any appropriation by congress.

# SECRETARY LANE THANKS MISS TOWNE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—Miss Towne is in receipt of a letter from Secretary Franklin K. Lane of the Federal Department of the Interior, thanking her for her efforts in obtaining the passage of the bill ceding police jurisdiction over Crater Lake National Park to the United States government.

Secretary Lane says he has been informed that Miss Towne was largely responsible for the measure, which was much desired by the federal authorities, inasmuch as the government had title to the park property but no authority to enforce the law there. The bill has been signed by the governor and now is a law, as it carried an emergency clause.

Springfield Creamery company will erect \$5000 concrete building and refrigerating plant.

# DEFENSE LEAGUE WANTS ARMY FOR PACIFIC COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The Pacific Coast Defense league, whose purpose is to endeavor "to equalize military conditions between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in conformity with the relative strategic importance of the coasts," has sent a letter to each congressman and senator. The letter says:

"We wish to call your attention to the fact that in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska there are now stationed thirty-six companies of coast artillery of the regular service, but two regiments of infantry and one regiment—or part of a regiment—of cavalry. In Atlantic coast states there are stationed 100 companies of coast artillery and several regiments of infantry and cavalry. New York state alone contains almost as many troops as there are in all the Pacific coast states combined."

"In the Atlantic fleet of the navy there are twenty-one battleships carrying 504 guns. There are no battleships in commission in the Pacific fleet. The tonnage of the Atlantic fleet is over 550,000; of the Pacific fleet, less than 120,000. There are in the Atlantic fleet over ten times as many men as in the Pacific fleet."

# KELLAHER WOULD ABOLISH LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—Senator Dan Kellaher today introduced a resolution seeking to have established a commission form of state government. The legislature would be abolished.

The resolution provides for the appointment by the governor of a commission of 11 citizens to prepare proper amendments to the constitution, for the abolishment of the legislature, and the establishment of the commission form of government. It provides that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the next special or regular election in the state.

**Portland Livestock Market**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—Cattle—Receipts 818; lower. Steers, prime light, \$7.50@7.65; cows, prime, \$6.00@6.50; heifers, prime, \$5.75@6.50; good, \$5.50@5.75; huls, prime, \$4.75@4.80; stags, prime, \$6.00@6.50.  
Calves—Prime, \$6.90@6.50.  
Hogs—Receipts 3722; lower. Prime light, \$6.50@6.85; choice light, \$6.25@6.50; light, \$6.00@6.25; rough, \$5.50@6.00.  
Sheep—Receipts 1733; 15 to 20c higher. Wethers, best yearlings, \$7@7.15; ewes, best, \$6.00@6.15; lambs, prime \$8.00@8.20.

# FEDERAL JUDGE DAYTON UNFAIR TO MINE WORKERS

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 15.—Direct testimony that Federal Judge A. G. Dayton of the northern district of West Virginia had spoken derogatory of the United Mine Workers of America was presented to the subcommittee of the house of representatives investigating the charges against Judge Dayton, when the hearing opened today.

James Gates of Charlevoix, Pa., an organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, testified he had heard Judge Dayton make the statement that the United Mine Workers, as an association, was a criminal conspiracy and the officers were criminal conspirators and ought to be in jail.

Oates, who had forked for the United Mine Workers in connection with the strike at Colliers, W. Va., cited the case of Joe Hoblott, a foreign miner, who was unable to speak English. Oates said Hoblott had been arrested at colliers and "railroaded to jail" on a charge of contempt of Judge Dayton's court, having been sentenced to six months in jail the day after his arrest.

Oates testified that the prisoner had been denied an attorney and was not allowed to have an interpreter, and that while serving his sentence he became insane. He further testified that Hoblott is still mentally unbalanced and is being cared for by the United Mine Workers.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, via London, Feb. 15.—The Austrian fleet on Sunday morning made a sortie from the Gulf of Cattaro and commenced the bombardment of the port of Antivari, Montenegro.

# PERMIT MAJORITY TO VOTE AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A resolution to amend the federal constitution by providing that a majority, instead of two-thirds of both houses of congress may propose constitutional amendments and make their ratification by two-thirds instead of three-fourths of the state, sufficient, was introduced today by Representative Bryan of Washington. The resolution was drawn by the committee of the federal constitution, with headquarters in Brooklyn. The resolution also proposes a new procedure of amendment independent of congress and state legislatures.

This new plan calls for the submission to the voters every twenty years of the question whether there shall be a convention to propose constitutional amendments, which is affirmatively decided, would be followed by choosing of delegates and assembling of the convention on March 4, two years afterward, and for submission of the convention's recommendations to popular vote at the ensuing presidential election. A majority of congress or a majority of the state legislatures might call for the submission of the question of holding a convention at other presidential elections than those falling on the twenty-year intervals. The resolution would require a majority vote to call a convention and a two-thirds vote to ratify amendments proposed by the convention.

**NOTICE.**  
Water will be shut off tomorrow night, (Tuesday, Feb. 16), at midnight and will be off until morning.  
O. ARNSPIGER.

# MISS TOWNE WINS FILIBUSTER FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—After a filibuster started by Miss Marian B. Towne, just before the lunch time adjournment Saturday, the house passed by an overwhelming vote S. B. 137, by Senator Moser, requiring that women teachers be not discriminated against in salary because of their sex.

The filibuster was the first attempted during the session. "I am going to talk to you men," declared Miss Towne, raising her chin in determination, "until you are all so hungry you will be ready to vote for this bill just to get out and eat. This is a measure that must pass. The average woman teacher in Oregon receives \$22.50 per month less than the average man. This is wrong, because most of our teachers are women who enter the profession as a life work, while most of the men teachers begin teaching as a stepping stone to something higher—to get into the legislature, for instance."

In spite of her threat to talk the house into starvation, Miss Towne's remarks were very brief. When she had finished her plea, she said:

"Now, for fear that you will all get so hungry you will vote down this bill, I shall stop while you are in a good humor."

It remained for "Jim" Stewart of Fossil to top the situation by shouting, "God bless the women. Shall we pass this bill? Of course we will."

# CUTS ELECTION JUDGES FROM THREE TO TWO

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—A substantial saving in the expenses of state and local elections will be possible

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through the operation of Representative Childs' bill, which the house passed this afternoon. It provides for only two election judges instead of three, as under the present law. Another of Representative Childs' bills passed by the house will require the county clerk to furnish to every election precinct a typewritten list of all registered voters in that precinct. The customary poll book will be eliminated and a lot of labor by the officials and some expense will be saved, say advocates of the measure.

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