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PERMITS FORMATION RURAL CREDIT UNION

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—One of the most constructive pieces of legislation, according to the statements of several senators, passed by this legislature, is house bill 275, by Allen, which was passed by the senate yesterday afternoon.

Four small appropriation bills, totaling \$56,000, were passed by the senate yesterday afternoon. They were as follows: S. B. 295—For the support of wayward girls; \$10,000.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor: Some two or three years ago the people of this state, exercising the high prerogative which they supposed they were vested with under the famed "Oregon law," voted by 16,000 majority to establish a certain law.

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Table Rock, February 16.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL AGAIN HOLD MEETINGS

At a meeting of the Commercial club directors Friday afternoon it was decided to again hold monthly meetings and banquets of the entire membership.

OREGON POLITICAL SPOILS

ACCORDING to the Portland Oregonian, if there be a steam roller and a political machine at Salem, which the organ of predatory privilege professes to be unable to discern, the people of Oregon ought to be thankful that there is such an efficient boss at the helm as Senator I. N. Day, who runs things in the good old way.

The object of the rump legislature in session at Portland a month before the legislative session at Salem began, is quite clear to all. It was to effect the triumph of the spoilsman and reduce the government of Oregon to political spoils through the establishment of Day as boss—and his efficiency is demonstrated.

Bills are pending, many of them already passed, and possibly all will be, ousting every present commission and state employe, and reorganizing the public service upon a spoils basis.

It is proposed to take away from the board of control, consisting of governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, all republicans, the management and control of state institutions and give it to the governor. Every state institution is to be turned over to the political machine.

It is proposed to merge and consolidate boards and commissions, without materially affecting the number or pay of employes, for the sole excuse of securing a new personnel. Other boards, like the game commission, are left practically intact, save the personnel.

In practically all the bills creating new boards or commissions or changing old ones, the governor is not only given power to appoint the members of the boards, but is also authorized to appoint the secretaries or other executive salaried officers to be connected with such boards. No subordinate employe can be named without the approval of the governor.

Throughout the weave of legislation runs the thread of the political machine and the spoilsman, always the same pattern. And all this is being done under the guise of "economy" that does not economize, and by aid of the "emergency" clause that robs the voters of their right of referendum.

No wonder the house, which, despite the fact that its organization was captured, is more representative of the people, is in open revolt. No wonder there is a deadlock.

PROTECT THE FISH WHEN THEY NEED IT

A BILL is pending before the legislature which provides a closed season for trout in streams above tidewater from November to April, which should become a law.

The present law, providing a closed season only for trout under ten inches in length, is an absurdity, as it is only in small mountain streams where the cold temperature of the water and the scarcity of natural food stunts the growth of trout, that trout under ten inches spawn—and most of these spawn late in the spring, sometimes as late as June.

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A fish in the spawning period is not in good condition to eat. Heavy with roe or milt, they furnish tame sport. They can only be taken with salmon eggs, a despicable bait, furnishing the poorest kind of sport, for with a hook in its interior the fish has no chance. No skill is required and a true sportsman should be ashamed of the slaughter.

It is a question whether the fish caught in Bear creek, receiving as it does the sewerage of Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Medford and Central Point, is fit to eat at any time of the year. It is certain that a spawning fish is in no condition for the table. It is also true that every trout caught at this season means as many hundreds or thousands fewer in future years. Remembering this—protect the trout when they need protection and don't fish during the spawning period.

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Mr. Chandler, who with his father-in-law, General Harrison Gray Otis, owner of the Times, is heavily interested in the ranch property on the border, says the indictment is the result of his refusal to submit to the demands of persons who sought to make legal payments by the ranch company to government officials of Lower California, a basis for obtaining "hush money."

Portland Livestock Market PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—Cattle, steady. Hogs—Receipts, 263; 5c higher, with \$6.70 top on prime light. Sheep—Strong.

AUSTRIAN SHIPS SHELL BELGRADE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Bombardment of Belgrade and warning of future similar bombardments were explained by the Vienna foreign office in dispatches to the embassy here today, as action in reprisal for the shelling of open towns by Serbs. The dispatch says: "In the southern war theatre the Serbs repeatedly shelled open towns, thus killing many civilians and children, especially in Semlin. The Austro-Hungarian commander replied, shelling Belgrade for a short time and notifying the Serbs that the future shelling of open towns by them always will elicit a similar response."

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

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SENATE VOTE KILLS BLUE SKY LAW

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—By a vote of 21 to 9 the senate voted yesterday afternoon to abolish the "blue sky" law. Senator Strayer's bill carried with ease.

Then to make sure that the present corporation department, created to administer the blue sky law, is safely disposed of the senate voted, 24 to 4, to consolidate it with the insurance department. No chances were to be taken on the house not approving the Strayer bill.

Following this action the senate passed senate bill four, consolidating the duties of labor commissioner and the child labor bureau with the industrial accident commission. The vote was 19 to 8.

When introduced the industrial welfare commission was included in this bill, but owing to the many protests it was eliminated.

THE PAGE Medford's Leading Theater Last Time

TONIGHT A Fool There Was Admission 5, 10, 15c.

CARRANZA HOLDS PRIEST FOR RANSOM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Secretary Bryan late today instructed Consul Canada at Vera Cruz to intervene with General Carranza in behalf of 180 priests under arrest in Mexico City and held for 500,000 pesos ransom, which they cannot pay.

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