

HIGHWAY CODES MAKE APPEARANCE IN LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—Three highway commissioners to serve without pay, and the selection of a practical road-building engineer as the ex-officio chairman of the commission are provided for in house bill No. 101, introduced by Representative Laurgard of Multnomah, one of several highway codes which are to be introduced this session.

Primary Highway.

The primary highways of the state are specified as follows: State highway No. 1—From the city of Portland in a southerly direction to the California line, passing through Oregon City, Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland.

State highway No. 2—From the city of Portland in an easterly direction to Ontario, Or., passing through Hood River, The Dalles, Pendleton and Baker.

State highway No. 3—From the city of Portland in a northwesterly direction to Seaside, passing through St. Helens and Astoria. Secondary highways are still to be designated.

On work involving an expenditure of less than \$2000 the question of spending the money will be left to the discretion of the commission.

Under the provisions of the act, the state engineer may be called upon in an advisory capacity by the county courts of the state. It is left to the judgment of the commission as to the use of convict labor in the construction of roads, and should the commission demand convict labor, it is mandatory with the governor to provide such labor as the commission may call for.

Good Roads Committee Code.

Another good roads code is that to be introduced by the Oregon good roads committee. After a session of several days with members of farmers' unions and granges the good roads committee and deputy district attorneys from various parts of the state, provisions were made for a one-half mill tax to be levied for road purposes. The state engineer with two members selected by the governor will compose the state highway commission. The selections will be made from a list of names given the governor by the good roads committee. The work of the commission will be confined to state roads and that body will have power to appoint assistants, an expert engineer or a road builder.

County Engineers or Roadmasters.

County engineers or roadmasters will be appointed by the county courts throughout the state. Maps of roads in each county will be made and submitted to the highway commission for approval.

Abolish Road Supervisors.

Road supervisors will be displaced and the electors of each county will appoint a board of trustees composed of three men who will serve without salary and direct the work of roads other than under the control of the state or county.

Provisions are made for the levying of a 10-mill tax for work on roads in each district annually, and this money will be expended in the discretion of the trustees. County roads will be worked out of a levy not to exceed 7 mills to be expended under the direction of the roadmaster or engineer.

The code is said to have been modeled after that recently adopted by Iowa and is said to be a much more satisfactory method of handling road work than the method now used in Oregon.

PRESIDENT'S VISITS ASSAILED BY JONES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—President Wilson's plan to visit the capital frequently, urging action on his legislation program, was attacked today by Senator Jones, republican, who declared it indicated a course of "systematic lobbying" by the president.

Announcement.

I desire to announce that I have resumed the general practice of law at rooms 209 and 210, First National Bank building, Medford, Oregon. Prompt and careful attention will be given all legal business intrusted to me. Mr. Orin Bell, a painstaking stenographer, jointly occupies these rooms and solicits stenographic work from the general public. Very respectfully, E. E. KELLY.

ROGUE RIVER FISH BILLS HAVE AIRING AT SALEM TONIGHT

SALEM, Jan. 23.—The Rogue river fish bill comes up for a hearing before the house fisheries committee tonight. Representatives from the Rogue River Fish Protective association from Medford are here in support of the Thomas bill and Attorney C. H. Buffington of Gold Beach is here in the interest of eliminating seines and set nets. Several bills are before the committee. The Thomas bill, H. B. 129 as presented, provides an open season for gill netters in both upper and lower Rogue river from April 15 to August 15 of every year, lengthening the upper river season from 60 days, as at present, to 120 days and abolishing the lower river fall fishing season entirely, including silverides, and abolishing seines and set nets. A weekly closed season of 36 hours is provided, instead of 12 hours as announced in the press at the time the bill was introduced.

The bill prohibits commercial fishing, except as follows: "On Rogue river, between the mouth of the Illinois river and Doyle's rock, near the mouth of Rogue river, one mile below the steel bridge that crosses the Rogue river on Sixth street in Grants Pass, and a point known as Bella Gate, salmon may be taken between the hours of 6 o'clock a. m. on any Monday and the hours of 6 o'clock p. m. of the following Saturday."

The Tichenor bill, H. B. 98, makes it unlawful to take salmon with a seine of any description and abolishes set nets below Baguett's ferry, but permits them above.

J. C. Atken of Medford is here with his fish screen, adopted by the state fish commission, and is busy showing legislators how it works. He has moving pictures of its operation to convince the skeptical.

SPOKANE SWINDLER PLACED ON TRIAL

SPOKANE, Jan. 23.—The trial of five former officers of the Northwestern General Trading company of Spokane, accused of using the mails to defraud, began in the United States district court before Judge William C. Van Fleet of the northern district of California, who was temporarily transferred to this district to hear this case. The defendants, it is alleged, misrepresented the financial condition of the company in advertising and selling stock in the company, which was represented to be a large co-operative mercantile enterprise. Large sums of money, it is alleged by the government, were thus obtained from investors in all parts of the Pacific northwest.

Those who went to trial today are Gale Smith, Clyde I. Davien, Stephen T. Knudson, John C. Lawrence and Olin L. Fowler. Lawrence Jack, a local attorney, was indicted, but on orders of Attorney General Gregory the charge against him has been dismissed.

GENERAL STRIKE AT SARAGOSSA, SPAIN

PARIS, Jan. 23.—A general strike reported to be accompanied by violence and incendiarism, has broken out in Saragossa, says a Havas dispatch today from that Spanish city. "The police are in charge of the workshops and the factories," adds the message, "and the soldiers are running the street cars. The local newspapers have suspended publication."

"At a meeting in Barcelona representatives of 200 trade unions resolved to join the strike."

CHRIS EVANS, FAMOUS BANDIT, ON COUNTY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23.—Chris Evans, famous member of the Evans and Sontag gang, California outlaws of the early days, was this afternoon sent to the poor farm.

Palsied with age and because of his injuries in the famous battle in which he lost his liberty many years ago, Evans applied to the county for assistance, and on recommendation of Dr. E. T. Geary, was sent to the poor farm.

Evans is 70 years of age. He lost his left arm and his right eye by gunshots. He spent years in the California penitentiary, being pardoned a few years ago that he might spend his last years in comfort. His wife resides at 210 Second street.

BOYS MAKE SHELLS FATHERS AND BROTHERS USE AT FRONT



This picture, exclusive to The Mail Tribune, shows a few of the hundreds of French boys working in war factories, making shells and other munitions for their fathers and brothers at the front.

TWO SAFETY FIRST BILLS INTRODUCED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—Two safety first bills were introduced in the house yesterday. Representative Barber introduced house bill No. 185, making the maximum speed of steam and electric trains at grade crossings on public highways 15 miles an hour except where the crossing is protected by a watchman employed by the company. The bill makes it possible for the estates of the persons killed in grade crossing accidents to recover any amount the jury may see fit to award, doing away with the \$7500 limit for accidental death in Oregon. The railroad company guilty of a violation of the act is liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

The second measure was house bill No. 178, introduced by Sweeney, of Josephine, providing against the use of glaring headlights on highways. The bill is a copy of the California law on the same subject, and which has been approved by autoists of that state.

AID GUARDSMEN TO SECURE POSITIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Guardsmen who return from the border to find their jobs filled will receive the assistance of the federal bureau of immigration in obtaining other employment. Commissioner General Cameron today issued orders to all officers of the service throughout the country to do everything possible to help unemployed guardsmen. The plan has been approved by the war department.

DEUTSCHLAND ON HER THIRD VOYAGE

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 23.—Rumors that the Deutschland, or a sister submarine, soon would be here have multiplied lately. A watch for the visitor was set when the Eastern Forwarding company's launch Esco left her dock about midnight, manned by a crew from the interned German steamer Willehad, and proceeded out of the harbor for a point near the entrance, where she cruised to and fro for several hours.

BOND IS REFUSED HUSBAND SLAYER

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 23.—Judge Charles C. Butler today denied bond to Mrs. Stella M. Smith, charged with the murder of her husband, John Lawrence Smith. Mrs. Smith will have to remain in the county jail until her trial, which will begin March 12. Mrs. Smith shot her husband early this month, following a quarrel at their Mount View boulevard home, in the exclusive residence district.

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM TO MAKE WISCONSIN DRY

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 23.—A bill providing for a statewide referendum on the prohibition question in 1918 was introduced in the assembly today.

LARGE RESERVATIONS FOR PREPAREDNESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The establishment of large reservations on government land at intervals along the coasts and borders, for use in the mobilization of troops in case of war, was recommended today by Dr. Thos. Darlington, former health commissioner of New York, in a report to the National Civic Federation, in annual session here. In time of peace, he said, the camps would be used for the training of recruits in military tactics, sanitation and hygiene, and in aviation and automobile engineering.

TOADSTOOLS POISON SHEEP AT ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 23.—Toadstools have been found to be the cause of death among sheep in this vicinity by W. L. Cobb, the Bend banker who owns a large ranch near Kalllogg. He has lost nine sheep recently from eating poisonous toadstools in one of his pastures. Other sheep owners have reported flax symptoms, and it is probable that undiagnosed cases of many deaths among sheep in the oak-clad pastures have been due to the same cause.

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

ROSEBURG, Jan. 23.—The total shipments of liquor in Douglas county during 1916 was: Whisky, 11,320 quarts; beer 42,246; alcohol, 16,777; brandy, 206; wine, 271; gin, 51; rum, 16, and alcohol for pharmacists, 1314. For sacramental purposes, 72 quarts of liquor were purchased. Estimated value of the shipments is \$20,000. Douglas county's saloons formerly did a business of \$200,000 annually, according to local estimates.

BRYAN BEGINS DRY CAMPAIGN, WISCONSIN

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 23.—William J. Bryan addressed a mass meeting here last night which opened a statewide prohibition campaign. The assembly adopted a joint resolution summoning President R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin before the legislature to explain on what authority Max Eastman, socialist, was denied permission to speak in a university building recently while Mr. Bryan was permitted to address a mass meeting in a university pavilion. The resolution now goes to the senate. Reference to Mr. Bryan as "a propagandist" was stricken from the resolution before it was adopted.

DANISH STEAMER FIRED ON SCOUTING FOR BLACK RAIDER

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 23.—The Danish steamer Hammershus was fired on last night by the guns of the fort at Santa Cruz and halted while trying to put to sea secretly after receiving a quantity of provisions and, according to reports, a large quantity of explosives from the German ships anchored in the harbor.

The Hammershus entered the port at 10 o'clock last night and dropped anchor close to the German ships. It took on board a large number of cases and then attempted to leave the harbor.

The movements of the ship were observed from the fort and it was signaled to stop. The signals were ignored until two cannon shots were fired, when the Hammershus halted and was boarded by the port police. The police compelled the steamer to anchor in the neighborhood of some Brazilian warships, where it is being kept under surveillance pending an investigation.

PRESIDENT SOWS WHEAT AND TARES DECLARES BRYAN

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 23.—"The president's message is a wonderfully eloquent appeal to the nations at war," declared William Jennings Bryan in an interview here today before leaving on a train for Springfield, Ill., where he speaks this afternoon. "Insofar as the president's message suggests terms of agreement, it is entirely sound and reflects what I believe to be an almost unanimous sentiment. But I dissent entirely from the proposition that this nation should join in a movement to effect peace in Europe."

"If I know the sentiment of the American people it is inescapable that they should be willing to put the American army and navy at the command of an international council which would necessarily be controlled by European nations and allow that council to decide for us when we would go to war."

"In the president's appeal he presents the philosophy of brotherhood and co-operation, and this is inconsistent with the proposition that it be backed up by a larger display of force. In other words, the president has sown wheat and sows together. I hope that the senate will approve of the wheat and reject the tares."

TEUTON OFFICIALS PREDICT VICTORY

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Confidence in the victory of the central powers was expressed by speakers at a dinner given in Berlin by the presidents of the Teutonic powers parliaments, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweg and several of his colleagues were present at the dinner. Dr. Karl Helfferich, German secretary of the Interior, referring to the entente's refusal of the peace offer said: "Our enemies must learn to understand that among us there is no national caste but a great national army which despite all will hold on and be victorious by virtue of the divine right of existence of our peoples and their inexhaustible strength and readiness for sacrifice."

IRON MOUNTAIN SOLD FEBRUARY 21

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 23.—Announcement was made today that the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad would be sold at foreclosure February 21. The Missouri Pacific railroad will be sold at auction the same day.

The sale of the two roads is to clear the way for the ending of the receiverships of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system. Under the reorganization plans, both roads will be under one management as they are at present.

ASK IF AMERICANS YARROWDALE PRISONERS

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—United States Ambassador Gerard today made formal inquiry at the foreign office as to whether any Americans were among the neutral prisoners of war on board the Yarrowdale.

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