

NO FIGHT AGAINST EMERGENCY CLAUSE BONE DRY BILL

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—The 1917 Oregon legislature here today with consideration of the "bone dry" absolute prohibition measure by the house of representatives as the main work of the day. The bill has been favorably reported by a joint senate and house committee on alcoholic traffic and it was expected to pass both houses with but a handful of votes cast against it.

A fight which promised early in the session to develop against the emergency clause in the measure, which would make it effective immediately upon passage and approval by Governor Wilby-Sonnie, has not materialized. If any amendments are offered they will be minor in character, according to members of the committee.

New Insurance Code.

A new insurance code, revising all the insurance laws of the state, will be back from the joint insurance committee some time this week, it is expected, but not until after a public hearing on fire insurance clauses has been held here Tuesday. The committee is going into the matter thoroughly, giving all opportunities to express opinions in order that no amendment will be offered when the code is introduced.

Virtually the only opposition voiced so far has been on the question of state supervision of rates.

Historical Society.

One bill yet to be presented to the legislature is to provide adequate quarters for the valuable records of the Oregon Historical society. The bill, it is said, will not provide for a new building, but will appropriate enough money to equip quarters in the Portland Municipal Auditorium, now under construction. The bill will probably be presented early this week, before Wednesday, the last day on which measures can be presented.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS PROGRESSING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The war department was notified today in dispatches from General Funston that the withdrawal of the American punitive expedition into Mexico was progressing satisfactorily and the last troops should cross the border next Monday.

A statement made public said: "General Pershing's movement continues without incident and according to schedule. He will probably cross the border a week from today." The text of the withdrawal order is withheld by the department but it is known that it contains specific directions for the conduct of the movement.

DESERTER TRIED TO WRECK ALFONSO'S TRAIN

MADRID, Jan. 29.—A man arrested for the alleged attempt to wreck King Alfonso's train has been identified as Rafael Dura Floriol, a deserter from a regiment stationed at Malaga. According to some reports, the bars of lead found on the track had fallen or were stolen from a freight train returning from the mines at Linares, and their presence in the path of the royal train was purely accidental.

PHILIPPINES TO SELL SILVER COIN

MANILA, Jan. 29.—A bill has been introduced in the legislature authorizing the sale of 18,000,000 silver pesos now held in the government vaults at Corregidor, at a profit of \$1,250,000. The bill, which seems certain of passage, means that hereafter the island's silver certificates will be guaranteed by gold. After passage the bill will go to President Wilson for approval.

FOOL ROBBERS TRY TO ROB NEWSPAPER

LOS GATOS, Cal., Jan. 29.—Robbers carried away the office safe of the newspaper Mail-News early today. There was \$5 in it with books and records. The safe would require three men to lift it. It has not been found.

HALF OF SESSION OF LEGISLATURE IS NOW COMPLETED

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—Half of the 1917 session of the Oregon legislature was completed Saturday. When the second half opened it found senators and representatives turned to the task of completing the tasks begun during the past twenty days of the session.

Bone Dry Bill.

Several important measures have been started on their way to the code books. The "bone dry" absolute prohibition bill is considered practically passed by both senate and house of representatives, an insurance code is being considered, several sets of laws providing for construction of an Oregon highway system has been introduced and irrigation laws approved by the Oregon irrigation congress are among the measures to be considered.

Also both houses are at work cutting down expenses and committees are drawing up measures which will consolidate some state departments and eliminate others, thus reducing the budget to the limit prescribed by the 6 per cent limitation amendment.

State Bee Inspector.

Oregon counties east of the Cascade mountains are to be supplied with a state bee inspector, if a bill introduced by Denton G. Burdick of Redmond becomes a law. Creation of the office of bee inspector and the provisions in the bill providing for suppression of diseases peculiar to honey makers have been requested by eastern Oregon apiarists whose stands have suffered from depredations of "foul" swarms, Mr. Burdick said in introducing the bill.

GERMANS EXPLAIN STEAMER SINKING

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The German government today handed to United States Ambassador Gerard its answer in the case of the British steamer Trater Raek, says the Overseas News agency. The reply is as follows: "The steamer was stopped by a German submarine on November 16 last. The crew left upon signal without further complications with the ship and sailed away from the steamer in the boats. The ship was then searched and sunk as a hostile vessel."

The foregoing evidently refers to the British steamer Trerarrack, reported sunk in a Lloyd's Shipping agency announcement of November 17 last. The Trerarrack was a vessel of 2098 tons gross, built in 1912, and owned by St. Ives.

RUSSIAN FAMINE IN MIDST OF PLENTY

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Russia is experiencing famine, in the midst of plenty, according to an undated article in the Times from a correspondent in that country. The article refers chiefly, but not exclusively to Petrograd and Moscow. The writer believes that there is food enough in Russia to supply the entire population for two years but owing to the inadequacy of the railroads, the lack of organization and co-ordination in distribution, the people in some districts find it difficult and even impossible to get supplies.

The people of Petrograd have to stand in line for many hours to obtain meat, bread, milk, sugar, vegetables. The thermometer in the capital is sometimes twenty below zero.

LARGEST FUR SALE IN WORLD UNDER WAY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 29.—What local dealers say will be the largest fur sale the world ever has seen began here today. Felt values at three million dollars will be sold at auction during the week. More than 300 merchants have sent word they expect to attend.

Two thousand Alaska seal skins will be offered for sale by the United States government. A live silver fox will be auctioned off and is expected to bring at least \$500.

Buyers representing firms in Russia, England, France, Germany, Canada, and the United States are attending the sale.

GOMPERS AND SON CELEBRATE GOLD AND SILVER ANNIVERSARIES



Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and his son, Samuel J., celebrated their gold and silver wedding anniversaries today. The younger Gompers is a bureau chief in the U. S. department of labor. He and his wife are shown. Between the labor chief and his wife. This is the latest photograph of the Gompers family.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, received one of the greatest ovations of his career when he arose to speak early today at the close of a testimonial dinner attended by more than 1000 labor leaders from all parts of the country. Mr. Gompers urged organized workmen to think about peace, to work for peace and to pray for peace.

"Labor stands with its shoulders squared," he said, "not defiant, but determined. The protest against conditions that work hardships must not be diverted for a moment."

The labor leader declared that while he could leave his children no fortune,

he would leave better labor conditions under which they would not find it so hard to live, as he had found it when he first entered the industrial field. After every great time of strife and destruction, he said, there was corresponding reaction which affected the mass of the people.

The dinner marked his 67th anniversary of birth, the completion of his fifty years of service in the cause of union labor and his golden wedding anniversary. President Wilson sent a letter of greeting and congratulation. In expressing regret for his inability to attend the dinner, the president said: "Unhappily I have been obliged to deny myself every pleasure of this

kind because of imperative duties which fall upon me every day while the congress is in session."

The speakers included James Duncan, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor; Hugh Frayne, general organizer; Frank Morrison, secretary; Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers; John Mitchell, chairman of the New York State industrial commission; Alton B. Parker and several others.

INSURANCE TREND OF THE PRESENT DAY

Mr. C. C. McCurdy, manager of the McCurdy Agency, who maintain offices in the Medford National Bank building, while discussing yesterday the interesting development and scope of the coverage offered by insurance companies of today, had the following to say:

"Insurance protection, in the form of financial indemnity, is offered today to reimburse loss through all disasters common enough to enable the establishment of a loss ratio upon which a justifiable premium rate may be arrived at.

"The science of insurance underwriting is founded upon the law of averages. Until the hazards of the automobile for example, became ordinary enough to classify and calculate, the majority of insurance companies were extremely wary. "Personal accident and health insurance is a comparatively new line; the first accident policy was issued less than thirty years ago, health insurance at that time being declared an impossibility. The experimental stage has been passed long ago, however, and this protection bids fair to become the most essential of all insurable subjects, the loss of time.

"Loss of use insurance, through fire or other accidents, is now offered to tenants and owners of business buildings and private dwellings, reimbursing the tenant for suspension of business during repairs and to owners for loss of rent during the same period.

"Liability insurance, indemnifying against claims for personal injuries sustained, is offered in various forms to the many occupations and pursuits that have need for such protection. This indemnity is a safeguard against unfair claims and becomes a ready asset in event of a true plea. Automobile liability insurance is carried by all motorists in large cities and thickly populated districts and is becoming more sought after everywhere for the reason that accidents increase as the use of cars increase and the need of such indemnity is noted often.

"It is becoming apparent to the people of today that their unprotected assets may inadvertently become liabilities, and the institution of insurance, by applying the law of averages, allows them to get from under."

BUTTE FALLS

G. W. Baker went out to Eagle Point and Brownsboro Saturday on business and walked home Sunday afternoon.

Push and Frank Bishop left Saturday for the valley.

Rev. Smith preached in the Presbyterian church Monday evening.

Alec Gregory left for his home near Albany Tuesday.

R. D. Stock moved his household goods out to Medford Thursday.

Harry D. Mills went out to Medford Tuesday on business, returning on Thursday.

Mrs. A. B. Edwards returned on Thursday from a business trip to Medford.

Charles Patton came down from the bank Tuesday for a few days' visit.

at home, returning Thursday afternoon.

James Amie and little son left Thursday for their home at Weed after a week's visit with the Jones' here.

Will Hughes went up to his trapping line Thursday.

Jack Cadzow went out to Medford Tuesday, returning Thursday.

The school girls all gathered at the home of Miss Nona Stewart and went in on Miss Velma Morris as a surprise Friday evening. They called in a few of the boys and the evening was spent in dancing and taffy pulling. Every one had a good time.

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Richardson arrived Sunday morning from Ohio for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Childers, and husband on Sardinia creek. They will probably permanently reside here if conditions suit.

Mrs. I. O. Walker, formerly Miss Millie Hodges of this place, but now residing at the Butte Creek ranch, out from Eagle Point, came Sunday for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Isora Hodges, and sisters.

Mrs. Mae Avery, lately of Coquille, Or., although a past resident of this place, surprised a number of her friends by coming in on train No. 15 Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lance were Medford visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed spent the week end at the home of Mr. Reed's father, H. D. Reed, and wife.

Dean Dilley, local freight agent, spent Sunday with H. A. Tibbits and family at Myrtle Creek, Or. It will be remembered that Mr. Tibbits was only recently transferred from the local S. P. station to the one at Myrtle Creek. R. G. Jones is now local agent.

Miss Opal Gilmore, of Ashland, visited her grandmother, Mrs. E. J. McIntyre, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. C. H. Bowman returned the first of last week from Weed, Cal., where she had spent the week previous with her sons, Roy and John Bowman.

The people of Gold Hill were very glad to hear that at the Grants Pass election held Saturday for the forming of an irrigation district, carried by a vote of 35 to 5. At a recent election held at Rock Point a similar district was formed by a vote of 17 to 8. Several survey crews have been investigating the feasibility of the proposed project. The water is to be taken from Rogue river, about three and a half miles above Gold Hill. The ditch will be about ten feet wide at the bottom and twenty at the top.

Rev. R. A. Hutchinson has announced as his topic for next Sunday night at the M. E. church, 7:30 p. m., "The Greatest Pool in History." His topic last Sunday evening of "A Half-Baker Cake" was very interesting and worthy a larger attendance.

J. Warren Kerrigan will appear in the movies at the Grand theater next Friday and Saturday nights in "A Pool of Flame," a drama of five reels, beside two reels of "Big O' the Ring," featuring Grace Cunard and Francis Ford.

George Iverson is busy filling in his spare time making an inlay base for the handsome inlaid table top he made some time ago, containing 1320 pieces of Japanese maple.

BONE DRY BILL SCHEDULED TO PASS LOWER HOUSE TODAY

SALEM, Jan. 29.—Today is the commencement of the last half of the legislative session, and from now on things are expected to move along merrily. Up to now this session has been marked for its absence of ornamental outbursts, but this perhaps is accounted for by the fact that there have been no bills, with the possible exception of one or two, that have been of enough importance to wage a fight on.

The first bill to come up for consideration today is the bone dry bill, which comes up for final passage by the house. Large numbers of dry advocates are on hand and will watch the action of the house closely on this bill. It is felt that there will be some opposition to some of the clauses contained in the bill, and it may be possible that the house will have to go into a committee of the whole to amend the bill so that it will meet with the satisfaction of the various forces.

Probably the next bill of importance that will come up, either today or tomorrow, will be the Rogue river fish bill. That a fight will develop over this bill is expected, but there does not appear to be enough opposi-

FOUR CHILDREN KILLED, BURNED FATHER ARRESTED

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—Representatives of the sheriff, prosecutor and coroner of King county, went today to Auburn, where the bodies of four children, aged from ten to five, were found yesterday in the burning home of their father, S. A. Hewitt. An inquest will be held today. It was reported that the skulls of the children had been fractured by a blunt instrument, and a further examination will be made to determine the manner of their death. Hewitt, who was arrested in Auburn, is in the county jail with no charge against him. The mother of the children, who was separated from her husband in Everett, where she has been working as a domestic servant. She says she was obliged to leave her husband because he beat her; that she left home during one of his trips on the Northern Pacific railroad as brakeman, because of a premonition that it would not be safe for her to be at home when he returned.

tion in the house to defeat its passage. It is also quite possible that several minor changes will have to be made in the bill as it now stands before it comes up for final passage.

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