

### JACKSON COUNTY DELEGATION OFFERS MANY NEW LAWS

The Jackson county delegation is doing its full part by way of contributing to the gist of bills and resolutions introduced for action by the senate.

Senator Thomas is giving most of his attention to highway matters. He has introduced three bills in conjunction with Senator Lachmund of Marion county, all designed to clarify the situation respecting the letting of contracts by the highway commission for highway paving.

#### Paving Bills Outlined

The first (senate bill number 48) is aimed at the 10 year maintenance provisions under which it is asserted the paving trusts obtain an unfair advantage in bidding on highway contracts. The second (senate bill number 62), prohibits the letting of contracts for a patented pavement, and the third (senate bill number 72), is aimed at monopolies and combines in connection with paving operation. Senator Thomas is also author of senate joint resolution number 4 under which the highway commission was invited to appear before the legislature and advise as to a road program for the next biennial.

In the house the Jackson county delegation has introduced a memorial to congress asking that the McNary bill extending the boundaries of Crater Lake National park be passed. The delegation also stands sponsor for the bill making an appropriation for the Northwest Tourist association in support of its work in bringing tourists to the Pacific northwest.

#### Gore's MILITA BILL

Representative Gore has introduced a bill, which has the endorsement of the governor and the state militia, which is designed to bring that organization up to the requirements of the United States war department, so as to permit the federal government to recognize and equip the state organization.

Mr. Westerlund has introduced a bill (house bill number 52), for exempting from taxation up to the value of \$2,500 all soldiers, sailors and marines and their widows.

Mr. Sheldon has introduced a series of bills which have been worked out by himself, the state highway commission and the state highway engineer ironing out the kinks in former highway legislation, making them more workable. They cover the following subjects: Permitting the highway commission to spend moneys placed in its hands for that purpose by counties of the state; expediting the work of approving claims against the highway commission; directing the highway commission to erect and maintain signs along the state highway system; authorizing the establishment of an emergency fund by the highway commission to meet payroll claims of employees who may be discharged or quit and to enable the commission to take advantage of trade discounts by prompt payment of bills; to enable the commission to dispose of obsolete materials; fixing the speed limit on state highways to conform to that of California, Washington, Idaho and other neighboring states, namely, 30 miles per hour, and extending to all the counties of the state the authority, now held by some counties, to regulate the weight of loads and width of tires of trucks using the state highways.

#### Other Bills Introduced

Representative Sheldon has also introduced a bill authorizing the University, Oregon Agricultural college and the normal schools to dispose of worn out and obsolete materials, subject to the approval of the board of control, and a bill pertaining to title insurance business and placing restrictions thereon.

Another bill by Mr. Sheldon covers much the same point as one introduced by Senators Thomas and Lachmund doing away with the 10 year maintenance provision in highway contracts.

Mr. Sheldon's most important bill was introduced Monday morning and is the first important step in the so-called program of reconstruction.

It provides for a non-salaried land settlement board, which plans to help honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, and other suitable settlers to obtain farms on a basis that will insure a profitable livelihood thereon.

### GOURAUD WANTS TO KEEP RHINE BANKS

COBLENZ, Jan. 28.—(By Associated Press.) Supporting Marshal Foch's opinion that the French should remain on the Rhine, General Gouraud, under whom the Americans fought in the Champagne, made a similar declaration to the American correspondents today.

"The Americans will go home when peace is declared, and the British will go home when peace is declared. But the French will remain on the Rhine as a strategic barrier," he said. "It would never do, after the sacrifices of the great war to leave open points where Germany might again some day strike, he declared.

### BRITISH WOMEN CHANGED BY WAR TO RETAIN RIGHTS

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Independence won by women during the war is not going to be relinquished in a hurry, say the newspapers in commenting on the manner in which thousands of London women, lining the streets during the reception to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British armies in France, cheered him to the echo.

"They were vitally changed from the women who used to be carefully escorted to pre-war pageants in the London streets," observes one paper. "It was evident these women had learned the right to cheer. Gentle fluttering of kerchiefs and handkerchiefs is no longer good enough for the women who have worked and waited through the grey days of sorrow, when war heroes come home."

The crowds needed no urging to make way for women in uniform. They soon found line places, and were among the most insistent in calling for Field Marshal Haig while the official party was lunching in Buckingham Palace with the king. High and shrill rang their voices. "We want Haig, we want Haig," and when that failed to bring the commander of the British armies in France to the balcony, they led the refrain, "Haig, Haig, Haig."

And as this did not get the desired result, they finally gave it up and led the great crowd in singing "Rule Britannia." They were here, there, everywhere, and were as much the spirit of the occasion as were the soldiers, of whom great numbers turned out to welcome their chief.

### PROBE NEWBERRY-FORD SENATORIAL ELECTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Favorable report on the resolution for immediate investigation of the Michigan Newberry-Ford senatorial campaign was ordered today by the senate continent expenses committee on a strict party vote.



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### SUCCESSOR TO SHARP NOT YET CHOSEN

PARIS, Jan. 29.—The appointment of a new French ambassador to take the place of William Graves Sharp is still undecided upon. President Wilson has offered the post to a man who has not yet signified whether he will accept it. This man, it may be said, is not Vance McCormick, who recently resigned the chairmanship of the Democratic National committee.

### GERMAN BANKS IN TURKEY REOPENED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 29.—The German and Austro-Hungarian banks here have reopened under allied control. Only small sums of gold and silver were found in the vaults, the bulk of the currency being paper money.

### BRITISH DISCUSS FUTURE OF COLONIES

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Great Britain's war cabinet held a special meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss the difficulty arising between President Wilson's plan for the disposal of German colonies and that of the other conferees, according to the Paris edition of the London Mail, which adds: "It is said that some approach was made toward Mr. Wilson's viewpoint at the meeting of the supreme council after Mr. Wilson's important speech, giving more details of his plan."

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### BRITAIN'S GREAT CHEMICAL PLANT TO BE SHELVED

GRETNA, England, Jan. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—With the ending of hostilities the British government has on its hands a \$50,000,000 military chemical plant, the most important in the empire, employing during the war 22,000 persons. Apparently the government is undecided whether to try to utilize it or to abandon it. Economists say it is too inaccessible for private commercial use and that the plant and machinery should be scrapped and the government should pocket the loss.

The workers are rapidly being demobilized and the population of Gretna has shrunk to 5,000. Recruited as they were from almost every branch of industry, many of them unskilled and inexperienced, the absorption of these workers into the new economic order is giving no little concern to the government and to themselves, for economically Great Britain has not yet recovered her balance.

The unemployed munition workers—and Gretna is only one government activity of many similarly affected,—are taking the "unemployment wage" provided by the government, and are making the most of it. As this wage is much less than they received while making shot and shell, being about \$7.50 a week, there are fears they will soon miss their high wages and in time may become the cause of industrial unrest. Some time must elapse while military plants are being transformed into factories that will produce the things needed in ordinary life.

The factory has a wonderful housing system with comfortable homes, churches and recreation halls for the

workers in ordinary circumstances it ought to be useful for many years to come. But the highly explosive nature of the product necessitated the planting of the industry outside the ordinary walks of commerce and manufacture. This makes it reasonably certain in the minds of economists that Gretna will have to be abandoned.

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