

HUGE NUMBER OF BILLS IN LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—The third week of the legislature closed with only 323 bills in the House and 125 in the Senate, about half as many as usual and this is the last day for introduction of bills without unanimous consent, or by Ways and Means committee. Six bills reached the Governor but they are mere formalities. Of the \$100,000 for the returning soldiers and sailors only \$5,000 has been drawn by the commission. There is a growing feeling that patriotic appeals that are only fired off when the gallery is full of spectators are not a safe guide in making demands on the legislature.

The State Highway Commission had a public hearing Thursday night in which all criticism against that body had a full airing, and the Commission came out with respect and confidence, so far as could be judged by the large crowd present. That their program for a larger bond issue financed by a motor vehicle tax will go thru there is not a shadow of a doubt.

The consolidation program was not reached this week but is to be staged next week. The bills have been introduced by Weeks, Sheldon and Idleman, and opposition to abolishing useless boards, commissions and ex-officialdom generally are

quietly making plans in the dark to defeat the whole reform program. The whole consolidating program has not been introduced at this session but bills will abolish 210 "honorable" out of 250 who are holding offices where they get all the way from mileage and per diem to fat salaries. The Consolidation committee appointed by the Governor are working for the best and most practical reforms from the standpoint of the taxpayer, attacking irresponsible ex-official boards first. They say they will compel a showdown and if reform bills are defeated they will go to the people with them.

Representative Burdick of Bend is leading the fight for higher salaries for Judges of the Supreme court. Of course, with that would go a great many other salary raises. The Burdick bill proposes to raise the seven judges from \$4500 a year to \$6000 and claims Oregon pays smaller salaries than any state in the nation. The facts show we have more judges and pay more per capita for the judiciary than any state in proportion to wealth and population. Never has a judge resigned because he could make more in private business. The appropriations for the judiciary asked at this session total \$194,536. Fees earned \$14,400. A domestic relation court is to be added costing about \$20,000 a year. There are bills to create more district judges and raise a number of other judicial salaries.

Two bills in the interest of the general taxpayer require county courts to advertise for bids for county supplies. One bill requires a list of all printed matter in form of blanks and blank books required during year to be made up and sealed bids taken for same. The other bill

requires that when the county buys supplies or equipment such as road machinery, rock crushers, motor trucks, or anything costing over \$500 they shall advertise for sealed bids.

The bills to build state political machines are before the legislature, one that all state work shall be done only by state employees, a regular force to be built up and permanently employed. The state civil service bill, championed by Bishop Sumner of Portland, would make all employees permanent. They would be in for life and a pension system as a part of the program.

The House passed an important bill to exempt monies, notes and accounts from taxation to make it easier to get capital into Oregon.

With railroads under government operation and most of the utility corporations fighting for their existence the only remaining subject for legislative attack is insurance companies. So a list of bills has appeared, which if all enacted will make it hard for some smaller insurance companies to exist in the state. Oregon has but one successful fire insurance company that actually paid its first dividend this year. To enact all proposed laws means to keep capital out of insurance business in Oregon and insurance funds out of the state.

Four woman bills are championed by the only woman in the Assembly, Mrs. Thompson of Hood River. They are bills to raise the age of majority for women to 18 years, married or single, the Domestic Relations court for Portland only; requiring women to perform jury duty the same as men and to be drawn on juries the same as men, and the teachers minimum salary bill. The latter is drawing some opposition. Many small country schools that would have an eight months school at fifty dollars a month for a teacher would have less than a six months school at the minimum of \$75 a month.

The usual job of recodifying the code, that comes up every five or ten years at a cost of from \$25,000 to \$50,000, is again before the legislature.

HIGHER PRICES MAKE TRAPPING WORTH WHILE

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 6.—The high prices brought by pelts of animals found in the vicinity of Pueblo caused many farmers and other residents of the county to turn hunters and trappers. Coyote hides in first-class condition were quoted at \$22. An ordinary coyote hide was worth \$12 and upward.

Four years ago a coyote hide brought no more than \$5 and was not readily salable at that. Pelts of skunks then sold for \$1 and those of badgers not more than \$2. This season common striped skunk pelts sold for \$4 and upward and badger pelts for \$3 and upward, the price depending, of course, upon the grade. Even rabbit skins were marketable at prices which make the saving and shipping of them worth while.

A watchman at an oil well recently sold a collection of pelts for \$97. It was a week's bag and included four coyotes, two badgers and nine skunks. His badger pelts brought \$6.50 each. A rancher is reported to have sold \$300 worth of pelts this winter.

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Klamath County News

FORT KLAMATH

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Loosley left for Ashland Monday where they will visit for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Turner returned to their home at Fort Klamath one day last week from an extended visit to Pasadena, California.

F. L. Burns, and C. Gray left for the head of Umpqua and Rogue River on a prospecting trip. They are traveling, as did the early prospectors of Alaska on skis.

It is reported that timber men are offering \$20 per ton for timothy and clover hay in the stack, which certainly speaks well for the quality of our hay. Hay is offered them at \$28 F. O. B. Chiloquin, which is much nearer the camps.

The herd of elk liberated here two years ago have been giving quite a little annoyance to some of our ranchers, as it is almost impossible to fence them out from the stacks. The herd now numbers about 30 head. They are a fine lot. Some of the older ones, it is estimated will weigh 1,000 pounds.

Several cars of beef cows are being fed in the valley this winter among the feeders are Burns & Bellman, J. F. Loosley, E. M. Loeffer and H. J. Gordon.

School opened Monday after several months of vacation. We hope for no more interruption and believe from the interest shown by the teachers and pupils that much good work will be done within the remainder of the school year.

We note, with pride the activity of our Senator Judge Geo. T. Baldwin and feel if we had more real solid taxpayers and less Ortens we would have better legislation for the fellow who is at home trying to raise the money to pay the numerous appropriations.

Speaking of legislators, now is a fine time for Mr. Taxpayer to follow the procedure of the legislature and note the work done by the solid taxpayer or business man, and that of the man who holds some position by appointment. Some, it seems would prevent the passing of such acts as the domestic court act merely for selfish motives. However it is a long time until election again and we will go on electing the politician.

Fort Klamath has taken but little, if any interest so far in the good roads organization of Klamath. We simply haven't gotten to it. In fact we do not know what we are expected to join. Why not give us an outline of the work and by-laws. You know the average rancher is skeptical and tries to make himself hard to catch in which he usually fails.

The ladies of the Red Cross work have resumed their sewing since the flu ban is lifted. A great deal of good work has been done here and no doubt more will be done in the future.

Several parties at Fort Klamath have received maps of the Weed land showing the part to be sold. The price is from \$40 to \$50 per acre with drainage and roads also bridges across main drainage canals.

Parties handling the proposition are located at Chico California and are headed by G. S. Oliver of the Hope Ranch.



THEDA BARA
DIRECTION WILLIAM FOX

AT THE LIBERTY

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

SHASTA VIEW

D. E. Book and wife started for Thomas, Oklahoma Tuesday, where they expect to spend about three months with some of their children.

Mrs. C. M. Kirkpatrick and son, Orville and the Misses Olive Whipple, Nellie De La Mater and Lois Shaffer were Merrill visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Danjel and two daughters, Gladys and Margie of Merrill were Sunday guests at J. L. Baileys.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wilson are very ill with the influenza. Mrs. Etta Sewell, sister of Mrs. Wilson is caring for them at present. There are a few other cases in this section but we have not learned the names of others afflicted. We trust all will soon be on the road to recovery.

Miss Nellie De La Mater, one of the teachers of our school was a guest of Mrs. O. E. Hunt and Children Sunday last.

Robert Clugston of Poe Valley was a visitor at J. L. Baileys Sunday.

C. M. Kirkpatrick was somewhat surprised Sunday when several carloads of people arrived at his home to spend the afternoon.

MT. LAKE

G. D. Grizzle returned Tuesday evening from San Francisco where he has been on business.

Warren Patterson, Herb Lester, Burt Dawson, and Mr. West shipped two car loads of hogs Wednesday.

Mrs. G. D. Grizzle and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Morrison.

Mr. J. Burk is burning weeds on the O. B. Henry place preparatory to Spring work.

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KANSAS MAN TO HELP SETTLE RUSS TROUBLES.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—William Allen White of Emporia Kansas and Professor G. D. Herron have been appointed the American delegates to the Marmora Conference with the Russian factions.

OREGON CASUALTY LIST TODAY.

Corp. L. C. Cochran, Portland, Pvt. James V. Sutton, Severely wounded. Pvt. C. E. Doolittle, Portland, wounded, degree undetermined. Pvt. E. C. Snow, Portland, in hospital, previously reported missing.

A Sunday Dinner a la Carte Will Please You

AT THE JEWEL CAFE, 610 Main St.

- SOUP
Cream of Chicken Du Barry Consomme, Douglas
 - SALAD
Crab Lobster Shrimp Chicken
 - FISH
Silver Smelts Fried in Butter
Salmon Steak Maitre de Hotel
Filet of Sole, Tartar Sauce
Deep Sea Crab, with Mayonnaise
 - ENTREES
Boiled Ox Tongue with Purée of Peas
Fricassee of Chicken, Parsley Dumplings
Fried Belgian Hare, Chasseur
Fresh Pork Spare Ribs, Fried Hominy Grits
Braised Breast of Veal, Milanaise
Beef a la Mode, with French Pancake
Ragout of Chicken Giblets, Duchesse
 - ROASTS
Klamath Hen Turkey, Oyster Dressing
Stuffed Young Chicken, Giblet Sauce
Prime Ribs of Beef au Jus
Little Pig, Apple Sauce
 - DESERT
Assorted Pies Peach Cobler
Banana Cream Cake, Souffle
- JESSE BAILEY**
Proprietor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

OWL CAFE

- SUNDAY DINNER, 75c
- RELISHES
Celery en Branch. San Juan Ripe Olives
- SALAD
Fresh Crab, Mayonnaise Dressing
- SOUP
Chicken Consomme A Tacka
- FISH
Tenderloin Sole, Tartar Sauce
- ENTREES
Chicken Fricassee, Steam Dumplings
Sauté of Veal, Candied Sweet Potatoes
Breast of Lamb Breaded, Garden Peas
- ROASTS
Prime Ribs of Beef au Jus
Young Chicken, Celery Dressing
Stuffed Shoulder of Veal Italiane
- VEGETABLES
Creamed Mashed Potatoes
Sauté of Stringed Beans
- DESERT
Cottage Pudding, Golden Sauce
Hot Mince Pie Apple Pie American Cheese
Small Black

OWL CAFE

BOBBIE WARD Prop. 427 Main Street

BIG STAR ON AT LIBERTY TONIGHT.

Lovers of high class photoplays, in all that the term implies, will be glad to know that Henry B. Walthall comes to the Liberty Theatre tonight in his latest Paralta Play, "With Hoops of Steel."

Walthall will be best remembered as the star in the "Birth of a Nation."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our many friends, our deep gratitude for the loving kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our mother, Mrs. Emily Bein, and for the many beautiful floral tributes sent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Stemwell.

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ATTENTION MASONS.

There will be a stated communication of Klamath Lodge 77, A. F. & A. M. at the hall on Monday evening, February 10th at 7:30. A good attendance is desired.

O. C. APPELEGATE, Secretary.

SOCIAL DANCE TONIGHT WITH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Another of the popular social dances at the Houston Opera House will be held this evening. The numbers that have appeared since these functions have commenced indicate how well the special music by the jazz orchestra is taking with the local public.

PEACE CONFERENCE COMMISSION IS DONE

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The peace conference commission on the Society of Nations expects to finish its work at the session today.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION.

We, the undersigned wish to express our appreciation of the kind treatment of Mr. Bowman and the Klamath County High School Board and also for the hearty co-operation of parents and faculty, during our pleasant period of service in the High School.

We wish to thank them for the kind manner in which they received our resignations at this time.

MAYSEL RICHARDS
ADELAIDE DAMPIER
LAURA HAMMER.

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