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FIVE BILLS THAT SHOULD BE PUT THROUGH AT THIS SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE IN THE CAUSE OF PROGRESS AND TO BUILD A GREATER OREGON.

SOME OF THE BILLS THAT REPRESENT THE PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GREATER OREGON.

- THE BEAN BILL THAT CREATES A GENERAL PORT COMMISSION ACT. (Has passed the House.)
- THE JONES BILL FOR FREE LOCKS AND CANAL AT OREGON CITY. (Has passed the House.)
- THE BILL APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR THE CRATER LAKE ROAD. (Has passed both houses.)
- THE BILL TO BUILD STATE-AIDED RAILROADS. (Introduced by Speaker McArthur.)
- THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR SAME PURPOSE. (To be submitted to vote of the people.)

THE NORMAL SCHOOL ISSUE.

The normal school question before the legislature is narrowed down to the bill of Senator Smith of Marion county for one school, or the McCue bill for three.

The one large central school is a beautiful theory but it has no educational value.

One central normal school means to abandon the three schools the state already has, with property, buildings and equipment WORTH A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS.

It means to spend as much more—three times as much as it takes to run the three schools at present, or a state debit of a half million.

The best authorities agree that small normal schools with not over 300 students produce THE BEST RESULTS FROM A PEDAGOGIC STANDPOINT.

In such normal schools all students come in personal contact with the faculty and get experience in the training department impossible in larger schools.

THERE IS NOT A SINGLE SOUND ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF ONE LARGE CENTRAL STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

It is a system that other states are trying to get away from.

The three schools in Oregon are now 250 miles apart and geographically located TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PUPILS.

The expense is reduced to a minimum with three schools under one board, with a uniform course of study and everything cut out of their courses of study but PREPARATION OF TEACHERS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A limited number of normal schools economically conducted and given a reasonable support is the right policy for the state to pursue.

All talk about great overshadowing institutions IS HIFALUTIN EDUCATIONAL IMPERIALISM.

The time has come to quit tearing down and destroying anything we have in Oregon that is of value, that is producing good results, and BUILD UP AFFIRMATIVELY THE INSTITUTIONS WE HAVE.

THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SALARY BILL.

The bill to divide counties into classes and fix salaries of county officials by law for all counties in each class is a good bill. It aims to abolish an abuse that now blocks and clogs the legislature WITH A MULTITUDE OF PETTY SALARY BILLS.

Half this session has been occupied with considering hundreds of bills raising salaries, and ONE BILL TO LOWER A SALARY.

Half the county officials in the state, many of the district offices and many judges have asked such raises.

IT HAS BEEN A REGULAR SALARY GRABBING RACE AS THE SESSION IS CLOSING.

One county official slips in a bill for a raise who really deserves it, and all the rest get the smell of it, get the sal-

ary-grabbing itch, get the virus in their blood, and the legislature is swamped with bills.

One distinguished senator has been SO BESEIGED HE HAS INTRODUCED ALMOST NO OTHER BILLS.

But we do not believe the Buchanan bill would accomplish a reform of this abuse as is intended.

IT BASES SALARIES ON POPULATION ALONE WHICH IS NOT RIGHT.

A county with 10,000 people may have only one-fourth the area of another county of the same population.

We believe the bill would be better if it fixed the salary of each county judge and the per diem of the commissioners and allowed the county commissioners' court of each county to FIX THE SALARIES OF ALL THE OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS AND THEIR DEPUTIES, SUBJECT TO A COUNTY REFERENDUM.

That has been the general practice of nearly all the best-governed states in the Union.

The great differences in population area climate, geography and topography of the different counties, makes it almost IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM BY A BLANKET BILL.

Hence, the more we can leave to the people of the several counties the adjustment of these differences, the more satisfactory would be the result.

LONG-RANGE GUNNERY IS ALWAYS UNCERTAIN BUSINESS.

Long distance government is most unsatisfactory of all. Take local self-government home to the people and let them settle it.

Under the Buchanan bill the counties where there were irregularities in salary, and there would be many, would all be coming back to the legislature for adjustment.

WHAT IS NEEDED IS A PLAN THAT WILL TAKE THESE LOCAL SALARY BILLS ALL OUT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

MINISTERS HAD HEARING FOR SUNDAY LAW.

The ministers of Salem and several other places had a hearing in the judiciary committee for a stricter Sunday law.

One poor deluded representative of the Lowly Nazarene argued against the proposed law TO STOP SUNDAY BASEBALL.

Lawyer Logan of Portland made a brilliant argument against Sunday legislation in general and it was well received.

The ministers talked until nearly midnight, and one by one the senators slid out UNTIL FINALLY ALL WERE GONE.

Then the talkfest quit for lack of something to talk about and to talk to and everybody was heartily tired.

THE CRATER LAKE ROAD.

There is one step Oregon should take and get into the great class of states that have natural wonders.

Mr. Steel of Portland is to give a free lecture tonight at the Grand Opera house, illustrated with STEREOPTICAN VIEWS OF THE LAKE.

The proposal to invest \$100,000 and get \$500,000 blowed in on a modern highway to that eighth wonder is a good one. Yosemite Park, Yellowstone Park and Crater Lake are the three greatest SCENIC WONDERS OF THE NEW WORLD.

It is not a proposition to help Medford, to help Jackson county, or to help Southern Oregon, but to help all Oregon. All Oregon needs help pretty badly to get onto Broadway where people with money WILL COME TO SEE THIS STATE.

Marion county has an equally wonderful region about Mt. Jefferson that will be opened to the world some day.

For the present let us take down the wall that shuts the world out of Crater Lake.

EARTHQUAKE AGAIN SHAKES UP SICILY

(United Press Special Wire.)
Noto, Sicily, Feb. 8.—An earthquake was felt at Noto today. It was more severe than any since the temblor in December. The people fled from their houses in panic, and spent the remainder of the night in the open.

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