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Whether this legislature will adopt the proposed optional workmen's compensation act remains to be seen. The organization that got up the employers' liability act seem to fear that they will stop industries and keep capital out of the state. Now the same people get up this compensation act to pull the teeth of their first act. Well, it may be all right, but there are so many of these acts that the average man who is in business or trying to carry on an industry is figuring how he can get out of the state. There are so many organizations of a parasitic nature that live off the workmen, and they must be kept busy, and so we suppose they will keep on passing acts, as they do not want to work for a living. So long, Mary. A straight eight-hour day for all employes would do more for laboring people than all the nostrums combined.

There is going to be an enormous volume of legislation on three lines—educational, insurance and for the judiciary. The latter is mostly salaries and deputies' fees. School taxes are not yet high enough in Oregon, so there must be a few twists on the jacksaws on the theory that the people cry out least about what they are paying for education. Well, if they could get rid of all the other political deals, and spend all the taxes on education it would be all right. But the educational deal on top of all the rest makes life a burden to the Oregonian. But there is one recourse for satisfaction, that we have more land and wealth per capita than probably any other state, and, according to the single taxer, the more you burden property with taxes, the more you force its distribution.

So Salem is going to have twelve cluster lights! Well, that is a starter in the right direction.

The Semi-Centennial Oregonian was an historical event in Northwestern Journalism. The continuous domination of one newspaper by practically two men is so unusual for such a long period of time that it attracts national attention. When coupled with ability shown by Pittock and Scott the achievement is all the more remarkable. Oregon has great reason to be proud of the fact that such a newspaper as the Oregonian is published in the state. The two men who are today the active factors in making the paper a still greater success are Leslie Scott and E. B. Piper, Oregonians in the double sense of having been developed in the atmosphere and born in Oregon, and impregnated with the traditions of the journal and its relations to the commonwealth. They are not strangers in a strange land, but are part of the possessions of the state, and their mentality is in touch with every fireside in Oregon. With the newer and greater Oregon, they are as fully abreast as were the founders of the paper in their vigor and prime. So we cannot see but the paper has a greater future than its glorious past, and all our readers will join in extending congratulations on this occasion.

Too bad the Single-Tax and Hari-Kari bill cannot be ratified by the legislature. But there is the initiative and referendum to fall back on, and any outburst of radicalism that falls by the wayside at the hands of an unintelligent and unappreciative legislature can be revived and put through with a little application of the Fels fund. Oregon has hopes while the soap holds out.

Editor Jackson's bill to cut down all the legal advertising rates in all the newspapers of the state was yesterday shamefully and indefinitely postponed. It was the Ambrose bill, and that gentleman said it was prepared by and introduced at the request of Jackson. So kind and clever of Jackson to protect the public against the outrageous extortions of the newspapers. The last legislature enacted a law for the publishing of delinquent tax lists, and this same Jackson had the governor veto it. Jackson's will should be law in Oregon, and if it were not for his extending his protecting hand, as the guardian angel of the people, what would become of them. By the way, he is not making much headway with the \$680,000 good road bills, and the \$10,000 forestry commission bill? It is too bad that where \$20,000 was raised to educate the people, it should all be thrown away. But the \$100,000 forestry conservation commission bill, when the state has no forests, that should go to—h—l with the little country newspapers.

BILL TO EXTERMINATE VERMIN.

The Chase bill to provide for purifying school children from vermin has some merit.

Speaker Rusk, who is a humorist, sent it to the game committee.

From a sanitary standpoint, if the senator is serious in proposing this bill, it may have some merit.

It will be found impractical, however, to officially declare that any child is infested with vermin.

First the school children, or some teacher, or parent must file an accusation that a certain child is infested, and be prepared to make proof and identification.

Then there must be a hearing and investigation and official scrutiny and determination of the facts in the case, with samples of the vermin.

By this time if the whole school district is not at war, action can be taken.

MR. BROWNHILL HAD A GOOD BILL.

Brownhill, of Yamhill, lost out yesterday on a mighty good

My Lungs "I have coughed and coughed until my lungs are sore and weak." Go at once to your doctor. Do not delay another hour. Ask him all about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Then take it or not, as he says. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

bill—to give the people power to remove troublesome local appendices.

It gave counties the powers over offices and salaries that cities now have.

Under this bill the people could abolish any office but clerk, judge, sheriff, assessor and coroner.

Such offices as the people hold superfluous—like county road master—could be abolished.

This bill did not interfere with any existing constitutional office.

It left county courts free to do anything they can do now.

The bill gave the people the right to veto any new office created and forced upon them.

When the legislature authorizes county courts to create all kinds of new jobs, there must be some check, and that can be safely vested in the people.

THE ROGUE RIVER FISHERIES.

By an initiative measure the salmon fisheries of the Rogue river, worth half a million dollars, were wiped out, an act of the rankest injustice.

Representative Pierce has finally got a bill perfected which meets the objections and interests of all parties.

This compromise protects theangling rights on the river under the law enacted by the people.

The whole river is open to angling at all seasons.

It allows the salmon to be taken for canning that will not bite a fly or spoon and would die.

The destruction of valuable property by popular vote is a serious matter, which this bill aims to correct.

If the fishing industry on the Rogue river can be destroyed without recourse by popular vote, then it can be done on any river in the state.

Not even the people have a right to do violence to industries.

This bill by Pierce aims to preserve the industry, based upon justice to all.

Steelhead salmon cannot be taken with nets or seines or traps, or otherwise than with hook and line at any season.

This is the only game fish salmon that takes a fly at any seasons.

The river is open for net fishing from the steel bridge at Sixth street, Grants Pass, to the Illinois river, from April 15 to August 15.

This part of the upper river is closed to net fishing at all other times, but is always open to angling.

There is no commercial fishing allowed in the river above Grants Pass at any season of the year.

On the lower river, west of the Illinois river, the open season is from April 15 to August 15.

This is for gillnets alone having a mesh of not less than eight inches.

There is a fall open season on the lower river from September 10 to November 1.

THE COMPANIES ANGUISHING TO REDUCE RATES

PRESIDENT VAIL SAYS TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES WILL UNITE SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING LESS MONEY.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

New York, Feb. 9.—That telephone and telegraph communication in the United States will soon be so cheap that letters and postal cards will become things of the past is the opinion expressed here today by President Theodore N. Vail of the new telegraph and telephone merger, which the government may prosecute as a combination in restraint of trade.

Mr. Vail declared that contracts had been signed by which telephone and telegraph wires would be used interchangeably in future and that consequently greater return for the capital invested by both the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Union would so decrease the comparative expense that sweeping reductions in tolls for both telephone and telegraph use was a certainty of the near future.

"At \$7 per mile for a telephone wire," said President Vail, "whenever a man in New York calls up Chicago he has use of our property, counting poles and equipment, to the value of \$125,000. At 6 per cent this must return \$50 per day. And the charges must be high enough to cover this. Under our new contracts these telegraph wires will also be used for telegraph and with the fixed charge, the same reduction in tolls will be great."

JOE BENNETT ON WATER AND LIGHTS

"Old Joe Bennett" which is his pet name down on Coos Bay, where he started in as a newspaper man, then became lawyer, banker, land owner, and all-around sport, is in town. He had several cases to argue before the supreme court, and among them one for Elijah Smith, of Boston, owner of the Coos Bay Wagon road land grant, who is worth a million or more just in trees. Smith went to the hospital yesterday at Portland to have a serious operation performed, and Bennett telegraphed him, how was he getting along? Back came a telegram from Smith at the hospital in his bed which read: "Not yet, but soon, Smith." Probably the most laconic answer ever wired from a man who

was going into the hands of the anesthesiologists.

Water and Light.

Bennett happened to meet up with Mayor Lachmund, and the subject of city water came up. "You man," said Bennett, "take my advice and get hold of this water plant. Then tap the mountains and you will always have a nice stream of money pouring into your city treasury and health for your people besides." Although owning a water plant in Coos county, Mr. Bennett believes in public ownership of water.

Ridicules Our Lights.

"You ought to get rid of those dinky stringer lights on your streets and put in the modern cluster lights like we have at Marshfield. We have a cluster post every 50 feet on our business streets. The post costs \$45 installed at the expense of the property owner. We just passed an ordinance requiring property owners to put them in and that was the end of it. The lighting and maintenance costs us two dollars per month per cluster, and our streets look fine. We have the same posts they have there, except we have three lights instead of five, with room on top for another if we should ever take a notion to have it."

A SPLENDID TONIC

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ITALIANS OBJECT TO HIGH RATES

CITIZENS IN MANY ITALIAN CITIES ARE IN OPEN REVOLT AGAINST THE INCREASED HIGH COST OF FOOD AND RENTS.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Rome, Feb. 9.—Clashes with troops in half a dozen cities of Italy occurred today as the result of mass meetings to protest against the exorbitant prices of food and high rents. The general opinion is that wide outbreaks are inevitable.

The people take the position that the government is to blame for the high cost of living, partly through the heavy taxes levied on all food products and partly for its allowing the formation of several oppressive trusts. As a result of all these causes, thousands of the poorer classes are on the verge of starvation.

ARIZONA TODAY IS VOTING ON ITS CONSTITUTION

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 9.—Voting is in progress today throughout Arizona on the new state constitution. There is hardly a doubt that the people will approve the document, and its friends say it will have at least 90 per cent of the vote.

Those opposed to the constitution, while admitting that it will be adopted, predict that President Taft will veto it on account of its so-called provisions, particularly that providing for the "recall," against which the president has expressed himself.

A good mixed crop consists of energy, grit and brains. It is practically sure to produce a full yield of profits.

PORCH CLIMBER CLEANED UP AMBASSADOR

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Burlingame, Calif., Feb. 9.—Robbed of \$2,000 in jewelry by a porch climber who invaded his home in Millbrae last night, Ambassador Whitelaw Reid today is congratulating himself that the thief's booty was not greater. Only his decision to change his apartment and the consequent transfer of most of his belongings before the thief's visit,

prevented the ambassador's loss running into big figures.

Reid and his wife, with their daughter and son-in-law, John Ward, were at dinner when the robber entered. The ambassador's loss was not discovered until the family were about to retire.

Plan the season's work now, and stick as close to your plans as the weather and incidental changes in detail will permit.

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