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#### A MOST DANGEROUS BILL

House bill 502, a substitute bill prepared by the house committee on Roads and Highways, establishing a Highway Code for the state, is a dangerous bill. It provides for raising in addition to other road funds now provided, lative session, it ending Friday night. So far its claims ger ones. Human nature will stand j about a quarter of a million dollars, which with the other funds will be turned over to the highway commission ap-pointed by the governor and to be expended under its direction assisted by a state highway engineer to be an gone far. However it is too early to make a just criticism direction, assisted by a state highway engineer to be appointed by it. This commission has the power to decide of its work, for it has not finished it. In the house about by the law of mature, moderation is virtue, excess is trime. The only harm what highways shall be improved, where the entire funds 525 bills have been introduced; and in the senate 300. It in the use of cigarettes is when the shall be expended, the kind of materials to be used, the will be seen from this that in the opinion of the legislators are used immoderately-and the individual must regulate that himself. The per shall be expended, the kind of materials to be used, the unit of contracts and absolute power as to who shall there were some 825 matters that needed attention, some son who finds smoking an injury must letting of contracts and absolute power as to who shall there were some 825 matters that needed attention, some cut it out-but that is no reason for have those contracts. This commission not only has the 825 things that the good people have managed to wiggle depriving his fellow man of a harmle whole state fund in charge, but under the proposed ar- along without heretofore, and perhaps never suspected rangement would also have the management and ex- they needed. It is about 685 days since the last legislature penditure of the funds coming from the government to adjourned, and it will be seen from this that the new aid in road construction, amounting this year to around things required by the people of Oregon average some-\$400,000.

the entire road funds of the state are placed in the com- Another thing that shows how careless the citizens are is For he laughs at real discomfort that mission's hands to do what it pleases with.

of the money, it is provided that in all improvements cost- troduced that number of bills amending or repealing some ing more than \$2,000 it shall select the material, or kind feature of that confict that confict that the select the select the material, or kind feature of that confict that the select th the contract to the lowest bidder, if the bid is not satisfactory to them. In other words with this power, the at his pleasure, and without cause other than his own sweet will. He will dictate as to everything if he so for considerably less than that sum, why not build it? chooses, because if the commissioners do not perform his Why haggle longer with the Polk county officials when bidding he can remove them and name some one who will. it is certain that an agreement with them is impossible? The commission has the power of removal of the state The commission has the power of removal of the state highway engineer, and he will have to recommend the kind of paving or material they want, which will be what the governor wants, or he will have to get off the job. If commissioners like Yeon and Benson, of Portland, are appointed by the governor, the patent paving combine would own the state at the end of four years' road build-ing under their direction. No reputable engineer would want the job in the cir-cumstances. No self-respecting citizen would take the job of commissioner at a salary of \$600 a year to be simply the covernor's plaything. state in the hands of the governor. What kind of a gov- more effect than the flowery speeches made in the legisernor we will have after the prestnt one retires two lative chambers. years from now, of course no one knows; but the people will not be satisfied to have all the affairs of the state placed in the hands of any governor, and to place the entire road building of the state in the hands of even a strong and capable man in whom the people have confidence, would not be a good business proposition. Senate bill 502 is by far the most dangerous one introduced at this session. It should be defeated.

PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING EXCEPT SUNDAY, SALEM, OREGON, BY | purpose and had accomplished it ere his great heart was stilled by the bullet of an assassin. In him the North lost

her incomparable leader, and the south her best and most generous friend. By many it was wondered what should teter of the bills he has introduced in or would be done with the South when the end came. Lincoln knew. Though he did not live to see the end of Lincoln knew. Though he did not live to see the end of measures a bill making it a crime to the deadly struggle, it was practically over when he was killed and his ideas were, to a certain extent, carried out. The South was welcomed back as a brother who was lost the first the second the state of the individual and wherever tried has proved impossible of enforcement. Sale of eigarettes

and found again and was made to feel that it was not an to minors is already forbidden, and this enemy conquered, but was still a member of the great dis as far as either practical or desirable family of states. Had Lincoln lived the reconstruction jure anyone but the individual, and is days would have been different, and many things that less we class both eight and pipe smoktended to make the full reconciliation slow, would never ers as auisances. In Washington such a law was in exhave occurred. And so today the North honors its great itsence for four years, during which the president and national hero, and the South once his bitterest enemy, pays its tribute to his memory and honor-

ing him doubly honors itself.

## BUT FOUR DAYS LEFT

After today there remains but four days of the legis-

thing like eight a week, that number having bobbed up in There are no safeguards thrown around the bill, but the shape of bills since the legislature of 1915 adjourned. But he never makes a whimper as he

that they have never suspected that there was need of In the section of the bill providing for the expenditure 122 changes in Lord's Oregon laws, yet the senate in-

Judge Bushey thinks the members of the county advertising might as well be dispensed with. The com- court of Polk county are insincere in their negotiations in mission is given a free hand to play favorites and to reap the matter of the Salem bridge. We quite agree with abundant rewards therefore, if it is so inclined. With the the judge. If the Polk county officials were contending Restored to Health by Lydia expenditure of millions in its control the temptations that for the cheaper type of bridge we might respect the posicommission will face will not be light ones. We do not tion they take, but when they tell us that the bridge conmean to say the commissioners will be dishonest, but that cerns Salem mainly and only benefits this city and then mean to say the commissioners will be distonest, but that they will be subject to many inducements to be so. Be-sides under this bill, the governor, and not the commis-sion, will have the absolute dictation as to the kind of material to be used, the roads to be improved and the per-son or corporation that shall have the contracts. He will have this power because he is given the power of removal this decrement and his own the bridge. BuBt as Marion county has \$200,000 or more and it can be built the bridge and it can be built to be built the decrement and his own this decrement and his own the bridge and it can be built the bridge and the per-table bridge and the per-table bridge and the pertained and the per-table bridge and the pertained and the pe

THE CIGARETTE BILL

(Medford Mail-Tribune.), Representative Sweeney of Josephin county, who, from the number and charthe legislature, seems ambitious to regu inte the universe, has amongst his other

creased 300 per cent. The bill was fin-ally repealed because if was found impossible to enforce it. The only result was that the local dealers lost their nmissions and the money went out of the state for their purchases. If we bar the eigarette, the next step

will be to bar tobacco. ple of indulgence in the small vice we drive them to indulging in the high

#### THE TRAVELING MAN

Off the train he hops at daybreak with a grip in either hand. With a stomach mighty empty and wish for slumberland;





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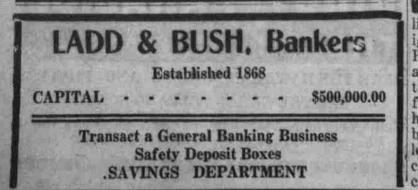
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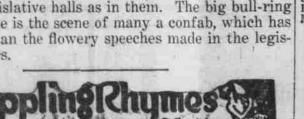


### THE NATION PAYS TRIBUTE

The whole country today celebrates the anniversary of the birth of the greatest president since Washington, and by many ranked even ahead of the great man who guided the destinies of the armies of the colonies through years of desperate struggle and finally won for us our independence. No grander character is recorded in history. Brave, determined, forceful, with but one purpose, the restoration of the Union, he never swerved from that



The bill would place the entire road building of the under the dome is the scene of many a confab, which has

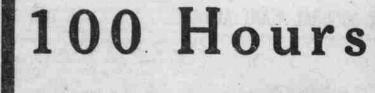




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