

LEGISLATURE OFF ON WILD, SPECIAL INTEREST DEBAUCH

FASTER, faster, faster, they're joyriding in Olympia. The throttle is wide open. The brake have been thrown away. The legislative orgy is on high gear. Governor, house, senate are off, these last few days, on the wildest debauch of the session. The house passed a bill granting perpetual franchises to the Seattle Electric Co. and other utility corporations. Then a first aid bill that nobody except the big interest fellows wanted. Both houses put through bills to make the

initiative, referendum and recall worthless. The governor signed the port bill against the protest of every commercial and improvement club in Seattle except the Chamber of Commerce. That was a bad mistake; otherwise Lister has been fairly advanced. Speaker Connor asked the house to abolish the department of political and social science at the University of Washington, to get rid of Dr. J. Allen Smith and other liberal educators. And those are merely high spots in the tory jamboree!

Only three Pierce county representatives, Croft, Heiny and Kelly, voted against the bill to make a perpetual monopoly of the T. R. & P. Co. Think of turning over your streets forever to this corporation, and your representatives shouting "amen" to the transfer! Think of the spectacle of the speaker of this state making the ridiculous plea that the political science department, a department maintained in every university in the country, should be abolished, because, forsooth, some of the studies taught do not meet with the reactionary ideas en-

tertained BY THIS PAMPERED DUDE, WHO NEVER HAD TO DO A REAL LICK OF WORK IN HIS LIFE. THEY'RE INTOXICATED WITH TEMPORARY POWER AT OLYMPIA - BUT THEY ARE HEADED, LIKE AN INTOXICATED JOYRIDER, FOR A TELEGRAPH POLE. THEY'RE GOING TO MEET A REFERENDUM CLUB THAT WILL MAKE THEM SICK WITH PAIN.

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WEATHER FORECAST.
For Tacoma: Generally fair tonight and Thursday.
For Washington: Generally fair tonight and Thursday except showers extreme northwest tonight or Thursday. Cooler central and southeast portions tonight.

Hall On Stand In Diffley Hearing

"I dropped my suit case on the porch and rushed into the house," said Amos H. Hall at the Diffley murder trial today. "Several people were in the bedroom. I didn't notice who they were. All I could see was my little Clarence lying on the bed dead."
Hall broke into tears. For the first time in three days the courtroom was clothed in silence. A church bell tolled nearby.
The great crowd at the rear sat awed, straining its eyes at the witness, its morbidity for the moment satisfied.

Mrs. Bertha Diffley, charged with first degree murder of Clarence Hall, age 3 years, according to the dead dad's father, first witness for the state today, fostered a haunting premonition for several days following the boy's death that "something would happen."
Hall testified that immediately following the funeral Mrs. Diffley told him she was afraid she would be arrested. He told her, he said, that she should fear no one if she had done nothing wrong.

Was to Act Like Mother.
Mrs. Diffley, according to Hall, had taken charge of his... with the understanding that she was to act towards them exactly as if she were their mother.
"But she often quoted that old motto, 'Spare the rod and spoil the child,'" he said. "I disagreed with her."
On the day of Clarence's death, Hall said, he was summoned from Portland by telegram.

Asks About Burns.
"As soon as I recovered myself," he said, "I asked Mrs. Diffley, who was standing in a corner of the room, why little Clarence's face was covered with burns."
"She told me he had fallen against the stove a number of times."

"I was so grief stricken that I went down town for a time, and when I came back the body had been taken away. I asked her if she had ever abused my son, and she admitted having switched him on the morning of his death."
"Then I asked her what made his eyes so sunken. She became nervous and said again that she was very sorry she had switched the boy."

Held Boy Under Tap.
"She wanted me to give her \$15 so she could go to her aged parents in Spokane. I told her I couldn't let her have the money, but made an effort to borrow it."
"Finally I got the money and she packed her trunk. Some of her clothing was soaking in a wash tub."
"At supper on the day of the funeral my other son said, 'Papa, I have no brudder more?' And Mrs. Diffley's little granddaughter, Alice, said to him, 'If grandma hadn't whipped Clarence so hard and bumped his head against the trunk, he would be here now.'"

"Two officers came the next afternoon, just as Mrs. Diffley had sent away her trunk. They talked with her for a long time and finally went away. She wanted me to take back the money I had given her, saying she was afraid it would get her into trouble."
"Mrs. Diffley explained that Clarence came to his death by falling off a trunk. She admitted to me that she had taken him from his warm crib early that morning, because he had soiled it, and held him under the cold water tap in the kitchen."

Allies Bringing Immense Fleet Into Action

LONDON, March 10.—Nearly 30 French and British ships are now known to be shelling the Dardanelles forts. A dozen more unofficially are reported in action. Russia's Black sea fleet is steaming slowly toward the Bosphorus.
Six British warships, headed by the superdreadnaught Queen Elizabeth, have concentrated their fire on Fort Namazieh, overlooking the narrows of the Darda-

nelles, according to dispatches from Athens. The fort's powerful guns have swept the waters of the strait for several miles and have thus far prevented the advance mine sweepers from operating. It was freely declared today that the British superdreadnaughts Warpite has joined the fleet attacking the Dardanelles. Officials virtually admitted that another vessel of the Elizabeth type is in the action against the Turkish forts.

FIRST AID BILL GETS BY; LABOR TO FIGHT

OLYMPIA, March 10.—Before the house of representatives got through with the first aid bill late yesterday, the state came very near to learning the truth about it.
How the governor bargained last fall with the employers to use his influence against the initiative measure which proposed real first aid, for a promise that they would support a bill which should draft how a part of the agreement when they found they could make better arrangements with the present legislature; and how the bill which passed the house was drafted with the sole intention of pleasing the manufacturers—all these facts were told by one speaker or another on the floor with the most amazing frankness.

Worse Than Other.
"The bill passed yesterday afternoon by the house is even worse than the one which Gov. Lister's commission proposed," said President Marsh of the State Federation of Labor here today. "If the governor does not veto it, we surely shall start a referendum and also initiate another act of our own."
"It is absolutely an employers' association bill. It is rotten through and through. The governor can kill it if he wishes."

When the bill as it finally went through came up for second reading, Lowman of Skagit, a democrat who avowedly represented the governor, said:
Wanted to Keep Faith.
"As a member of every employers' association on the Pacific coast, I wish to amend this bill by substituting for it entirely the bill proposed by the governor. I want to say that the mass of the employers of the state are not ready to break faith with the governor after the pledge we made so solemnly last fall."
He then told how the governor had appointed a commission, on which were three members of the very committee which had called on him, that had prepared the bill he favored. He declared that the senate bill did not keep this faith. His motion to amend was lost, 33 to 54.

If Lister vetoes the bill, as seems likely, the state will be left for two years more without any first aid bill.
Answering Lowman, Chairman McCoy of the house industrial insurance committee, said:
"Our committee held hearings on the bill proposed by Gov. Lister's commission, and labor, capital and physicians all were opposed to it. We wanted a bill which would at least suit some one. This bill, I can say with authority, suits the manufactur-

ing and industrial interests of this state, and, of course, the general public. The industries of this state have been taxed so heavily and are so sadly burdened that we did not feel like burdening them further."

Must Wait 10 Days for Aid.
The bill provides for the loan raising of a first aid fund by employers and employers, and its administration by the employer. If a workman is injured, he must wait 10 days before he receives financial aid from the fund which he helped create. The employer may either contract with a hospital or private physician to care for all his men, or may pay for each individual case as it comes up.

Murphine moved an amendment that the man injured should not have to wait for his pay 10 days "nor five days, nor one day." This was heavily lost. The final vote was 55 to 33. Sixty-five votes will be needed to pass the measure over the governor's expected veto.

Start Survey of Lumber Industry
PORTLAND, March 10.—The district forester has just inaugurated an exhaustive study of the production and consumption of forest products in Oregon and Washington. Specially prepared schedules are being mailed to all producers and dealers in lumber, shingles, piles, poles, ties, pulp, fuel wood, boxes, baskets, trunks and other similar wooden products, with a view to determining the quantity and value of these products made and used annually in these two states.

The last similar survey of the wood-using industries of this region was made five years ago. LONDON, March 10.—The new Greek cabinet will follow a policy of neutrality. According to an Athens dispatch, M. Gounaris has submitted the list of his new cabinet to King Constantine. The king has confirmed the appointments. Premier Gounaris will hold the portfolio of minister of war. He is considered one of the most brilliant of the younger Greek politicians.

Pop's Dream; Coming True Soon



THE BACKYARD GARDEN



Expert Praises Times' Articles; Series Begins Today; Don't Miss 'em

Prof. F. O. Kresger, of Washington State college at Pullman, gives his hearty endorsement of the Times' plan to run a series of helpful backyard garden suggestions. "While they are primarily for the older folks, they fit in fine with my campaign to induce Tacoma children to cultivate vacant city land during the summer months."
Prof. Kresger has visited nearly all the schools of the city and has given some instructive talks to pupils on the advantages and pleasure to be gained from a backyard garden.

"No newspaper could start a better work than to boost the home garden idea among the children of the city," he said. "I am certainly glad that the Times has seen fit to aid the public school campaign in this line by printing for all its readers these excellent articles on the 'backyard farm.' The Times should be of immense benefit to the public school officials in this campaign."
"Tacoma has done well for her front yards but has forgotten her back yards," said Prof. Kresger in his talk before pupils at the Central school yesterday. "If your children would clean up the tin cans and rubbish out of the alleys near your homes you would do something to boost your city's title over that the character of commerce couldn't equal in a lifetime."
"There are 1,000 acres of vacant land in the city. That's enough to start a big farm. But you don't need that much. You can raise enough potatoes in a backyard to feed a family during a season."

Needs Determination.
"As the population of the nation increases this vacant land is becoming more and more valuable. Some day there will be little or none left. Then efficiency in the care of the soil will count in the struggle for life."
"Many of the boys in the city today will find their life work on the farm. It's a fine thing to be a good farmer but it takes a lot of determination."
"You can't make a garden a success this summer if you run to the shade trees whenever the sun gets hot. Neither can you make a success in the big things of life later on, if you follow out the same inclination."
The first of "The Times" series on gardening will be found today on page four. They're to run daily.

SENATE LOSES NERVE; KILLS INQUITOUS 300

OLYMPIA, March 10.—Alarmed by the growing voice of indignation to be heard throughout the state against the menace contained in senate bill 800, which provided for perpetual franchises for street railways and robbed the Washington cities of all semblance of control, the senate today killed the measure.
When the measure came back with house amendments today, Howard Taylor of Kings made a motion that the bill be made a special order of business for midnight, March 15. This date is after the adjournment of the legislature. The motion carried 41 to 1, Palmer of King being the only senator who voted against it. Thus senate bill 300 was laid to rest.
The bill originally passed the senate 26 to 16. The Stou-

Webster lobby, which today resembled a political convention, so thick were the representatives of the power octopus, apparently alarmed many senators by its audacity.
It was understood even before the vote to kill came up that many senators who had voted for the bill had made up their minds to change their vote. Fairchild and Metcalf of Pierce and others were among the number.
It is confidently expected that Gov. Lister will veto the bill providing for a \$2,500 bond for jitney bus drivers throughout the state.
Senate bill 856, providing that jitney buses shall be placed under the regulation of the public service commission, will pass the houses this afternoon, it is believed, without opposition. Lister will sign the less exacting law, it is said.

WARN AMERICANS TO LEAVE MEXICO CITY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Secretary Bryan has announced that transportation facilities will be sought for as many Americans as express a desire to leave Mexico City. A new warning has been issued, advising American citizens to leave the city in view of the pending crisis. It is feared that a serious massacre of foreigners might follow if the excited condition of the capital continues.

It has been learned that the American note to Carranza described conditions in Mexico City as "intolerable" and called on him to take steps to correct the situation. The note further declared that if any harm befell foreigners in Mexico City the American government would hold Carranza officials "personally responsible" and take steps to impose responsibility where it belonged.

Three Little Haha's For Our Merry Jokester, Col. Hartley



OLYMPIA, March 10.—Quite the most diverting and entertaining feature of the present legislature is furnished by the scientist of the Honorable Roland H. Hartley of Everett, who is distinguished from among his fellow members by an alluring black silk ribbon which ties his glasses to his head, a semi-secret ambition to be governor, and on, such a sense of humor!
Just recently the house was discussing whether school houses should be open to community meetings. The objection was raised that socialists might take advantage of this unutilitarian legislation, and Col. Hartley said that he wasn't afraid to vote against this bill because he didn't expect a single socialist vote, and didn't care either.
Yesterday an amendment was offered to the first aid bill. The colonel arose and said:
"This amendment does not arise from the executive department of this state, and I am therefore in favor of it."
And so his keen, penetrating remarks have gone. The flavor of them unfortunately is partially lost because the reader cannot see the smile which illuminates the

General Fund to Borrow \$22,500

Because Tacoma has received no tax money from the county for operating expenses this year, and the general fund of the city is depleted to a few hundred dollars, Commissioner Atkins today introduced an ordinance calling for a loan of \$22,500 from the light department.
Although the city would have to pay interest if it made payments by warrants, as is usually done when the treasury is depleted, the ordinance calls for no interest to be paid the light department for use of the money.

OLYMPIA, March 10.—The bill exempting 40-acre campus tracts owned by denominational colleges from taxation has passed the house and is now before the governor for signature. The law applies directly to the College of Puget Sound and was supported by representatives of Pierce county. King county men opposed the idea.

WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED

