

WILL GO ON RECORD

Speeches Explaining Senatorial Vote at Olympia.

MOTION TO ERASE DEFEATED

Interesting Time at Opening of House—Things Seem Quiet at Olympia With Senatorial Question Disposed Of.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Staff correspondence.)—Nearly all of the members of the Legislature returned to their homes today, but there has been a decided thinning in the ranks of the third house, which was here in such large numbers, while the Senatorial fight was on. With nearly all of the members out of the city since last Thursday, there has been nothing doing in committee work, and accordingly there was but little business of importance handled in either House today. Now that the Senatorial scrap is out of the way, the remaining matters to be settled are dull and prosaic in comparison, although there is still considerable interest shown in the fate of the railroad bill in the House. Previous to the election of Senator Ankeny it was the general opinion that the bill would pass the House without much difficulty, but since then there has been a change in the feeling regarding it. The men opposing it believe that they will have something better than a fighting chance to prevent its passing the House. That it will be killed in the Senate is a certainty. It is not yet known when the bill will come up for action, but it may be reached by the end of the week. It is such a lengthy affair that its consideration by the committee will be a matter of some days. Among the bills to be introduced tomorrow is one by Hastings, of Jefferson, providing for compulsory pilotage in the Strait for vessels not under tow. The promoters of the bill have some encouragement for its passage, and if it becomes a law will place a schooner in commission and establish a pilotage service similar to that in effect at the mouth of the Columbia, Victoria and San Francisco. Captain Arthur Sewall, of Port Townsend, is here in the interest of the bill.

IN THE HOUSE

Motion to Strike Out Portion of Minutes Stoutly Opposed.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—An echo of the fierce Senatorial fight reverberated through the House shortly after recess this afternoon. The very bitter speech by Jones of King has been spread on the House Journal for last Thursday, and a motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with was promptly voted down, and the arraignment of Mr. Jones about "trashy, cheap, sorrow and shame of King County" etc., was repeated. Philbrick objected to what he termed the "unnecessary punishment of the minority," but Cameron (Dem.), speaking for the minority party in the House, said he was prepared to take his medicine. Levy of King wanted the record of the joint session speeches cleared of language containing serious reflections on certain members of the House. A motion to have the "warm" speeches stricken from the record was lost, and the speech of Mr. Jones will remain as a portion of the recorded history of one of the fiercest Senatorial fights ever pulled off in Olympia. Aside from the excellent over this matter, the only interesting feature of the afternoon session was the protracted debate over the bill to strike out a portion of the minutes introduced by Easteley of Pierce, and provides as follows: Any day after the expiration of six months, the tax collector against real property are delinquent, and the Treasurer shall have the right and it shall be his duty upon demand and payment of the taxes and interest, to make out and issue a certificate or certificates of delinquency against such property, and such certificates shall be numbered and have a stub which shall be a summary of the certificate. This stub to stand among other particularly numbered certificates of any preceding year is outstanding and unremitted shall be stated in subsequent certificates issued and the principal sum due, with date of issue, also a guarantee of the county or municipality to which the tax is due, that if for any irregularity of taxing officers, this certificate be void, then such county or municipality will repay the holder the sum paid on account of interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the date of its issuance. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the running of the statute period of six months from the date of delinquency at the rate of interest provided by law on delinquent taxes.

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Early Opposition to the Measure Not Strong Enough for Defeat.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—With a few slight amendments, which do not alter the main purpose of the measure, the mine taxation bill was favorably recommended by the House committee of the whole today, and will pass the House as soon as the amendments are reported and printed. The opposition to the measure was not so strong or determined as many expected it would be, and after the first vote on an amendment affecting the spirit of the bill the opposition gave way, were gone, and confined their efforts to amendments calculated to make the provisions more binding. The debate was sluggish and tedious at times, and took up the greater part of both morning and afternoon meetings. During the debate, Jenkins of Latah, referring to Fitzpatrick's amendment fixing the assessable value of surface claims at \$5 as acre, declared that this amendment, if adopted, would kill the bill. He himself would vote against the measure if the amendment prevailed. Many claims lay upon the mountainsides and possessed no surface value whatever, except for mining purposes. To tax them at \$5 an acre would drive miners out of the state. He read an editorial from a Walla Walla paper showing that the purpose of the bill was thoroughly understood and appreciated by the people. Senator-elect Heyburn recently addressed.

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H. B. 200, Hopwood of Thurston—Appropriating \$800 for rent of a vault in Thurston County Courthouse for the past eight years.

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H. B. 202, Howell of Garfield—Amending act providing for selection of survey, reclamation, lease and sale of state lands.

H. B. 203, Williams of Pacific—Appropriating \$100 deficiency for traveling expenses and incidentals in office of Attorney-General.

H. B. 204, Raine of King—Providing for salaries of Superior Court Judges making them \$2000, \$4000 and \$6000 per year.

H. B. 205, Raine of King—Relating to bonds, stipulations and conditions to be accepted by certain corporations to be accepted as surety thereon.

H. B. 206, Dix of Whitman—Amending law regarding vacation of roads.

H. B. 207, Cameron of Lincoln—Making application to Congress to call a Constitutional convention for amending the constitution so that Senators can be elected by direct vote of the people.

H. B. 208, Cameron of Lincoln—Providing for the right of direct legislation by the people. (Initiative and referendum.)

H. B. 209, Cameron of Lincoln—Providing for appointment and election for additional Superior Court Judges in the Counties of Lincoln, Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan and Ferry.

H. B. 210, Cameron of Lincoln—Compelling railroads to fence the right of way.

H. B. 211, Haynes of Douglas—Amending code of public instruction.

H. B. 212, Stark of Spokane—Relating to garnishments.

H. B. 213, Stark of Spokane—Relating to revenue and tax.

H. B. 214, Gleason of King—Providing for the payment of expenses incurred in compliance with act establishing and creating districts in this state.

H. B. 215, Stark of Spokane—Relating to revenue and tax.

H. B. 216, Wells of Spokane—Appropriating \$500 to reimburse H. C. Paig for traveling and incidental expenses as coal mine inspector.

H. B. 217, Both of Whatcom—Providing for the appropriation for the relief of firemen and for the encouragement of volunteer fire companies. 2 per cent of the premium received by fire insurance companies.

H. B. 218, Both of Whatcom—Giving authority to County Commissioners to exercise exclusive authority and power regulating sale of liquors outside of incorporated cities, fixing license at \$300 to \$1000.

At 4 o'clock the House adjourned.

IN THE SENATE

Introduction of Memorial Favoring This Bill Creates Slight Stir.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—In the Senate today Werburm introduced the following memorial, urging the Senators and Representatives from this state to support the Elkins interstate commerce bill: Whereas, There has been introduced in Congress a measure known as the Elkins bill, which aims to clothe the Interstate Commerce Commission with sufficient power to enforce its own decrees, and

Whereas, Said Elkins bill is in line with the Interstate Commerce Commission itself, and, Whereas, Such a measure would give the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to relieve this state and the country of a long and vexatious litigation charged by common carriers on goods shipped into late state from points outside of this state to points outside this state, and discriminations now suffered; therefore, Resolved, That the Senate, the House concurring, do most respectfully urge and advise the Senate and House to take up and work for the passage of the said Elkins bill.

There was a slight stir in the Senate when the memorial was introduced, but when the memorial was read out of debate by moving to refer the memorial to the committee on memorials and the motion prevailed without debate.

The Senate discussed at some length the bill by Senator Tolman providing that 10 per cent of the electors of any city or town in the state may require the City Council to submit to popular election and

Senators Hemrich and Davis spoke against the bill and Senators Tolman and Warburton for it.

Although the fact did not develop in the debate, the real object of it is to leave a way open for the submission of franchises to the people. Finally the bill was moved to refer the bill back to the committee on municipal corporations, and the motion prevailed.

Senator Wilson, of Whitman, introduced a bill appropriating money for the State Agricultural College at Pullman, as follows:

For rebuilding creamery burned in August, 1901, \$4000; to buy additional farm lands, \$2000; to buy a strip of land adjoining campus, \$500; to improve heat, light and power plant, \$6000; to build housing, \$1500; to build livestock pavilion, \$1500; for fencing and improving grounds, \$2000; to purchase necessary tools and improvements, \$3000; total, \$27,500.

Senator Stewart, of Pierce, introduced a memorial favoring the direct election of United States Senators, which was referred to the committee on memorials.

Senator Hamilton moved to strike from the joint session journal all record of speeches made during the month of January when Mr. Ankeny was elected last Thursday, and the motion prevailed.

Senator Graves, of Spokane, who has gone to San Francisco on legal business, was elected State Senator, which was referred to the committee on memorials.

The committee appointed to attend the funeral of the late John B. Allen submitted an expense bill of \$29.40, and it was allowed.

The following Senate bills were introduced: S. B. 97, Crow—Relating to entry of judgments.

S. B. 98, Crow—Authorizing the making of unknown heirs of deceased persons defendants in suits involving real estate.

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S. B. 100, Welch—Relating to the removal of timber from lands belonging to the state.

S. B. 101, Welch—Relating to state oysters.

S. B. 102, Hurley—For the relief of Victor E. Palmer.

S. B. 103, Tucker—For the distribution of session laws.

S. B. 104, Tuckey—For the distribution of Supreme Court reports.

S. B. 105, Wilson—Appropriating money for the State Agricultural College.

S. B. 106, Tolman (By request)—To prevent the marriage of defacing of natural scenery.

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BAN ON TRACY BOOKS

PURPOSE OF BILL INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MULKEY.

Measure Passes Senate—Intended to Prohibit Publishing Accounts of Deeds of Criminals in Oregon.

St. Louis & San Francisco Meeting.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—More than ordinary interest attaches to the monthly meeting of the St. Louis & San Francisco directors, scheduled for Thursday next in St. Louis, because of the various rumors which center around that property. It is commonly believed the control of the road is now lodged with J. P. Morgan & Co., though J. & W. Seligman & Co., were for a long time the fiscal agents. Latest reports hint at a deal between the Frisco and the Southern Railway, admittedly a Morgan property.

A leading official of the St. Louis & San Francisco Road declined today to discuss the various rumors concerning "deals" and "combinations" but stated

SALIENT, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Senator Mulkey's bill relating to the publication of obscene or indecent literature passed the Senate today. Its purpose is to prohibit the publication of accounts of the deeds of criminals or an exhibition of a play representing the deeds of criminals.

The bill is aimed particularly at books or plays setting forth the deeds of persons who have been convicted of crimes in this state. To be more explicit, it is aimed at the sensational Tracy books, which have been popular on the market in Oregon, and which are not tending to ele-

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY BASKET-BALL ON A TOUR OF THE NORTHWEST.



SALIENT, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The boys' basketball team of Willamette University has gone for a tour of the Northwest, and will play games with teams at Seattle, Tacoma, Centralia, Chehalis, Portland and Oregon City. A good record has been made by the team to date. On the tour, the players are arranged in the following order: Coach Miller, Parsons and Judd, forwards, and Edgar F. Averill, manager of the team. On the bottom row, on the left, are Matthews, Guard; Pollard, center, and Winslow, guard.

vate the ideals of Oregon boys. That portion of the bill which relates to publications of this sort is as follows: If any person sells, lends, gives away, or shows, or has in his possession, with intent to sell or give away, or to show, or advertise, or otherwise offers for loan, gift, sale or distribution, to any person, any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or other printed paper devoted to criminal news, police reports, or accounts of crimes, or pictures, or any written or printed matter, or any other thing which purports to be the exploits of a criminal in this state, and stories of death, or of blots, lust, or crime; or if any person exhibits upon any street or highway, or in any public place, upon a sign, or in any way, any picture, or photograph, or any other thing which depicts or which may be within the view of any person, any book, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, writing, paper, printed matter, or other thing, the descriptions of articles mentioned in the first and second subdivisions of this section, or any other thing, or if any person in any manner hires, uses or employs any person to sell, or give away, or to show, or to contribute, or who, having the care, custody or control of any person, permits such person to sell, or give away, or to show, or to contribute in any manner, any book, pamphlet, newspaper, story paper, writing, paper, printed matter, or other article or matter coming within the descriptions of articles and matter mentioned in this section, or any other thing, or if any person or persons shall exhibit in any public place by way of show, or for gain, or for any other purpose, or if any person convicted of a crime in this state, or of any desperado or other character, be released upon conviction thereof, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not more than one year, nor by fine not more than \$100.

RAPID TRANSIT ELECTION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—E. Winter was elected president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company following the organization of the road, all the outgoing officers also being re-elected.

CONSPIRATORS SCATTER.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—The Indianapolis Coal Exchange, which has been investigated by the grand jury, dissolved today. A second grand jury investigation, which threatens to result seriously for the members, has been ordered. It was charged that the exchange, which comprised nearly all the retailers in the city, made it impossible for the independents to buy coal, and also that the organization controlled local prices.

CHARGE IS CONSPIRACY.

Issue is Narrowed Against Chicago Coal Combine.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The indicted officials of the Retail Coaldealers' Association of Illinois and Wisconsin have reached an agreement with State Attorney Dineen, and a statement of facts, including price lists, by-laws and constitution of the association, was filed with Judge Horton. The cases will be argued on the counts concerning conspiracy under the statute and common law, the anti-trust indictment being eliminated.

Canada's Policy on Coal Duty.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2.—The Dominion government has decided to take no action in the matter of removing the duty on soft coal until Parliament meets, when the views of the members will be ascertained.

Stephen J. Meeker Goes Bankrupt.

NEWARK, Feb. 2.—Stephen J. Meeker, successor to Meeker & Son, iron founder, one of the oldest concerns in the trade, made a personal assignment today. The Smille Coupler & Manufacturing Company, of Newark, made an assignment. The liabilities of Meeker are placed at \$250,000, with no arrangement of the assets. The liabilities of the Smille Company are placed at \$60,000. Meeker is president and principal stockholder of the Coupler Company, the financial embarrassment of which forced him to make the assignment.

CAN'T HAIL THE TRAFFIC.

Eastern Roads Find It Too Heavy and Exclude Some.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Because of inability of Eastern roads to handle all the traffic offered them, Western roads have issued blockade notices that affect several of the necessities of life. Among the latter is flour, which the Western roads will not receive for delivery to Eastern roads until further notice. The condition of congestion on Eastern roads is very much worse than on Western roads.

FOR MINING AND RAILROADING.

\$6,000,000 Corporation in Portland to Operate in Southern Oregon.

Incorporation articles of the United States Mining, Securities & Trust Company were filed in the office of the County Clerk yesterday by A. Rowley, R. J. Hendrix and J. E. Wright. The objects announced: To mine for precious metals, coal, stone, marble, etc.; also to build and operate a railroad at a point near certain copper quartz locations near the corners of townships 12 and 13 north, 35 and 36 west, 12 and 13 south; to develop the Northern Copper River and the valley of the South Umpqua River, and thence following the valley or river to the towns of Riddle and Myrtle Creek, all in Douglas County. The amount of capital stock is \$6,000,000.

This is a development enterprise in which the Humason and the Dekums are interested. The railroad mentioned in the incorporation articles will start at the mining property well up in the Cascade range and pass northerly and westerly down Elk Creek to the South Umpqua,

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A Man Who Finally Joined Our New Piano Club Tells Why He Hesitated About It.

Yesterday there came to our store a man who has been reading our advertisements of our new piano club, and the limited number of high-grade pianos we have recently included in it. He had been looking very thoroughly into the matter of piano clubs, and was surprised to find a difference between the two pianos was that the one we offered him was in a factory you deal with, and that I am unable to lose all my payments and piano, too, if I run behind a little. They showed me contracts amounting to \$5,000.

We then took him into our office and showed him nearly 600 contracts. We explained to him our extension agreement in case of loss of position, sickness or misfortune. This satisfied him and he purchased his piano without further hesitation, securing a finer one for \$120 than he had been asked \$50 for at another place—saving himself just \$154.

Such occurrences as this are not infrequent with us. Again and again people come to our store with their minds prejudiced by infamous insinuations concocted and poured into their ears by jealous dealers, who cannot begin to meet our terms and prices, and who endeavor to supply their business deficiencies and lack of proper methods by spreading groundless and utterly false reports concerning a competitor whose straightforward, up-to-date and honest dealing are well and widely known. We must not expect to hear of the good qualities of our pianos from people who are trying to sell their own pianos, but buyers who carefully investigate are soon convinced of the eminent superiority of our instruments. This is always the place to get the finest instruments for the least price and which have the most desirable features. We are placing astounding values within the reach of people who want the best, but who have hitherto felt they could not afford it. Such magnificent makes as the Weber, the Chickering, the Kimball, Bush & Sons, and many others are available at \$6 down and \$6 a month, and on finer piano payments range from \$8 to \$29 down, according to price; monthly payments \$7 to \$15. If you have this little ready money, just drop into our store and see what you can do with it. You will find no trouble in making the remainder of your payments. Eilers Piano House, Washington Street, corner Fifth, Portland, Or. Other large stores San Francisco, Spokane and Sacramento.

RACES AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—Results of races: One mile—Hluminate won, Asia second, Blue Ridge third; time, 1:54.

Six furlongs—Ed L. won, Stratton II second, Little Jack Horner, third; time, 1:18.

Five and a half furlongs—Abramada won, St. Cuthbert second, L'Etienne third; time, 1:08 2-5.

Mile handicap—Nitrate won, Brief second, Mrs. Frank Foster third; time, 1:43 4-5.

Three furlongs—Manaback won, Becky Rice second, May Holiday third; time, 0:28 2-5.

Mile and a sixteenth—The Messenger won, Leena second, McWilliams third; time, 1:53 1-5.

Commissions on California Races Accepted.

Portland Club Cafe, 129 Fifth Street. Direct from the tracks.

WILLAMETTE IS BEATEN.

Seattle Y. M. C. A. Basketball Team Too Strong for It.

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—The Seattle Y. M. C. A. basketball team defeated the aggregation from Willamette University tonight at the local gymnasium by a score of 25 to 4. The play was very close, few fouls being counted. The same teams will contest tomorrow night.

To Organize Baseball League.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The organization of a baseball league in Washington towns met in Olympia today to consider the organization of a baseball league. The preliminary steps were taken which insure the taking into the league of Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Centralia and Olympia, and it will probably include Chehalis and Montesano. Another meeting will be held here next Sunday to perfect the organization.

Winnipeg Wins at Hockey.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—By mutual agreement, the Montreal Hockey team and the Victories of Winnipeg decided to call Saturday's game a draw. The second game of the Stanley Cup series, which was played tonight, resulted in a victory for the visitors. This makes the total score with one game each. The deciding game will be played Wednesday evening.

Offer to Corbett and Jeffries.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—J. H. Herman, president of the International Athletic Club, of Fort Erie, Ont., today offered \$5000 as forfeit money for a fight between James J. Corbett and Jim Jeffries for the heavy-weight championship of the club. The fight would be for a purse of \$5,000, and June 20 as the date suggested by Mr. Herman for the match.

No Ice to Sail Yachts On.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Feb. 2.—At a conference of ice yachtsmen today it was decided to postpone the races for the international trophy until next year. The thaw of the past two days has made the ice unsatisfactory.

Swimming Record Broken.

BROOKLINE, Mass., Feb. 2.—At the Brookline Swimming Club tonight, Harry Lemoyne was credited with having covered 100 yards in an 180-foot tank in one minute and 2.5 seconds, two seconds better than Schaefer's American record.

Manfield Buys a Yacht.

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—The schooner yacht Amoretta has been sold to Thomas McKee, of Pittsburg, to Richard Mansfield, the actor.

AL NEILL STARTS NORTH.

Clever California Boxer Will Arrive Tomorrow.

Al Neill, the clever California boxer, who is to meet Tom Riley in a 30-round bout before the Pastime Club, on February 15, will arrive in Portland tomorrow morning. He will put the finishing touches on his condition. He is accompanied by a clever lightweight, who will appear in one of the preliminary events. Neill is as confident of winning as mortal man can be, and says he is only too glad to have an opportunity to make stronger his title to middle-weight champion of the Pacific Coast, which the San Francisco papers say he nearly lost to Riley in that city last month, when the latter fouled him.

Riley's quarters in the Hotel Mikado present a lively scene every afternoon. Large crowds gather to see him go

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