

BANK REFORMATION

Stock Companies Must Tell Truth in Prospectus.

UNDER HEAVY PENALTY

Representative Brown Fathers Bill to Punish Misrepresentation by Corporations or Individuals Offering Investments to Public.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special).—In exploiting their properties and opportunities for profitable investments, corporations will confine themselves to an uncolored statement of fact if one of several bills covering the subject shall be enacted. One of them, that of Representative Brown, of Linn, provides as follows:

"Any person who knowingly makes or publishes in any way whatever, or permits to be made or published, any book, prospectus, notice, report, statement, exhibit or other publication of or concerning the affairs, financial condition or property of any corporation, joint stock association, co-partnership or individual, which said book, prospectus, notice, report, statement, exhibit or other publication shall contain any statement which is false or willfully exaggerated or which is intended to give, or which shall have a tendency to give, a less or greater apparent value to the shares, bonds or property of said corporation, joint stock association, co-partnership or individual, or any part of said shares, bonds or property, than said shares, bonds or property actually possess, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than 10 years or fined not more than \$10,000, or shall suffer both said fine and imprisonment."

Similar bills have been introduced by Representative Henry of Multnomah, and Senators Hart of Baker, Bingham of Lane, and Cosh of Douglas. It seems probable that legislation as proposed is certain to be enacted.

Habitual drunkards will be haled into court and tried like offenders against the law if the bill of Representative Steen shall become a law. The drunkard is not to be punished, however, the trial being simply for the purpose of proving him addicted to liquor. If the fact shall be proved, any person thereafter selling him liquor shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and will be punished therefore by severe penalties. The fact of drunkenness is to be proved in the Courtroom and in the county Court-house, but the notice shall be removed if the drunkard shall reform. Justices and recorders are to have jurisdiction.

Commission men are to be rounded up, if Representative B. F. Jones, of Polk, can pass his bill for their regulation. Every person in such business must deposit with the State a \$10,000 bond which shall be held liable for all consignments to him and for all fines that may be inflicted under the law. After three days he shall notify the sender whether sale has been made and shall continue to notify every three days thereafter. The bill being simply for the commission man must notify the consignee of the price received and to whom sold and not later than five days thereafter must forward payment to the consignee. Any commission man prohibited from selling any consignment to any person or individual connected with it. The penalties are from \$25 to \$200 fine.

Suggested by the district attorney of his county, Representative Slusher has offered a bill in the House that is intended to reach hold-up artists, the criminal prosecution of these candidates for the penitentiary. The bill makes a criminal conspiracy at common law a crime and in defining the same and providing a penalty therefor, reads as follows:

"Any person guilty of a criminal conspiracy at common law shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year or by a fine not exceeding \$1000, or by both fine and imprisonment, but no agreement except a conspiracy to commit a crime or burglary shall be deemed a conspiracy or be punished as such unless some act besides some such agreement is done to further the same by one or more of the parties to such agreement."

Under the present law any claim against any judgment debtor employed in a public office must be garnished within six months after the debt is incurred. But it is the purpose of a bill by Representative Burns, to extend the limit within which such a claim can be garnished for the same length of time as any other debt can be legally collected. The bill makes the state or county treasurer, sheriff, clerk, constable, city treasurer or other public officer liable to answer as garnishee for all moneys in his possession as such public officer belonging to or claimed by any judgment debtor.

Senator Kay, of Marion, has introduced in the Senate substantially the same bill relating to the garnishment of public moneys due to state and public officials, employees and creditors as the measure presented in the House by Representative Burns.

Representative Dye, of Clackamas, would have the county liquor license doubled. This is the main object of a bill he has introduced in the House. Increasing the license fee from \$1000 to \$2000, and the bond from \$400 to \$800, the bill also provides for an increase from \$1000 to \$1500 in the bond of the proprietor of such resorts. At the present time it is provided that a petition, signed by a majority of the legal voters of a precinct in which such a saloon is to be established, shall be filed with the county clerk for a license can be granted. The new bill increases this representation to at least 60 per cent of the legal voters of a precinct.

Representative Brown, of Linn, is the author of a bill for the amendment of the present law providing that a will executed by either a male or female becomes invalid on their marriage. At the present time a will executed by a male, prior to his marriage, remains in force as if his marriage, while a similar instrument executed by a female is annulled by her subsequent marriage.

Various changes are to be made in the salaries now received by the officers of Malheur County if the bill of Representative King becomes a law.

ATTACKS DIRECT PRIMARY

SENATOR BAILEY'S BILLS MAKE AMENDMENTS.

One Contemplates Partial Return to Party Convention System—Other Alters Statement No. 1.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special).—Naming of a ticket for primary nomination is proposed by Senator Bailey of Multnomah, who today introduced two bills, one for the amendment of the law to modify Statement No. 1 so that the signer will pledge himself to vote only for his party's choice for United States Senator, and the other for the amendment of the law to modify Statement No. 1 so that the signer will pledge himself to vote only for his party's choice for United States Senator, and the other for the amendment of the law to modify Statement No. 1 so that the signer will pledge himself to vote only for his party's choice for United States Senator.

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JOINT CONFERENCE FAVORED

Oregon, Washington and Idaho to Discuss Opening of Columbia.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special).—That a joint committee of the Oregon Legislature will confer with a like committee of the Washington and Idaho Legislatures, concerning navigation of the Columbia River, is the subject of a bill introduced today in the House.

The committee is to consist of one member from each of the three states. The committee is to be organized as soon as possible. The bill is to be reported favorably tomorrow.

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MED N QUARTERS

Unable to Find Successor for John S. McMillen.

COMMISSION UNDER FIRE

While Washington Governor Is Casting About to Fill Vacancy, Legislature Commences Investigation of Railroad Body's Acts.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 23.—Governor Mead is "up in the air," so far as the appointment of a Railroad Commissioner to succeed John S. McMillen is concerned. While this appointment is held up by the joint railroad committee of the House and Senate is gunning for the rest of the commission and there may be more trouble in store.

The appointment matter is in a peculiar form from the fact that the Governor seems to have been disappointed in the man of his choice. The man he had in mind, and to be now seeking to place responsibility for the nomination elsewhere. There is a report circulated that Mead is about to resign, and that the Governor is about to resign, and that the Governor is about to resign.

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BISHOP SCADDING DELIVERS INTERESTING LECTURE.

Shows Development Through Missionary Work From Jamestown to Oregon.

Rt. Rev. Charles Scadding, bishop of Oregon, spoke at Trinity Church last night to a large audience on the missionary work of the Episcopal Church in America. The title of his subject being "The Church in America From Jamestown to Oregon." The lecture was under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary and the offering went to swell the triennial offering for the East next October, cannot fall to interest many in the possibilities, material and spiritual, which exist in Oregon.

SCHOOER STETSON OVERDUE.

SALEM, Jan. 23.—The owners of the steam schooner J. B. Stetson, plying between this port and Puget Sound, have asked the collector of customs to order the collector at Port Townsend to send a revenue cutter after her, as she is 24 hours overdue.

PUT "FRATS" UNDER BAN

Movement to Forbid Wearing Badges and Refuse Diplomas.

SALEM, Jan. 23.—A resolution will be introduced in the Board of Education tomorrow by Aaron Altmann, executive of the board, for forbidding any high school student to belong to a school fraternity or fraternal order or secret organization and prohibiting the wearing of any badges or insignia of such organization. A violation of the rule will be grounds for the dismissal of the offender from school.

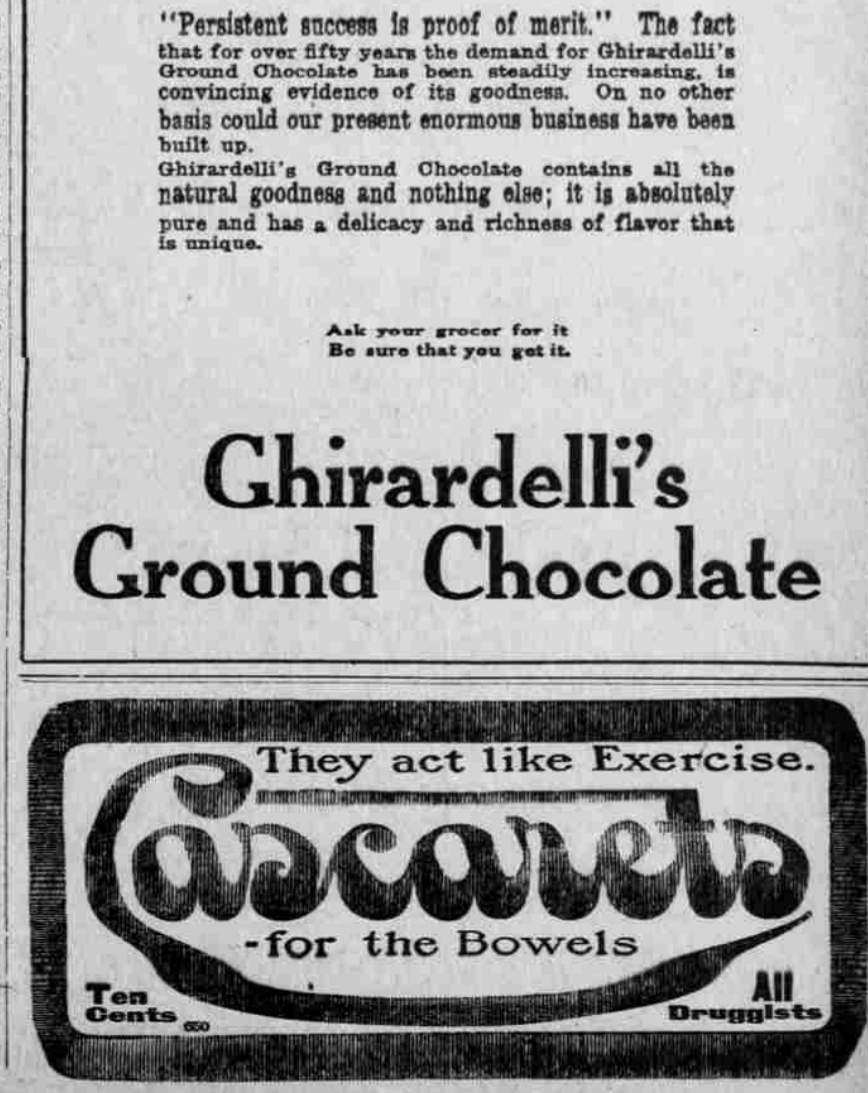
The resolution will further provide that it is legal that the student or student belonging to a secret high school society shall not receive a diploma. The resolution will probably be passed by the unanimous vote of the board.

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