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MANY BILLS INTRODUCED

Total to Date Is 380, a Larger Number Than in Same Period Last Year—State Printing Office Behind With Its Work.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special).—At the end of the second week of the session, the Oregon Legislature has accomplished little in the way of finished work, but has laid good foundation for work in the remaining 26 days. Only one bill has passed both houses, while four others have passed the Senate and two have passed the House. But the two House bills were not introduced yesterday by indefinite postponement upon adverse reports from committees.

Introduction of bills has proceeded more rapidly this session than two years ago. In the House 212 bills have been introduced, and in the House 248, or a total of 380, as compared with 137 in the Senate and 227 in the House, or a total of 364, at the end of the second week last session. Introduction of bills has this year been more rapid than in any previous session, for a large number of bills were introduced in the first few days of the session, and have since that time been reported and passed both houses. Up to the present time the committees have hardly begun work.

Delay this session is due in part to the fact that the printer, Dunway, has been handicapped by lack of help and also by the fact that during the first few days he was compelled to work on bills which should have been prepared in advance of the opening of the session.

Work of the Legislature is now well in hand, however, and the most important measures have been introduced. Railroad bills, banking bills, plans for loaning state funds, irrigation bills, and other measures that have received public attention, are ready for committee, and if prompt attention be given them the coming week there should be a very good business.

There have been a few sharp but brief contests already, indicating that later on, however, there will be a little discussion, however, took place in the Senate yesterday when Senator Miller, of Lane, moving that the Laughey's Monument Normal School appropriation bill be taken away from the committee on ways and means and referred to the committee on education. The sole argument in support of the change was that the committee on education has one Normal School bill in its hands already, and that before the committee on ways and means considers the question of appropriations, the education committee should consider the question of Normal School policy and have all bills on that subject in its hands.

Save Saloon Men's Scalps. There was a sensation in the House Wednesday when the committee on alcoholic traffic reported favorably on Senator's bill to prevent the issuance of saloon licenses to persons who have violated the liquor laws. This would put a large number of Portland liquor dealers out of business for violation of the Sunday law. The bill in question was referred to the committee on saloons and hurriedly secured an order referring the bill to the committee on judiciary, and a different report is expected to be had.

The same course was pursued with regard to Newell's bill to prohibit pool-playing and other forms of gambling on the State Fair grounds. The bill is favorably reported by the committee on agriculture, but upon motion was referred to the committee on judiciary, because not containing penalties for violation of the act.

Important Measures Coming Up. There are several important questions of legislation scheduled for consideration the coming week. The Governor's veto of Senate bills have been made a special order for consideration. The strongest contest, if any, over these bills will be on the Board of Control bill, which, however, it is not believed, will be passed over the Governor's veto. The most important committee meeting next week will be that of the railroad committee, which will hold a public session Monday evening, when all persons having opinions to present are invited to be present.

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Peculiar Land Measures Appear in Both Houses of the Legislature.

ONE BY CONNELL A PUZZLE

Evidently Intended in Interest of Those Who Purchase Land at Tax Sales—Various Other Land Bills Introduced.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special).—Suspicious-looking bills have appeared in each house of the Legislature for the purpose of curing defects in land titles. Some are difficult to understand, so that their actual depths are as yet unascertained. In the past, bills of this kind have been introduced and some have passed to validate various shady deals, including those of the late land title company, enough in their outer garments, these bills contained "jobs" for the purpose of securing to land sharks the gains which cunning had placed in their hands.

Bills of this sort are always dangerous, gotten up as they always are for the benefit of private or special interests, and are therefore to be regarded with unusual or secret reason are defective. Puzzle Over Connell Bill. Up to the present, none of the bills for curing defects in conveyances and for perfecting titles seems to have an ulterior purpose, though there are some that are difficult to understand. There is, for instance, House Bill 11, by Connell, which has for its purpose "declaring persons having color of title by deed or conveyance recorded in good faith, but vacant and unoccupied land, the legal owners thereof, where such persons shall have paid the taxes thereon for 10 consecutive years." The body of the bill is in accordance with the title, and has also the proviso that if any other person has a better paper title and has paid taxes on the property at any time within the 10 years, then the first taxpayer shall not be entitled to the benefit of the act.

The bill evidently intends to enlarge the scope of the law of adverse possession. Under existing laws a man who opens and occupies possession of land for a period of ten years thereby acquires title. The possession must be such as would give the real owner notice of his claim. The Connell bill proposes to extend this to land held by a tenant without possession, provided all taxes assessed thereon for a period of ten years have been paid. The bill does not provide that the deed under which a man claims must have been recorded or that the land must have been in his possession for a period and continues to pay the taxes. This bill, if it should become a law, would probably have its principal application to land purchased by a tenant, but where the validity of the tax proceedings were in doubt. The owners of such lands are usually nonresidents or absentees, and it is not in possession. Deeds Effective Without Sealing. Representative Freeman has introduced a bill similar to curative acts that have been before the Legislature at previous sessions. It is House bill 38, and provides that deeds that have been heretofore signed shall be effective without sealing, acknowledging or witnessing, and that any attempt to acknowledge or witness shall entitle the deed to record, and such deeds may be proven by copies of the records and shall be effective against the grantors, their heirs and assigns. The effect of this bill is to give validity to deeds that are not admissible as evidence of title.

Senator Coshaw has introduced two bills that have for their purpose the completion of records of title where they are now defective. By Senate bill 35, it is the duty of the clerk of the State Land Board to file for record in the appropriate counties, all patents and clear lists received from the United States and provide that these shall be recorded without charge. The other bill—Senate bill 63—requires that upon the completion of administration of the estate of a decedent, the records of estates are kept in the Probate Courts only and are not to be found in the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

Representative Northrup has introduced House bill 54 for the purpose of giving effect to deeds from married women for the purpose of barring their right of dower. His bill provides that such deeds shall be effective, even if not acknowledged, or witnessed or sealed, and even though her dower right is not mentioned and her husband will join her in the deed, though this does not apply to deeds in favor of strangers to the title.

TIGHTEN NET OF EVIDENCE DEAD MAN'S BROTHER PUT ON WITNESS STAND. Tells Why His Suspicions Were Directed Toward Widdowson—Work of Portland Detective.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special).—Henry Moody today on the stand testified to his search for the murderer of his brother—a work not ended by Moody and Brown to aid him, and of their seizing every opportunity to turn suspicion to H. Widdowson, a man who had been in the Pine Valley on Friday night, and whose wife was named in connection with Moody.

Every suggestion of a clew pointing in any other direction than themselves was pointed out, according to the witness, by Widdowson and Brown, and they did all in their power to prevent the arrest of him. Moody declared that he first suspected Widdowson when the saloonist said, as he put the pumps on the dead body, which he helped prepare for burial. "Well, old man, I've put on your last pair of dancing shoes."

Moody told of several admissions by Widdowson as to his whereabouts, and other bits of circumstance that place up the net of the state's theory, and were corroborated by Detective Lou Hart.

Shot Game Out of Season. OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special).—Four men giving their names as S. White, Walter C. Johns, Mrs. Hickmety and Redman Russell, were each fined \$25 here today before Justice of the Peace L. Stipp, for killing deer out of season. The complaint was made by Deputy Game Warden John Green, who says he intends to see that the game laws are enforced in this section.

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SEEK TO SHUT OUT MORMONS

Democrats of Idaho Legislature Introduce Old "Test Oath."

ENDS MURDER TRIAL TODAY

ARGUMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN MONDAY. Seven Weeks Have Been Consumed by One of the Hardest-Fought Cases in the State.

TACOMA, Jan. 25.—(Special).—With only three or four more witnesses to examine and whose testimony will be brief, the evidence in the Thompson murder trial will be brought to a conclusion tomorrow and the arguments will probably start Monday morning and last until Wednesday and the case will then be put into the hands of the jury.

Nothing now remains but the testimony of the witnesses who are to be put on the stand in rebuttal by the defense. At the adjournment of court today the trial had been in progress just seven weeks and during that time the fight that has been waged has been one of the hardest, most dramatic and brilliant that has taken place in the court house here. Step by step the defense has labored to subvert the case, and every step has been met by the state. It has been a battle of brains which has drawn to the trial many of the most able lawyers in the state and who are covering the reputation of all.

The expense of the trial to King County will be about \$15,000.

TALKS AN HOUR AT ASHLAND Chautauqua Tabernacle Is Filled by Crowd to Hear Bryan.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special).—William Jennings Bryan stopped off at Ashland on his return from his tour of the coast, and spoke for an hour to a very large audience which crowded the large Chautauqua Tabernacle. He touched upon the subject of the tariff, and also upon the subject of the government for its educational work in the Philippines.

Road Supervisor in Trouble. BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special).—L. E. Tureman, a prominent Baker River rancher and stockman, and road supervisor of his district, and George Tureman, his son, have been arrested on indictments charging graft in their bills for road work. It is alleged that in October both submitted bills that were fully paid and the result discharged several road supervisors and cut their bills. Both pleaded not guilty and trials are not yet set.

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Mrs. Eddy in The Early '60s

"Mary Baker G. Eddy: The Story of Her Life and the History of Christian Science," which began with the January number, has already created such wide-spread interest as to make McClure's the most talked about and the most sought after of all periodicals.

In McClure's Magazine for February

Miss Milmine takes up Mrs. Eddy and Phineas P. Quimby and deals with the period when Mrs. Eddy first awakened to the idea which was afterward to make her famous. About this incident there has raged a twenty-five year controversy between Christian Scientists and the mental healers and followers of the new thought movement. This article, however, is not controversial. It is a remarkable story.

William Allen White's "Roosevelt: a Force for Righteousness"; the "Reminiscences" of Carl Schurz; A. W. Rolker's "The Wild Animal Physician and His Patients"; and ambition, and endeavor are other attractive features of this number.

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favorable committee report by a vote of 17 to 8. In the same body a bill which provides university broad and severe penalties for violating a proposed new anti-gambling law was also defeated, the vote being practically unanimous.

Portland Boys Win Honor. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, Calif., Jan. 25.—C. C. McCulloch, who

registers from Portland, Or., has won a place on the Stanford Carnot Medal team and will represent the University in the debate with California in April. McCulloch was alternate on last year's intercollegiate and a member of 1906 debating team. A. A. Murphy, of Portland, was today elected president of the junior class. George Coe, of the same city, has been appointed a director of the Student Hospital.

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