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JOHNSON BILL WILL PASS.

Practically no Opposition to Benton Senator's Measure.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 12.—Senator Johnson's road bill was favorably reported by the House in committee of the whole this morning, and will be passed in the same form that it was reported to the house from the senate. Purdy, of Washington, was chairman of the meeting and after an attempt to so amend the bill as to make compulsory the employment of convicts in carrying out the provisions of the bill had failed, the measure was placed on the calendar in regular order for third reading.

The bill provides for the building and improvement of the main highways of the state under the direction of the state highway commission and a State Road Engineer, the expense of the work to be shared equally by the state, the county in which the improvements are made, and by the abutting property that derives the benefit. The maximum amount to be expended by the state in behalf of any one county within the state is limited to \$20,000. This bill will pass the house with practically no opposition.

When the bill was under consideration in the committee this morning Newell proposed an amendment making it compulsory on the commission to employ convicts in rock quarries at different points within the state. The amendment made available an appropriation of \$25,000 to carry its provision into effect, this amount to revert to the state treasury from the first moneys that are received under the tax that is provided for in the bill. The amendment further required that at least 50 of the convicts of the state penitentiary should be so employed.

Perkins raised objections to the amendment which he considered entirely impracticable. He said it would be impossible to ship the convicts into different sections of the state, and recalled that it had been the experience of other states that had tried the experiment that it cost more to recapture the convicts who were constantly eluding the guards than the rock was worth. He said that the same amendment had been unanimously defeated in the senate and he feared the chances of the bill becoming a law would be seriously interfered with if the house should insist on tacking to the bill an amendment that had been offered.

Newell's amendment was defeated by the vote of 19 to 32. The bill was then placed on regular order for third reading.—Wednesday's Oregonian.

Made a Good Offer.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Corvallis city council held this week, a committee from Jobs addition waited upon the council and offered to donate a lot in the western part of town on which to build a house for the Jobs addition hose cart, and to erect the house free of cost provided the city would pay for the material, which expense shall not exceed \$200. The offer was at once accepted and as soon as material can be taken to the site the work will begin.

The location for the proposed house is immediately east of the Blakeslee prune grove, and the ground was donated for the purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blakeslee, which certainly shows a commendable public spirit on their part.

The size of the building will be 16x28, 14 feet high. The lower floor will be used as a house for the hose cart and the apparatus and the upstairs for a fireman's hall. All the labor will be free and for the general benefit of that section of town.

Mention has several times been

made in these columns of the organization of an independent fire company in Jobs addition, the city having recently agreed to provide them with a hose cart and 500 feet of hose with which fires in the western section of town will hereafter be fought. It is a worthy undertaking on the part of the citizens and will give more adequate fire protection than has heretofore been afforded.

COMING TO OREGON

Thousands Will Seek Homes in the West.

Hon. J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction for the state of Oregon, has asked the Oregon Development League to supply the details of its work and especially the facts relative to the colonists rates to each and every one of the county superintendents throughout the state of Oregon.

Mr. Ackerman believes that the splendid opportunity afforded the people of the Middle West to visit almost every point in Oregon at the low rate of \$25 should be put before the schools, and that all teachers in the state should not only inform themselves of the facts, but impart these facts to their students.

There is an absolute hunger for information about Oregon throughout all portions of the United States. In addition to many thousands that have been coming since December, 3,750 inquiries have been added within the past few days. Coos Bay is especially active and the results are paying them well for their expense in time and money. Corvallis receives more attention than any other point in the Willamette Valley, while Medford leads in Southern Oregon.

Many other points in Oregon are at work and the commercial and industrial bodies of the state should get out their very best advertising matter and into the mails without delay.

The Portland Commercial Club added \$2,480 to the fund with which it is advertising the state of Oregon at a dinner last Tuesday night.

The newspapers of the state are doing a grand work in calling attention to this opportunity to increase the population and wealth of the state, while the teachers and in some cases the preachers are making it their business to interest the citizens of Oregon in inviting those who live in the older sections of the country to come out and make their homes in the Beaver State.

Save Fuel Says Teddy.

The fuel situation in the United States has finally claimed the attention of the nation's president and a dispatch from Washington says:

President Roosevelt has sent to congress a long message calling attention to what he calls the "urgent need of legislation affecting the different phases of the public land situation in the United States." He advocates conservation of coal and other fuel resources on lands still belonging to the Government, saying that henceforth the nation should retain its title in its fuel resources; urges government control of the Western public land pastures, with a system of small grazing fees, etc., and asks for an appropriation of \$500,000 immediately available, in addition to present estimates, to aid in detecting and preventing land frauds. He contends for a system of government leases of its mineral land and for treating these fuel lands as public utilities.

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CHINA NEW YEAR HERE.

How the Chinese Count Their Year—Noise to Frighten Devils.

The celebration of China New Year was ushered in Monday night in Corvallis. As the shooting of huge fire crackers and the general din incident to the celebration always attracts attention from the entire white population and causes much wonderment as to why these things are done, some light is herewith offered on the subject. The Portland Journal of Tuesday evening says of the season in that city:

With those ear-splitting detonations so essential to a successful observance of the advent of the new year, Portland's Chinese population at midnight inaugurated the annual 23-days' celebration of the thirty-third year of the reign of Kwong Shue, prince of the sun, moon and stars and beloved son of the famous Hong Gi, whose bones went to mingle with those of his ancestors in the fatal thirteenth year of his occupancy of the throne.

Unlike the Gregorian calendar the Chinese method of computing the lapse of time starts upon the ascendancy of an emperor to the throne. Upon his death, when a new monarch takes the reigns of power, the hands of time are turned back again to one.

With the wierd incantations of fantastically garbed priests the cymbals, the squeak of the fiddles, the burning of incense and above all the din of the exploding crackers, the ubiquitous devils were given such a great fright last night that, according to the bespectacled Asiatic seers, the fomenters of evil have been scared away for at least another twelve months.

Feasting is a natural concomitant of this season of cheer and none are so poor but who are able to afford a flagon of wine and a varnished cigar. From the depth of the sandalwood chests the celestials have brought forth their finest raiment and Chinatown is a riot of color. Crackers will be exploded daily from 5 to 8 a. m. and 6 to 9 p. m., through the dispensation of the city council. Services are being held in every joss house and several large banquets are scheduled during the week.

COMING.

To Corvallis February 22—Everybody is Going.

Just a reminder that "The Missouri Girl," the great "Show Me" play that has made millions happy from coast to coast, is coming this way. It is much better than the ordinary shows, has all special scenery and a cast headed by Miss Sidie Rymond and Frank F. Farrell. A production that is guaranteed to be thoroughly firstclass. 16

Troubles of Mail Clerks.

The railroad mail clerks have their troubles, like the rest of humanity, and they are praying for the time when everyone will write a plain, legible hand and direct their letters in a readable style.

It is believed that before long the post office department will require that in addressing envelopes the present system be reversed and the state and town given first and in as prominent writing or type as it is possible to make without disfiguring the appearance of the envelope too much, the name of the person for whom the letter is intended being of secondary importance. The idea is that less errors would be made by the postal clerks on the mail trains and their work be greatly facilitated as they are compelled to distribute their mail with much speed and in many cases give it a hurried glance only

while throwing it into the proper sacks.

The naming of farms may cause slow service in regard to the delivery of mail. It is the giving of farms the same name as post-offices. The same or a similarity of names causes the postal clerks more bother than any one thing in the service. As they are generally compelled to work at race-horse speed in the distribution of mail on the cars, a glance is all that can be given. If your farm name should be given the prominence on a letter, it may be sent to a town of that name in another state. In addressing an envelope, the town and state are the things to give prominence, the name of the person coming secondary for the local postmasters' consideration.—Ex.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Passage of Jones Bill Provides for Such—School Boards.

Annual conventions of district school boards of the different counties in the state are provided for in the bill of which Jones of Polk and Lincoln is the author, and was passed this week by the House. The bill carries with it no appropriation, but a daily allowance of \$2 for each delegate is stipulated, while the convention is in session. Provision is made for representation at such conventions from each district in the state. The bill reads as follows:

"The county school superintendent may, at his discretion, hold annually a school board convention or conventions for a term of not less than one day for the discussion of questions pertaining to the improvement of the public school system. The chairman of the school board shall be the delegate to the convention. If he is unable to attend he shall appoint a member of his board or the clerk to represent the district. Each delegate attending the convention during the entire session shall be entitled to receive two dollars out of the general fund of the county. But no such expense shall be paid until approved by the county school superintendent. No school district shall be entitled to compensation for representation for attendance at more than one convention held in the county during any one year."

Beaver Creek Notes.

Mr. Goves and family were Corvallis visitors last Friday and Saturday.

Billy Park has just completed a new fence around his garden which greatly improves the looks of his place.

Mr. Keeley and Mr. Harkins transacted business in Philomath Friday.

Owing to the high water Mr. Connor could not deliver his mail last Tuesday.

Sunday school was organized last Sunday at Beaver Creek at 2 p. m. every Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Skipton and babies are visiting with her parents and friends on Beaver Creek.

Mrs. Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Winters were Philomath visitors last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ireland were visitors at Sodaville last week.

Markus Henderson began work for Messrs. Stevens and Ish last Monday.

There was an entertainment given at the Beaver Creek school house Tuesday evening by Prof. Milton which was very much enjoyed.

There is but little damage reported from the high water. Mr. Ish and Mr. Stevens have their mill in operation and it proves quite a success.

Last Friday evening a small crowd gathered at Mr. Starr's and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Frank Bennett was a Bellefountain visitor Saturday.

Mr. Duffy is again rebuilding the bridge the first high water took out.

Miss Gail Starr is to be at home next week.

Irvin Starr has gone to work for S. S. Henkle.

Mrs. Bennett departed Tuesday for McMinnville where she is to visit her sister-in-law.

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Grant Elgin goes to Portland tomorrow to spend Sunday with his wife who has been in the hospital. Mrs. Elgin is about recovered and it is hoped she may be able to accompany her husband home the first of the week. If not, she will at least be able then to leave the hospital.

Sylvia Nichols of Corvallis is in Albany this week.

J. H. Simpson has been a business visitor in Albany this week.

And now the wife of one of the Thaw trial jurors has pneumonia and there may be a mistrial as a result.

News from the bedside of Sophia Hartley received in the afternoon of the day on which the operation was performed, stated that she had rallied from the anesthetic and that everything seemed favorable for her recovery.

There will be services as usual at the Congregational church next Sunday. The Christian Endeavor service at 6:30 will be led by the president, Millard Long.

Inquiries continue to reach Corvallis from parties in the East who have their eyes on Oregon as a future home, and especially from the Dakotas there are many letters, according to a local real estate man. One of these Dakota seekers arrived Wednesday evening, his name being Swanson, and he will take a look at Benton with a view to locating.

The marriage of William Butolph and Miss Ethel Hendryx was to occur at the bride's home in this city last night after the Gazette press hour. The groom is

employed in the Kline store. The young people have the good wishes of numerous friends.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Bellefontaine is one of the liveliest organizations of the sort in this section, according to a report from there yesterday. A large quantity of work is being done for the benefit of the church and about 40 ladies of the neighborhood have been lending a helping hand on the task this week.

A new safe arrived yesterday for the Independent telephone company and with the assistance of a small sized army of men and boys was taken up the long flight of stairs and installed in Mr. Lowe's office.

In speaking of spring athletics and the general outlook in that line, yesterday's Albany Herald says: Reports from Corvallis state that the Agriculturalists will have a string of men out every night after school putting in light practice in preparation for the real training which will begin shortly. The OAO students have always put out a very strong track team and the meets between them and their rival, the University of Oregon, are always the premier track athletic events of the state.

Dr. L. G. Altman of Salem was a Corvallis visitor yesterday, on his way home from a business trip to Summit.

George Plaster and family moved yesterday from the Graham house on north Main street to the dwelling one door north of the Abbott feed stable.

A handsome new piano was taken to the Norman Lilly home yesterday afternoon, a present from Mr. Lilly to his daughters.