

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

RECORD IS COMPLETE.

Governor Files Last of Acts Passed by the Legislature.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has filed the last of the acts passed by the last legislature, and the record of that body at its special session is complete. Only ten of the bills seem to have effective emergency clauses. A number of others have emergency clauses which merely declare that an emergency exists, but under the referendum amendment it is necessary that in order to put an act into effect at once the legislature must declare that the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety so requires. Those acts which contain the emergency clause such as is required by the referendum amendment, are marked with an asterisk. All others will take effect 90 days from December 25.

Senate Bills.

- S. B. 2, Smith of Umatilla—To amend charter of Adams.
- S. B. 3, Carter—To incorporate town of Gold Ray.
- S. B. 4, Dimmick—To incorporate Beaver Hill.
- S. B. 5, Dimmick—To incorporate North Bend.
- S. B. 6, Dimmick—To amend charter of Marshfield.
- S. B. 7, Miller—To amend charter of Lebanon.
- S. B. 8, Wade—To provide for deputy district attorneys in eighth district.
- S. B. 9, Smith of Yamhill—To fix salary of judge of Lincoln county.
- S. B. 14, Carter—To amend law prohibiting killing of elk.
- S. B. 17, Rand—Correcting law relating to executions at penitentiary.
- S. B. 18, Pierce—Fixing time to give notice of tax levies in 1904.
- S. B. 19, Rand, Fixing time of holding circuit court in ninth district.
- S. B. 21, Marsters—Appropriating \$2,500 for Soldiers' home.
- S. B. 22, Carter—Placing limit of 10 per cent on interest on tax sales.
- S. B. 23, Brownell—To prevent assignees from bringing suits to recover recorders' fees.
- S. B. 25, Tuttle—To amend charter of Seaside.
- S. B. 26, Mulkey—Granting life diplomas in certain instances.
- S. B. 27, Wehrung, by request—Providing for condemnation of water rights.

House Bills.

- H. B. 1, Kay—To repeal the tax law of 1903.
- H. B. 2, Kay—To re-enact the old tax law.
- H. B. 8, Carnahan—To correct the law relating to recorders' fees.
- H. B. 15, Adams—Amending charter of Athena.
- H. B. 16, Hale—Fixing salary of judge of Josephine county.
- H. B. 20, Edwards—To incorporate Cottage Grove.
- H. B. 21, Wheeland—To appropriate \$100,000 for Cello canal right of way.
- H. B. 23, Shelley—To revive the \$300 tax exemption.
- H. B. 25, Wheeland—To amend charter of Dallas City.
- H. B. 26, Burleigh—To incorporate Lostine.
- H. B. 29, Malarkey—Raising salaries of circuit judges in Multnomah county to \$4,000.
- H. B. 31, Judd, by request—To give owners of stallions lien on mares.
- H. B. 37, Gault—Relating to competency of witnesses.
- H. B. 40, Galloway—Amending charter of McMinnville.
- H. B. 41, Edwards—To protect Chinese pheasants.
- H. B. 42, ways and means committee—To appropriate money for expenses of special session.

Have Cash to Invest.

Pendleton—Never in the history of Eastern Oregon have the people been as wealthy as they are at the present time. The heavy crops, with the high prices, the large herds of cattle and the increased flocks of sheep is the cause. The farmers and the business men alike enjoy this reign of prosperity. More mortgages have been paid off this fall than ever before in the history of the country. A majority of the farmers, after paying themselves out of debt have deposits in the banks and are looking for investments.

Lumbermen Enter Protest.

Engene—Two of the most important complaints to be made before the county board of equalization, which has been in session this week, was made by A. D. Hyland and the Booth-Kelly lumber company. They ask for a reduction in the assessed valuation of their large timber holdings. Assessor Burton has assessed timber lands at an average valuation of \$3 per acre, which is considerably higher than they have been assessed before.

Interest on Tax Sales.

Salem—The new law placing a limit of 10 per cent upon the rate of interest to be bid at delinquent tax sales will not go into effect until March 23, and will, therefore, not affect sales that are now being advertised under the tax roll of 1902. In some counties the tax sales are delayed, and may not be completed until the new law goes into effect. In nearly all counties, however, the delinquent lists are short, and sales will be conducted in January.

Shedd Postoffice Robbed.

Albany—A report has reached Albany that the postoffice at Shedd station, in the southern part of Linn county, was broken into and robbed one night last week. The report is to the effect that the robber broke in the rear door to the building.

MONEY IN SUGAR BEETS.

Grand Ronde Farmers Get \$95,000 This Year for Their Product.

La Grande—The sugar beet industry netted the farmers this year \$95,000, according to the management of the La Grande beet sugar factory.

The beet crop this year was greatly in excess over the yield of 1902. The yield last year was 9,000 tons of beets, while this year it was nearly 12,000.

As announced earlier in the season, there were some portions of the crop which proved to be a complete failure. The failure, it is said by the professors at the experimental station at Union, was due to the lack of cultivation on the part of some of the farmers. It is said the farmers fully realize how beets should be cultivated, but some of them were careless about their work.

The acreage planted during the past summer was much larger than the previous year. There are more farmers entering the industry now than ever before in the history of the plant, and the indications are that the acreage for 1904 will be nearly double that of this year. The soil here is highly productive for beet raising, and excellent results are obtained where proper cultivation is conducted.

The labor in harvesting the beets is not expensive, as pulling is generally done by Indians and Japs. Sometimes white labor is employed, but this year it was scarce.

The management of the factory realizes a large profit from the sugar manufactured. The management says one ton of beets will produce 240 pounds of sugar. Thus the 12,000 tons produced 2,880,000 pounds of sugar. This sugar was sold at 5 cents per pound, making a gross output of \$144,000.

LAWBREAKERS GET THE BIRDS.

Lane Sportsmen Do Not Believe Law Will Be Effective.

Eugene—The new law enacted by the special session of the legislature, prohibiting the killing of Denny pheasants for the next two years, is the subject of much comment in this vicinity, especially among sportsmen. The law does not appear to meet with favor. The argument is advanced that it has not been the shooting of these birds lawfully that has been the means of reducing their numbers, and that if the old law had been rigidly enforced there would have been no occasion for further restrictions.

Coming Events.

- Northwest fruitgrowers' association, Portland, January 11-13.
- National livestock convention, Portland, January 12-15.
- National woolgrowers' association, Portland, January 12-15.
- Poultry show, Albany, January 12-15.
- Angora goat show, Dallas, January 14-15.
- Whitman-Oregon debate, Eugene, January 15.
- Oregon Christian Endeavor convention, Pendleton, February, 19-22.

Vote to Form District.

Freewater—The election for the establishment of the Little Walla Walla irrigation district according to state law carried by a good vote. An attempt was made some time ago to form a district, but it was voted down by heavy property owners living near town. This time the district was selected so they would be left out. The formation of this district will stop the endless litigation over the supply of water.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71c; blue-stem, 76c; valley, 77c.
Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$20.50; rolled, \$21.
Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$3.90@4.10; clears, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; graham, \$3.75; whole wheat, \$4; rye flour, \$4.50@4.75.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07@1.10; gray, \$1.05 per cental.
Millet—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$23; shorts, \$19; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$12; grain, \$12; cheat, \$12.
Vegetables—Turnips, 65c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets, 90c; parsnips, 85c @ \$1; cabbage, 1c@1 1/2c per pound; red cabbage, 1 1/2c; parsley, per dozen, 25c; tomatoes, \$1@1.50 per crate; cauliflower, 75c@1 per dozen; celery, 75c; pumpkins, 1c per pound; onions, Yellow Danvers, 80c@1 per sack; Famos, \$1, growers' prices.
Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.
Potatoes—Oregon, choice and fancy, 65@75c per sack; common, 50@60c; sweet potatoes, sacks, 2c; boxes, 2 1/2c.
Fruits—Apples, 75c@82 per box; pears, \$1@1.50.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound; dairy, 20@22 1/2c; store, 15@15 1/2c.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 9c@10c per pound; spring, 10c; hens, 10c; turkeys, live, 17@18c; dressed, 20c; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, live, 8c per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 30c; Eastern, 27@27 1/2c.
Hops—Choice, 24@25c per pound; prime, 21@22 1/2c; medium, 19@20c; common, 15@17c.
Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 32@35c.
Beef—Dressed, 5@7c per pound.
Veal—Dressed, small, 8@8 1/2c; large, 5@6c per pound.

LOOT UNDER FIRE.

Daring Robbery of Bank at Kiowa, Indian Territory.

South M'Allister, I. T., Dec. 30.—A gang of five bank robbers looted the bank in Kiowa, a small town 16 miles north of here, at 3 o'clock this morning and escaped after several hundred shots had been exchanged between the robbers and a posse of 50 citizens of Kiowa.

The robbers dynamited the safe and secured \$2,800 in cash, some of which is believed to have been mutilated by the explosion. The bank building was partially wrecked, the damage to the building being about \$1,500.

An entrance to the bank was gained by the use of crowbars through a rear window. While two of the men did the work of blowing up the safe, three stayed outside as guards. The first explosion was a failure, making a loud report but doing little damage. The citizens heard the noise, and arming themselves with revolvers and shotguns, hurried to the bank.

At the command of a leader of the citizens a volley was fired at the robbers, who were visible through the shutters. The fire was returned by the guards secreted on the outside.

While the two men on the inside worked, the three men on the outside kept up a steady fire with the posse of citizens. It took three explosions to open the safe. After the last explosion the burglars gathered up their tools and leaving through the front of the bank got away in the dark.

The posse followed the gang for a distance but lost the trail. While some of the citizens believe one robber was injured not one of the citizens was struck. The latter were protected from the fire of the robbers by stock pens in the rear of the bank building.

A posse of United States marshals is in pursuit, with little chance of immediate results, as the men had several hours' start.

OUTLOOK OMINOUS.

War Party Gaining Strength in Japan—China Would Be Neutral.

Pekin, Dec. 30.—The opinion entertained by the best informed diplomats in Peking, that war between Russia and Japan is probable and almost inevitable, remains unchanged.

Nothing has been received here to corroborate the special dispatches from Tokio which said that the Japanese government was adopting an imperative tone in pressing for speedy reply to this last note. The report is not believed.

Official communications received here from high sources say that the Japanese war party is growing in strength and is bringing all its influence to bear upon the government. The Chinese board of war has ordered the viceroys to furnish full information as to the number of troops in the provinces in response have reported that 90,000 such troops are in readiness. This unquestionably, is a remarkable exaggeration, as the great majority of the foreign trained troops exist only on paper.

The dowager empress has issued an edict at the request of Prince Ching, appointing several unknown and probably inexperienced officials as heads of army departments. One such has been appointed director of training, another has been given command of the department of instruction, while a third has been put in charge of the department which has to do with the supply of ammunition.

JAPAN WILL SAFEGUARD COREA.

Russia Must Modify Her Answer to Once to Avert Such Action.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—An extraordinary meeting of the privy council today approved the issue by the cabinet of an emergency ordinance authorizing the guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures for the purpose of expediting the work on the Seoul-Fusan railway, which is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The ordinance also provides for all possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

Russia Closely Watching China.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Russian government is noting with the closest attention and keenest interest the uncommon energy now being shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparations under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors, cables the Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent. This has grown so serious as to come into the first line of Russia's calculations, broadening out the situation would bring into place the Franco-Russian and Anglo-Japanese treaties.

For Three Cent Car Fares.

Cleveland, Dec. 30.—Two ordinances were introduced in the city council tonight pertaining to a 3-cent fare on street cars in this city. One was to the effect that the Woodland avenue franchise, expiring September 20, 1904, be given to the new 3-cent fare company, and a like transfer to occur when the Central avenue line franchise expires. The second ordinance was to the effect that the rate of fare on street car routes shall be made 3 cents.

Panama's Stand on Debt.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The statement of M. Bunau-Varilla, the Panama minister, that his government is willing to assume a portion of the Colombian debt, has been received at the British embassy and transmitted by cable to the London government for its consideration.



From the latest earthquake data it is inferred that the crust of the earth is not more than forty miles thick, and that the nucleus is more uniform in chemical and physical conditions than is usually supposed.

In the New York Zoological Park considerable attention is given to the training of chimpanzees and orangutans. These animals, it is said, seem to be particularly susceptible to teaching, and the methods employed with them resemble those used with untaught children. Coaxing and perseverance are the two strongest and most effective aids in their education.

In some countries walking sticks are manufactured from shark fins. From the skin of the animal is obtained a leather suitable for making sword-grips and many fancy articles. Sharks abound on the coast of Nicaragua, and Mr. Gottschalk, the United States Consul at San Juan del Norte, suggests that the fins, back bones and skins might with advantage be imported into the United States for industrial purposes. The killing of sharks is encouraged by the Nicaraguan fishery laws, and there appears to be no export duty on any industrial product derived from them.

In June, 1880, the waters of Lake Rotomahana, New Zealand, seemed to find their way to the heated rocks near the surface of the earth in this locality, when there was a sudden generation of steam, and the lake was emptied and an enormous mass of rock was blown out. In place of the old lake, which was one and one-half miles long and three-quarters mile wide, a much larger one is forming. It is now six miles long, containing ten times the old volume of water, and may rise many feet more before finding an outlet. A tremendous eruption is feared if some shock should bring this water in contact with molten rocks.

From what is now known of radium Dr. S. G. Tracey reaches these conclusions: The discovery may make it necessary to change our theories about matter and the conservation of energy. Radium may possibly open up the way for a cheaper and more wholesome lighting of houses by phosphorescence. It is a practical agent to differentiate genuine gems from artificial. It is a useful agent to kill bacteria. It may be considered a valuable agent for the treatment of lupus, cancer, tuberculosis, and a possible agent to improve the eyesight and overcome blindness. Later discoveries will doubtless show service in other diseased conditions.

A party of Baltimore sent to the Panama Islands, in a chartered and provisioned sailing vessel, a party of explorers, among whom were twenty or thirty scientific investigators, who, during two months, made a thorough survey of those islands, with regard to their geography, geology, productions, inhabitants, and so forth. The surrounding sea was explored with deep-sea thermometers, seines, and other marine apparatus; the atmosphere was explored with high-flying kites; the soil and its productions were tested and examined; the question of the rising or sinking of the islands was looked into, and, in short, a kind of scientific conquest was made. All this was done, of course, with the consent and assistance of the local government.

The Fifth Commandment.

The lesson reaches the commandments, and Theodore holds his breath until the second and fourth are passed. John and Alex got those, and it falls to his happy lot to rattle out the fifth.

"What does it mean?" asks his mother.

"Not to listen to Mose sing on Sunday, or fight Alex, or be cross to Mamma, and to clean your teeth and wash behind your ears every morning, and not say 'Dog on!'"

"Not say 'dog on!' is the third commandment," objected John.

"Then it's in both, 'cause mother told us not to, so it's in the mind-your-mother commandment. 'Most everything is in that.'"

"So it is," approved father, from his chair. "You observe that, boys, and everything will come out right."—Lennie's Monthly.

Repetition Not Enough.

Pokely—You should have heard Mr. Britton laugh when I repeated your joke to him.

Jokely—When you what?

Pokely—When I repeated and explained your joke to him.

Jokely—Ah! That's different.—Philadelphia Press.

Railway Journeys.

In the United States the distance of the average railway journey is twenty-nine miles. In England it is scarcely ten miles, while in Germany it is fifteen miles, in France twenty-one miles and in Russia sixty-five miles.

Just His Luck.

Finnegan (who has found a quarter)—Now, I'm an unlucky devil! If anyone else had found that 'twould have been a dollar!—Ally Sloper.

When you attempt to strike a match in the dark the head is always on the other end.

Most writers who drop into poetry manage to drop clear through.

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