

SOME OF THE BILLS

Passed by The Recent Session of The Oregon Solons.

A LIST OF THE SENATE BILLS.

They Are Now Being Carefully Examined by the Governor

- 50—Cross, to fix salaries of sheriffs, recorders and clerks.
 - 205—Woodard, recording of wills.
 - 86—Gates, to protect game, fish and wild fowl.
 - 217—Willis for lighting state buildings and purchasing electric plants.
 - 114—McGinn, repealing state board of charities.
 - 45—Willis, amending code relating to jurors.
 - 101—Weatherford, consolidating school districts in cities.
 - 206—Alley, for the propagation of salmon in the Siuslaw.
 - 142—Blackman, pertaining to elections.
 - 192—Matlock, for branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon.
 - 27—Blackburn, to regulate the amount of money paid on insurance policy.
 - 70—Bancroft, providing for issuance of bonds for street improvement.
 - 209—Myers, making counties liable for damages by reason of defective roads or bridges.
 - 37—Blackman, to amend code relating to persons who cannot testify.
 - 59—Dodson, fixing time for holding circuit court in the sixth district.
 - 106—Blackman, for efficiency of deaf mute school.
 - 29—Butler, to amend code, estates in dower.
 - 22—Bancroft, to define and punish obstructionists.
 - 128—Cross, collection and return of taxes.
 - Denny—To enable married women to convey real estate.
 - 140—Denny, distribution of personal property.
 - 24—Cross, fees of assessors.
 - 55—Bancroft, to build, and furnish schoolhouses.
 - 159—Willis, satisfaction of mortgages when foreclosed.
 - 108—Myers, for fish and game warden.
 - 799—Gates, relief of J. J. Hembree.
 - 145—Hayes, authorizing county courts to offer rewards for criminals.
 - 25—Myers, to provide for filing chattel mortgages.
 - 125—Hirsch, for advancement of reform school.
 - 118—Cross, to provide for laying out and constructing county roads.
- HOUSE BILLS PASSED.
- 382—J. Wright, general appropriation bill.
 - 363—May, for relief of Wallawa county.
 - 372—Merrill, to incorporate Rainier.
 - 55—Bishop, to regulate insurance companies.
 - 33—Jeffreys, sale of property on execution.
 - 376—Greer, compelling railways to fence their tracks.
 - 179—Paxton, day's of grace.
 - 181—Cornelius, duties of road viewers.
 - 283—Trullinger, to amend section 2228 code.
 - 343—Manley, assessment and taxes.
 - 3—Keady, Multnomah, recorder.
 - 124—Nickell, property sold for taxes.
 - 331—Bishop, for two additional physicians for insane asylum.
 - 59—Nickell, wills for record.
 - 379—J. P. Greer, widows to appoint guardians.
 - 335—Nickell, Jackson county school district boundaries.
 - 18—Durham, to incorporate Beverton.
 - 109—Paxton, to recover real property.
 - 17—Miller, to aid Sodaville Springs.
 - 140—Ford, school tax levy.
 - 268—Ford, general incorporation bill.
 - 175—Durham, to amend election law.
 - 110—Paxton, to protect game.
 - 188—Belts, duties of stock inspectors.
 - 332—Sheridan, creating Southern Oregon board of agriculture.
 - 180—J. G. Wright to protect game.
 - 24—Belts, herders' lien.
 - 80—Nickell, protecting game.
 - 64—Northrup, pure food bill.
 - 46—Daly, exempting homesteads from execution.
 - 258—Lanson, Sheridan charter.
 - 65—Nickell, final accounts.
 - 160—Upton, salaries county judges.
 - 206—Gowan, for artesian wells.
 - 320—Russell, Elgin charter.
 - 292—Jeffreys, changing name of Alsea City to Stanford.
 - 296—J. A. Wright, Union charter.
 - 282—Cornelius, boundaries Washington county.
 - 63—Hobbs, terms county officers.
 - 280—King, to protect beaver.
 - 104—Paxton, chattel mortgages.
 - 34—Nickell, to protect pheasants.
 - 43—J. A. Wright, cemetery incorporation.
 - 141—Northrup, Portland charter.
 - 296—Daly, for graded school in South-eastern Oregon.
 - 96—Coon, priority rights to waste water.
 - 233—Malony, North Yamhill charter.
 - 160—Day, Grant's Pass charter.
 - 10—Brown, to protect salmon.
 - 159—Layman, to encourage growth of

hedge fences.
86—J. P. Greer, concerning guide-boards.
121—Ormsby, for Soldiers' home.
92—J. P. Greer, stock at large.
99—Trullinger, Astoria seawall.
163—Paxton, relating to foreclosure.
2—Keady, bicycles, engines, etc., on highways.
233—Gill, to prohibit sale of tobacco to minors under 18.

New Assessment Tax Laws.

House bill No. 343, which was introduced by Representative Manley, of Albina, and has become a law, is claimed to make some excellent provisions in connection with making assessments and of collecting and paying taxes.

The first section provides that in the assessment and tax rolls of the several counties, in addition to the columns elsewhere provided, there shall be added four columns—one of which shall be headed "Cities," one "School Districts," one "Am't City Tax," and one "Am't School Dist. Tax"; and it shall be the duty of the several county assessors, in making their assessments, to enter opposite each item of property assessed, in its appropriate column, the name of the city or incorporated town and the number of the school district in which each item of property assessed is assessable.

In preparing the tax rolls in the several counties after the several assessments therein have been finally equalized, it shall be the duty of the clerks of the county courts in the several counties to compute the aggregate value of all the assessable property in each of the incorporated towns or cities and in each of the several school districts in each county, and to compile the same upon a page or pages of the roll in each county, showing the names of the incorporated towns or cities arranged alphabetically, and the number of the school districts arranged consecutively, with the aggregate valuation of the assessable property in each town or city and of each school district shown opposite to the name or number thereof respectively.

All the taxes hereafter levied by any school district or incorporated town or city shall be levied upon the property therein respectively assessable upon the valuation of such property as shown by the assessment roll last compiled before the levy is made in the county in which such school district or incorporated town or city is included; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the county court, in each of the several counties, upon application of the clerk or board of school directors of any school district and of the recorder, auditor or clerk, common council or board of directors, or trustees of any incorporated town or city, to furnish a certificate under the seal of the county court showing the aggregate valuation of the assessable property in the school district or incorporated town or city from which such application shall have been made.

It shall be the duty of each school district and each incorporated town and city to notify, in writing, the clerk of the county court in the county within which the school district, town or city is respectively situated, of the rate per cent of the tax levy made by it on or before the first day of February in each year, which notice shall be kept on file by the several clerks and remain a part of the records of the office.

Section 6 provides that all such taxes shall be collected by the same officer in the same manner and at the same time as taxes for county purposes are collected. It shall be the duty of the tax collector to pay to the county treasurer in his county as often as once a week all taxes collected, and he shall inform the treasurer whenever he pays over to him any of the money so collected what amounts thereof are to be credited to the several funds for which they are respectively collected, taking the receipt of the treasurer in triplicate for the amount paid into each fund, one of which receipts for each fund he shall retain, file one with the clerk of the county court and furnish one to the school district, town or city for which each of such amounts are so paid in.

The treasurer shall keep the moneys received from the tax collector in separate funds, and shall pay over to the several school districts, towns or cities, upon demand made by them, the amounts thereof to which they are respectively entitled, taking their receipts therefor.

All laws providing for assessors in or assessments of property by any school district, incorporated town or city, and all laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

It's sometimes said patent medicines are for the ignorant. The doctors foster this idea. "The people," we're told, "are mostly ignorant when it comes to medical science." Suppose they are! What a sick man needs is not knowledge, but a cure, and a medicine that cures is the medicine for the sick. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures the "do believes" and the "don't believe." There's no hesitance about it, no "if" nor "possibly." It says—"I can cure you, only do as I direct." Perhaps it falls occasionally. The makers hear of it when it does, because they never keep the money when the medicine fails to do good. Suppose the doctors went on that principle. (We beg the doctor's pardon. It wouldn't do!)

DEATH ON THE RAILS

Two Disastrous Train Wrecks on Pennsylvania Roads.

A NUMBER KILLED AND INJURED

Suicide of a Bankrupt Broker on a Railway Train—A Judge Arrested for Forgery.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—The Southern express on the Pennsylvania road this morning collided with an accommodation train in West Philadelphia. Three cars of the accommodation train were wrecked, five people killed and fifteen injured. The names have not yet been learned. Those killed were in the last car of the accommodation train, which was crossing the track of the Southern Express and was hit full in the middle by the engine of that train, smashing it to pieces. Passengers on the express train were uninjured. The accident was due to the slippery condition of the track, making it impossible for the engineer of the express to control the train. Four were killed and ten injured, none dangerously.

READING, Pa., Feb. 22.—A wreck on the Pennsylvania & Schuylkill Valley road between Phoenixville and Spring City occurred last night. Shifting engine 1202, going east with an empty train of 40 coal cars, collided with an extra freight running west, about one and one half miles west of Spring City. The shifting engine was totally demolished, and both engines lay on their sides with fourteen coal cars badly broken up. Watson Weller and John Dennis were killed, and Fireman McCord and Flagman Davis, of the shifting engine crew, who reside at Phoenixville, were seriously injured. Fireman McCord died soon after the accident. It was the result of a misunderstanding of orders.

Suicide of a Bankrupt.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Hilton Barker & Co., which failed on the 23d of June last, committed suicide today in a railway carriage near Putney. The failure created much excitement, being for the sum of \$1,250,000. The failure affected a host of thirty people throughout the country, who were induced to deposit money with the firm by the exceptionally high rate of interest offered, the average rate promised being 7 per cent.

A Judge Arrested for Forgery.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 22.—While Judge Carl was trying a liquor license violation case at Bridgewater yesterday, two constables from Lunenburg entered the courthouse with a warrant for his arrest on a charge of forgery, committed in 1883. The judge fainted when the papers were produced. When the arrest was resisted by friends of Judge Carl, one constable aimed a revolver but was disarmed before he fired. The prisoner was taken from the bench and removed to Lunenburg, where he will appear for examination.

Suing for Her Crown.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Princess Kaiulani, heiress to the throne of Hawaii, sailed today for New York on the steamer Tonic. The princess is accompanied by Theophilus Davies, wife and daughter, and by Miss Warloff. Her residence in England has heretofore been kept a secret, but Davies, after repeated requests, consented to permit a correspondent to have an interview with the princess at his residence.

Princess Kaiulani is tall and slender, with a more thoughtful deliberate air than might be expected in a school girl. She is a brunette, with eyes of a gazelle and features that suggest a suspicion of Kanaka origin. She was somewhat nervous during the interview. She said she had nothing to add to the appeal which she had addressed to the American people, and she expressed her thanks that her appeal had been forwarded to the American newspapers.

She had, she said, no definite plans, but would be guided by her guardian, Mr. Davies. She proposed to spend two days in New York and then visit Boston where she would remain until after the inauguration of President Cleveland, then she would go to Washington and probably make a personal appeal to Cleveland. The princess added she had no friends in America except the friends of Davies. She timidly expressed the hope that she might gain the sympathy of the American people.

"I cannot see," she continued, in a modest, hesitating tone, "why I should be summarily deprived of my recognized legal rights for no fault of mine, and without being notified to appear in defense of my rights. I ask only that right of appearance which the American law gives to everybody before they are deprived of their rights. I know absolutely nothing about this affair except what has been in the newspapers. No notification has been received by me regarding it."

Will Result in a Rate War.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—A Chicago special says: Unless some of the best-informed passenger officials in Chicago are at fault, the railroads both east and west are digging pits for themselves

in the making of the world's fair rates. The reasoning of these officials is that the eastern lines have attempted to do too much and the western lines too little. The eastern lines have practically agreed to maintain the present rates during the fair. A decrease of 20 per cent in fares on the slowest trains is of no value. Passenger officials quoted do not believe the eastern lines or any lines can maintain a higher round-trip rate than a fare and a half during the world's fair. The western lines, on the contrary, have put off consideration of the world's fair rates until it is probably too late to take united action.

His Cabinet Chosen.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 22.—Mr. Cleveland announced this evening that he had completed his cabinet by the selection of Richard Olney, of Boston, for attorney general, and Hilary A. Hilbert, of Alabama for secretary of the navy. This will make the new cabinet:

- Walter Q. Gresham, of Indiana, secretary of state.
- John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, secretary of the treasury.
- Daniel S. Lamont, of New York, secretary of war.
- Hilary A. Hilbert, of Alabama, secretary of the navy.
- Hoke Smith, of Georgia, secretary of the interior.
- J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, secretary of agriculture.
- Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, attorney general.
- Wilson R. Bissell, of New York, postmaster-general.

THE MOJAVE DESERT.

A Vivid Description of It by a Private Correspondent.

An extract, which we are permitted to take from a letter from Norman C. Wilson, who is collecting plants and specimens for the Botanical gardens at Berkeley, Cal., gives us a glimpse of the "Mojave Desert," which may not be uninteresting to our readers. He says: "As I came rolling across the desert, a little over a week ago, I thought of my promise to give you some description of it—and, between spells of reading 'Nature's Serial Story,' I looked out upon one of the strangest sights I ever beheld. The Mojave Desert is not barren. There is a kind of 'grease-wood' and a 'creosote bush,' which divide the honor with the cactus family of clothing the desert in a sombre and fantastic dress. Neither is it level, but is relieved by mountain ranges, the very climax of ruggedness and uselessness. There is one redeeming feature about the whole scene. Never have I seen such atmospheric effects in coloring, and never have I seen such ragged crags, such heaps of rocks, in such fantastic shapes, such barrenness spread over a growth of shrubs, such seeming utter worthlessness, to need the kindly touches of a wonderful atmosphere, to lend some beauty to mountain and valley scenery. In the foreground, supposing that we are in the middle of a plain, the ground presents a yellowish, clayey color, set off with the gray and brown, in many shades, of the desert shrub, cacti (one variety) loom up in places, almost like stunted pines, the tops more rounded out, and not so tall. In other cases, they seem to obey no order or law of nature but to be fantastic. So stretches the plain for miles and miles. We come to a glistening lake, it reaches away for miles in front and to right and left, but as we dash into it, the only spray is sand. It has a bluish look, and reflects the sunlight as though it were water, but the sand holds full away and is colored by deposits of alkali, hard blue, glistening and to the weary, water-starved traveler merciless. Yet it is a lake, a great lake! Again we lose all plant life, miles of rock, and it seems to have been tamped down, so smooth is its surface. The color here is brown deepening to black. It seems as though a fire had swept over the whole expanse, spreading a thin layer of pitch over rock and pebble, which has since petrified and become a part of the rock itself, but looking away in the distance, who can paint with brush or pen, the wonderful changes from terrible ugliness to surpassing beauty, can give the touches which clothe the desert in beautiful mystery, the vast, the ugly, the deadly, yet beautiful unexplored, mysterious desert? Surely not the 'collector' in overalls plucked too soon, reddened boots, shabby hat and coat, and unshaven chin, who is taken for a 'tramp' wherever he goes. Such desultory thoughts ran through my mind, as I crossed the desert. I have since explored it enough to find that its mystery is chiefly death and desolation, that its poetry and beauty on more close acquaintance, are but the luring forces that draw men on to destruction the most terrible.

A Temporary Embarrassment.

Baker Democrat. The stringency in the lumber market that has so long prevailed, together with dull times generally, has forced the Baker City Consolidated Lumber Company into temporary liquidation. The fact was made known yesterday and caused quite a ripple of excitement in

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New Carries the American Flag.
New York, Feb. 22.—For the first time in a generation the stars and stripes today float over an ocean greyhound, the peer of any craft afloat. For the first time since the country boasted a mercantile navy of clipper ships whose sails whitened every quarter of the globe—in fact, for the first time in the history of the nation, its flag will guard a modern, well-equipped, incomparable steamship, and it is singularly appropriate too that it should be unfurled on Washington's birthday. Bad weather did much to diminish the crowds lining the Battery and the neighboring shore. "Old Glory" was spread from the stern of the New York amid the shrieking of innumerable shrill whistles from various river craft, the roar of cannon from United States men-of-war re-echoed by guns of the fort, and the cheering of hundreds of onlookers. The event inaugurates a new era in American shipping history. All patriotic Americans have had the deepest interest in transferring the majestic steamships City of New York and City of Paris from the British to the American flag, and the ship was crowded with guests favored with invitations to witness the ceremony. The most distinguished officers of the government, of the states and of this municipality, and the leading men in commerce and the professions were invited to witness the act, including the president and members of the cabinet, United States senators and representatives.

The president and party arrived at 1:30. They were met by a detail of officers from the naval reserve and conveyed on board the steamer New York. The ceremonies proceeded without delay. They were simple, brief and impressive. The president of the United States pulled the halyard that sent the emblem of liberty fluttering to the breeze. Next the Chicago fired the national salute of 21 guns. This was responded to by all the forts in the harbor. There were informal speeches, then the entire party adjourned to the grand saloon, which was appropriately decorated, where a sumptuous collation was served.

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business circles. An assignment will take place today, but who will be selected as the assignee is not yet known. The principal creditors of the concern are the two banks of this city. It is stated that the liabilities will foot up near \$25,000 with assets much more than that amount, and when once available creditors will get their claims paid in full.

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