

CONGRESS OPENS SHORT SESSION

Indications Are Little General Legislation Will Be Attempted.

Washington.—The sixty-first congress assembled Monday for its final session. Almost immediately after convening both houses followed the custom of adjourning for one day out of respect to the memory of those members who have died during the summer recess. Five senators and three representatives have died since the beginning of summer. Upon re-assembling Tuesday the two houses listened to the reading of the president's annual message.

The message was unusually long, running from 30,000 to 40,000 words. In a general way the president urged upon congress the necessity for enacting legislation to build up the American merchant marine, to conserve the natural resources of the country, to provide a new form of government for Alaska, to "supplement and strengthen" the Sherman anti-trust law, to enlarge the scope of the civil service law, to create a national bureau of health, to provide a legislative basis for workmen's compensation, for the limitation of injunctions issued by federal courts, and to promote closer commercial relations with Canada. The president also gave his views in regard to the further regulation and control of corporations engaged in interstate business and the regulation of the issue of stocks and bonds of interstate railways.

Get Down to Business.

After the reading of President Taft's annual message the lawmakers were able to get down to business almost immediately, as the details of organization and committee changes required little time.

The big thing starting the legislators in the face is cleaning up the appropriation bills, of which there are 11. President Taft has been calling on the department heads for economy and he is expected to continue the process with the legislators. Until these bills are cleaned up it is pretty certain that nothing in the way of general legislation will be attempted.

TRAINMEN DEMAND INCREASE

Employees of Western Roads Asking for Millions.

Chicago.—Representatives of approximately 55,000 conductors and trainmen, employed on the sixty railroads west of Chicago, who have demanded an increase in wages averaging about 15 per cent, are holding daily conferences here with the general managers in presenting their arguments for the advance in pay and improvements in working conditions. It is estimated that the new scales asked by the men will exceed in amount those asked by the engineers recently, which aggregated nearly \$5,000,000.

Convoy Asked for Chart.

New York.—If the United States will send a convoy of battleships to escort the fleet from Germany to this country, the first map on which the word "America" appears may be brought across the Atlantic. The offer to permit the document to be brought here has been made to President Taft by representatives of the owner of the historic document, which rests in Castle Wolfegg, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany.

HARRIMAN ROADS MERGED

Portland.—All doubt as to whether the recently organized Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company is to be an operating as well as a holding concern was dispelled following a stockholders' meeting here, when it was announced that after Saturday, December 24, all business will be done under the name of the new company. On that date, the O. R. & N. Co., the North Coast road and all associated lines will pass out of existence, and the new company, as an active factor in the railroad world will officially come into being. Attorneys and officers of the company now are at work preparing the papers necessary to the formal transfer.

Deadly Explosive Used.

Washington.—A new high explosive for submarine mines has been adopted by the War Department and is receiving the careful study of officers of the Coast Artillery corps. It will not supplant all other forms of ammunition for mines now in use, but the Department will procure a supply, as its terrific effectiveness has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of experts.

For patriotic reasons it is impossible for army officials to divulge the composition of the explosive or its disastrous effects.

MARY BAKER EDDY DEAD

Announcement is Made in Mother Church

Boston.—Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, discoverer and founder of Christian Science, is dead, after an illness of nine days. Announcement of the passing of the venerable leader, which occurred late Saturday night at her home at Chestnut Hill, was



MRS. MARY BAKER GLOVER EDDY

made at the morning service of the mother church in this city Sunday.

Mrs. Eddy was born in Bow, N. H., July 16, 1821, and was therefore in her 90th year.

The number of Christian Science adherents in 1910 is estimated at 1,900,000.

SECRETARY BALLINGER MAY BE IMPEACHED

Washington.—A resolution for the impeachment of Secretary Ballinger has been proposed and may be introduced in the house at any time its introduction is timely. If the minority report, censuring Ballinger, is adopted by the house, the impeachment resolution will follow almost immediately, perhaps at the same time the minority report is adopted. The probability that the house will follow that course by a combination between insurgents and Democrats worries the administration very much. If the house should impeach, the senate must, under the constitution, sit as judge on the house charges.

Only a change in the present situation can prevent the house from adopting the report censuring Ballinger, and it is argued that then the house must go on to impeachment or be inconsistent.

Jones Declines Taft's Offer.

Washington.—Senator Jones, of Washington, will not do the ermine. Shortly after his arrival in Washington the senator, by appointment, called upon President Taft, who tendered him the United States District judgeship for Eastern Washington, left vacant by the death of Judge Whitson. Senator Jones promptly declined the offer, saying he preferred to remain in the senate. Moreover, he informed the President he did not care to recommend anyone for this vacant judgeship, but would gladly furnish, upon request, any information he might possess regarding various candidates. He said he preferred that the President should make his own selection. This will be done, but before any appointment is made both Washington Senators will be consulted as to the qualifications of the man chosen by the President.

Progressive Legislation Endorsed.

Washington.—President Gompers, upon his return from the American Federation meeting at St. Louis, reported that the Federation endorsed unanimously Oregon's progressive legislation, including statewide primaries, direct nomination, the corrupt practices act and the initiative and referendum.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Track prices: Club, 82c; bluestem, 83c; red Russian, 80c.
Barley—Feed, 42c; brewing, 42c.
Oats—No. 1 White, 28c per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$15@16.
Butter—Creamery, 37c; ranch, 24c.
Eggs—Ranch, candied, 45c.
Hops—1910 crop, 11c@13c; 1909, 8c; old, nominal.
Wool—Eastern Oregon 13@17c lb.; Valley, 17@19c lb.
Mohair—Choice, 32@33c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 82c; Club, 80c; red Russian, 77c.
Barley—\$21 per ton.
Oats—\$19 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$19 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery, 36c; ranch, 25c.
Eggs—Selected local, 33c.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

The old battleship Oregon, after five years of silence, during which time she has rested at anchor out of commission at the Bremerton navy yard, is again ready for active service.

Governor-elect Oswald West announces that Ralph Watson, a reporter on the Portland Journal, has received and accepted the appointment of private secretary to the governor.

The secretary of the interior has rejected all bids which were received at the office of the reclamation service at Klamath Falls for the furnishing of a skid dredge for dredging canals on the Klamath irrigation project.

To reclaim 15,000 acres of land in the Wood River valley, Klamath county, a levee 24 miles in length is being built by Senator Abner Weed of Stikyon, Cal. The work is about half finished.

Frank J. Miller, of Salem, has been appointed state railroad commissioner to succeed Governor-elect West. Mr. Miller will immediately take up his new duties. This appointment extends to the first of the year when he will continue in office, having been elected to that position.

As a token of the esteem in which their fellow co-laborer has been held by them during the past four years, Oswald West, who retired from the railroad commission, was presented with a beautiful silver cup by Commissioners Alcheson and Campbell and by Commissioner-elect Frank J. Miller. The cup is a large affair, is gold lined and is engraved with these words: "Oswald West, from the members of the railroad commission of Oregon, Thomas K. Campbell, Clyde B. Alcheson, Frank J. Miller, December 2, 1910."

The second semi-annual state threshers' convention will be held at La Grande December 9 and 10. This convention will be the most important event in the history of the association, as at this meeting the delegates will outline new laws to govern the threshing industry for the future and at the coming session of the legislature, and it is expected that every threshorman in the state will make a special effort to be present. Among the laws to be suggested are bridge plankings, inspection of boilers, licensing engineers, etc.

The State Board of Equalization met Monday and will continue in session until to review and equalization is completed. The law allows one month as maximum time for the completion of this work. Following the equalization and review, apportionment of the state tax will be made. The commissioners are not certain what extent of work there will be this year in connection with the equalization. Meetings will be held in the offices of the tax commission, unless there is a particularly heavy attendance and at such times the board will adjourn to the state senate chambers.

The convention of the Oregon-Illahio Young Men's Christian Associations at Eugene adopted by unanimous vote resolutions providing for the initiative and referendum in the affairs of the organization. The resolutions provide that any 10 per cent of the associations in the two states may file their referendum petition any time within 90 days after the close of the session of the state convention. Each association is entitled to two votes on each measure, one additional vote for each 100 active members and one additional vote for a majority fraction of 100 active members. A constitution was adopted providing for incorporation under the laws of Oregon, which was not possible under the old constitution. The principal place of business will be in Portland.

According to the official count of the returns of the thirteenth census, the population of the state of Oregon is 672,765, as compared with 413,536 in 1900, and 313,767 in 1890. The increase from 1900 to 1910, therefore, is 259,229, or 62.7 per cent, as compared with an increase for the preceding decade of 99,769, or 31.8 per cent. Oregon is entitled to an additional congressman. The population of the counties in 1910 follows: Baker, 10,663; Clackamas, 29,931; Clatsop, 16,106; Columbia, 10,580; Coos, 19,959; Crook, 9,315; Curry, 2,044; Douglas, 19,674; Gilliam, 3,701; Grant, 5,607; Harney, 4,059; Hood River, 8,016; Jackson, 25,716; Josephine, 9,567; Klamath, 8,554; Lake, 4,658; Lane, 33,783; Lincoln, 5,587; Linn, 22,662; Malheur, 8,601; Marion, 39,750; Morrow, 4,257; Multnomah, 226,251; Polk, 13,469; Sherman, 4,242; Tillamook, 6,266; Umatilla, 20,369; Union, 16,191; Walla, 8,364; Wasco, 16,336; Washington, 21,522; Wheeler, 2,484; Yamhill, 18,255.

Indian Children Have New Schools. Klamath Falls.—Three new day schools for the use of the Indian boys and girls were opened on the reservation December 1. Two are at Yanix and the other at Chiloquin Bridge. Besides these the dormitory at the agency and some of the other buildings are to be remodeled at an expense of about \$10,000.

ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Our Readers.

Report of State Land Board. Salem.—The biennial report of the State Land Board, issued by Clerk Brown, is in readiness for the next legislative assembly. In the report of the clerk himself it is shown that a total of \$699,958.75 has been received and paid over to the state treasurer.

Interest bearing funds in the department are segregated as follows: School fund principal due on certificate of sale, \$679,059.26; college fund principal due on certificates of sale, \$3,074.95; university fund principal due on certificates of sale, \$2,720; swamp land fund, due on certificates of sale, \$4,904, or a total of \$689,762.21. The amount due on interest account from the above funds for excess received on farm lands is shown to be \$7,559.

Money from lands sold is segregated in the clerk's report as follows: School lands, \$74,772.63; Agricultural College lands, \$320.19; swamp lands, \$489; tide lands, \$354.77, or a total of \$75,927.59.

The total applications for farm loans is shown to have been \$2,532,048.07. The loans rejected amounted to \$2,435,528.07. The school district bonds purchased amounted to \$95,980.

Home-Made Still Seized.

Eugene.—Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Schulberg, of Salem, and his assistant, A. F. Tomlinson, made a raid on a moonshiner's still in the mountains near Lorane.

The still consisted of a big copper kettle holding about two barrels, the necessary "worm" and other apparatus known to the moonshiner. The still was brought to this city and shipped to the collector of internal revenue at Portland. The name of the owner of the still has not been learned.

MAY ADD TWO JUDGES

Salem.—That the addition of two supreme justices to the five now connected with the court will be one of the liveliest topics to be considered by the next legislature, is the opinion of several of the members-elect of both the senate and the house. Under the amendment to article VII, no restrictions are placed on the number of justices and the legislature is given full way to make as many additions as it pleases.

That a move will be placed on foot to increase the number from five to seven is certain now, and it is understood plans are already under way for the framing of a measure to cover the increase.

Under the amendment voted upon favorably by the people, the supreme court is instructed to go completely into the record if necessary, and go beyond the exceptions which counsel might make to the rulings of the circuit court. It is stated by those who are favorable to increasing the number of the supreme bench that this will practically necessitate the proposed additions.

It is understood that the bill for increase of number of justices will be one of the first to be introduced at the coming session. As the additional justices would come under the appointing power of the governor, and as the legislature will be thoroughly Republican, a warm tilt is looked forward to.

NEW LAWS MADE EFFECTIVE

Acts and Amendments as Adopted by People Now on Statutes.

Salem.—The initiative and referendum acts and amendments which were passed at the last general election are now written into the statute books as a portion of the law of Oregon, Governor Frank W. Benson having issued proclamations which made these laws and amendments effective. Canvassing of the official vote has been completed, and immediately following the completion of this canvass the governor issued his proclamation.

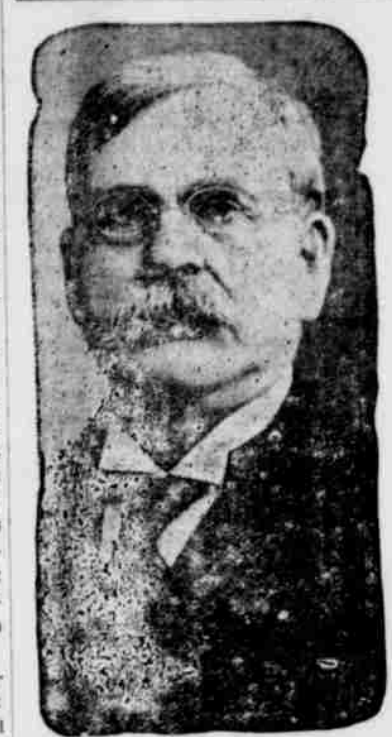
The laws include the establishment of an Eastern Oregon branch insane asylum, reinstatement of the Month State Normal School, an amendment providing for regulation of taxation by counties, the home rule amendment, employers' liability bill, Rogue River fishing bill, good roads amendment, presidential primary bill and the three-fourths jury amendment.

Roseburg Man Father of 22.

Roseburg.—The birth of a daughter to the wife of Levi White, in this city, makes Mr. White a father for the twenty-second time. This is the twelfth child of the couple. Mr. White's first wife bore him ten children.

IOWA'S NEW SENATOR.

Lafayette Young, Newspaper Editor, Takes Dolliver's Place.



BRIEF NEWS OF THE WEEK

New York is not to have a world's fair in 1913 nor at any other time perhaps. The committee appointed some time ago by the mayor to consider the scheme has decided that the city does not need a fair.

Department heads of the Santa Fe Railroad Company have been notified that beginning December 1 smoking cigarettes by employees would be considered sufficient cause for dismissal.

The use of gasplanes by the war department is recommended by the board of ordnance and fortifications in its annual report to the secretary of war.

President Taft has withdrawn approximately 6,070 acres of public land in Washington and Oregon for water-power sites. The lands situated in Washington are along the Little Pend d'Oreille River, approximately 4,180 acres; along Jackson Creek, approximately 750 acres; along Lost Creek, approximately 120 acres. Oregon, along Rogue River, tributaries approximately 960 acres.

Foremost on the list of the conventions of the week is the annual session of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, which assembled in Washington Wednesday. Other conventions of more or less interest and importance are the annual meeting of the American Red Cross society in Washington, the convention of the American Road Builders' association in Indianapolis, the meeting of the Southern Homeopathic Medical association in Jackson, and a meeting in St. Paul of the forestry officials of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota to consider plans for the prevention of forest fires.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS

General Merritt, who was the military commander in charge of the first detachments of United States troops landed on the Philippine Islands, is dead.

Oscar Hammerstein, the opera impresario, is going to quit this country for good and will leave in January for England, where he expects to open his opera house next season. Carter H. Harrison, former mayor of Chicago, will be a candidate for that office at the primaries to be held there February 28. Harrison has served four terms in this office.

Fred W. Lehmann, of St. Louis, was appointed by President Taft to be solicitor-general to succeed the late Lloyd Bowers.

Senator Elihu Root, of New York, has been appointed permanent arbitrator representing America at The Hague tribunal, succeeding the late Chief Justice Fuller.

FOREIGN NEWS BITS

Europe's first skyscraper after the American model is to be erected in Milan, Italy.

The official announcement of the award of the Nobel prizes for 1910 will be made Saturday at a meeting of the Swedish parliament in Stockholm.

The Brazilian government will send a cotton specialist to the United States to study cotton growing and to take back with him American experts to further the interests of the industry in Brazil.

Owing to a noticeable increase in the consumption of wheat among the Chinese more and more land in Manchuria is now being used to keep up the supply.

As a result of the extraordinary agitation in recent months by Chinese anti-opium societies, the imperial senate almost unanimously passed a resolution looking to the extermination of the drug.



Be one of the WISE ONES who do their Christmas Shopping early.

Buyers from this section have always been inclined to go to Portland when the Holidays came around, for the reason that up to the past year or two they could not get much of a variety of goods from the local stores, but that day is past. No matter what you want we have it. Before going elsewhere at least look over the fine assortment of

Christmas Goods

which we have now on hand—a line of seasonable merchandise such as was never before placed on display in a Columbia County store. From the Toys, etc., for the little ones to appropriate articles for gifts to the older folks not an item has been left out. Don't fail to drop in and see what we have.

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