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MANY BILLS IN SENATE PASSED

EASTERN OREGON EXPERIMENT STATION BILL PASSES.

Aside From Paving Way for Slater and King to Supreme Court Judgeships, the Senate Passes Many Bills of Interest to Eastern Oregon—Deputy Clerk for Supreme Court in Pendleton—Judge Smith's Salary is Raised Over Veto.

Salem, Feb. 11.—The house passed the senate bill today, creating two additional supreme judges. Commissioners King and Slater, democrats, will be appointed. The senate also passed a number of salary bills over the governor's vetoes, including one increasing the salary of the circuit judge at Baker City from \$2000 to \$4000. A senate bill was put through the house requiring seats for motorists, and for a deputy clerk of the supreme court at Pendleton, and one for the eastern Oregon experiment station.

ISLAND CITY ITEMS.

George Wade and wife of Summer-ville visited here Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Holmes left Tuesday for Wallowa, to be gone a week. Mr. Holmes is on a business trip. Several from here plan to attend the minstrels at Grange hall Friday night. Don Meyers of Grand Island, Neb., spent Wednesday here with friends. He left Thursday morning for Elgin, to take a position in the mill at that place. The high school and seventh and eighth grades are having a vacation while Prof. and Mrs. Shurts are taking the examination at La Grande.

WHEAT SOARS SKYWARD.
Chicago, Feb. 11.—May wheat went to \$1.13 a bushel today, breaking all records of the past year. The market started in under very bullish conditions. Higher prices were the rule.

HONOR TO JIM MU.

Japanese in America Remember Ascension of First Nippon King.

Seattle, Feb. 11.—No business was transacted in Seattle today by local Japanese, who are celebrating the ascension of "Heaven born" Jim Mu to the first throne of Nippon.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—The people of Japan are today celebrating in commemoration of the granting of the constitution. Visitors of all parts of Japan are at the capitol.

COLD WATER ON JAP BILLS

HOUSE AT SACRAMENTO DISGUSTED AND TIRED.

With Great and Potent Forces Against Them They Give Up Fight Against Jap Bills.

Sacramento, Feb. 11.—In view of yesterday's activity in the house in killing the Johnson anti-Japanese bill, it is doubtful today if the investigation will be seriously mentioned again this session. Most of the members of the house are disgusted with the whole affair, as it is too much work fight for bills with President Roosevelt, Governor Gillette and Speaker Stanton against them.

The senate this morning refused to take any interest in the great question.

The senate refused point blank to pull off its scheduled debate on recommendation of its committee that no anti-Japanese legislation be enacted this session. Senator Anthony and one or two others showing anxiety to open the debate, when Senator Miller called President Porter's attention to the fact that there was nothing before the senate to discuss. That ended the talking.

COMMITTEE ON MONEY ANGERED

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AIMS TO REBUKE ROOSEVELT.

After Congress Adjourns a Committee Will Proceed to Find Out if Roosevelt Told the Truth About Secret Service—Bellingham Not the Only Coast City to Benefit by Naval Appropriations—Entire Sound Needs More Protection.

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt may be rebuked by the senate appropriations committee for the assertion that restrictions had been placed by congress on the use of the secret service and the service has "been of benefit only to the criminal classes." A sub-committee is investigating several phases of the case and is ready to report. It recommends adjourns to secure complete details of the character of the service performed by the secret service.

Representative Humphreys of Washington, is informed by the bureau of ordnance, which recently took up the matter of fortifications in the vicinity of Bellingham, that while the proposed protection is not included in one general plan for fortification of the Puget sound, such a showing has been made and that the matter was favorably reported to the secretary of war. It was shown that a hostile warship might reach Bellingham bay without coming within 12 miles of any sort of fortification.

Hackett Mill Starts.

Elgin, Feb. 11.—The Hackett lumber mill at Elgin started today.

The old slaughter house near Hot Lake was consumed by fire Tuesday night, with but trifling loss.

REACH CLIMAX IN NEGRO CASE

DEFENSE PUTS ON ITS STAR WITNESS TODAY.

Negro Shaken But Little in Grueling Cross-Examination—Tells His Story About as Pampered—Denies He Was Out of the House on the Night of the Fire—Corroborated in Part by Other Witnesses—Case Nearing the End Tonight.

WILLIAMS ON STAND.

Joe Williams, colored, was put on the stand by the defense in the circuit court case of widespread interest, this afternoon, and under oath vehemently denied he had left the Zuber house the night of the fire. For more than an hour he was under fire of a grueling cross-examination by the prosecution. To all appearances the sensational case is about over.

Enormous Crowd Present.

The circuit court yesterday and today played to "standing room only." Not since the county seat has been moved to La Grande has there been so much interest manifest in a single case as in the case of the State vs. Joe Williams. No doubt the fact that the state in this case, like in most arson cases, must rely entirely upon circumstantial evidence and aside from the natural interest, there is considerable curiosity to know just what the state will be able to bring out on the one hand and to what extent the defense will be able to offset it.

On the presumption that the defense would attempt to prove that he was not in the vicinity of the fire, nor out on the street on the night of the fire, when the state closed its side of the case there was a general belief that it had presented a much stronger case than was expected possible, in other words, had secured conclusive evidence by no less than four witnesses who swore positively that they saw Joe either going or returning on Spring avenue, which leads direct to the scene of the fire, in a direct route to the place where Joe rooms.

This morning when court opened and the defense began producing its evidence, there was much interest whether or not it would attempt to show that Joe was or was not on the street that night.

Testimony Continued.

Last evening after The Observer had gone to press, the following testified. Policeman C. J. Black: Assisted Chief Walden in arresting the defendant and he protested that he knew nothing of the fire until the following morning and further that he had not been up town for three or four nights.

Mrs. E. S. Ivanhoe: Lived in property burned. Before retiring that night I heard a peculiar sound; knowing that Joe and Mr. and Mrs. Buehler were having trouble, it occurred to me it might be Joe, and I stepped into the bath room, turned out the light, and stood still; heard a voice which I distinguished as Joe's. Joe had told me regarding his troubles, alleging that Buehler's were trying to get Dr. Mollitor to discharge him. It seemed to me Joe lived in this vicinity continually. He was about there all times of the day and night.

Rev. O. H. King: I am pastor of the Christian church; on the night in question special services were being held in the church and services closed later than usual, which must have been several minutes after 9 o'clock. It was probably 9:45 when I reached home. I was reading when the fire bell rang; I walked out of my house and up to the corner of Mrs. Zuber's residence, when I met Joe. We talked regarding the location of the fire, and seeing no evidence, decided it might be a chimney; I returned home and Joe went into the rear of the Zuber residence. There was nothing in Joe's general appearance that attracted my attention.

George R. Tilton, engineer for Pal-

mer Lumber company: I saw Joe Williams as I was returning from the services held in the Christian church; passed within four feet of him, just about at the alley west of Mrs. Zuber's home. He was running. I also saw a man and a woman on the street at the same time. The clock struck 9:30 just after I reached my home.

Motion to Acquit.

Immediately upon the state resting its case the defense made a strong effort to have the court direct the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal, alleging the insufficiency of the indictment and further, the state had made no case. Had not proved that the defendant was in or even near the vicinity of the fire that night. The court denied the motion and Dr. Mollitor.

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LONG HIKE IN WILDERNESS

FROM VALDEZ TO SEATTLE WITH A DOG TEAM.

To Win Wager Lone Man Starts From Wilds of Alaska Bound for Seattle Exposition.

Dawson, Feb. 11.—To win a wager, William Cooper left here today on a long "mush" overland to the Seattle exposition. He began his journey at Valdez. Nineteen hundred miles are ahead of him through a dense wilderness and through an untracked stretch he faces 1000 miles in British Columbia with no guidance except a Canadian telegraph line. In order to win he must reach Seattle by April 10. He takes a team of six dogs all the way.

John L. Lewis is in the city today visiting his son, who is at the Grande Ronde hospital, recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. D. W. Tastit of Washington, D. C., arrived in the city this afternoon to join her husband, who holds a position in the United States land office in this city.

THREE HUNDRED SNOWBOUND

BUNCH OF GREEKS SENT TO RESCUE PASSENGERS, STRIKE.

After Working an Hour to Rescue Passengers Subsisting on Canned Salmon, Greeks Go Out on Strike.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Greek laborers hired to rescue 300 passengers stalled in two snowbound trains at Skyburg, Minn., struck today, demanding more pay and a warming room. Skyburg is 50 miles from St. Paul. The trains are on the Great Western road.

One train left Chicago on Monday night, and the other left Kansas City the same night. When the trains ran into the snow bank, 100 Greeks were sent to dig them out, as passengers are subsisting on canned salmon. After working an hour they struck.

TEDDY TO REVIEW THE HOMECOMING

RECEPTION TO ATLANTIC FLEET PLANNED IN DETAIL.

On February 22 the Mayflower With President Aboard, Will Fire Uncle Sam's Salute to the Returning War Vessels—President to Visit Each of the Vessels in Turn—Dinner in Honor of Officers in Command of Long Cruise.

Washington, Feb. 11.—With President Roosevelt aboard, the presidential yacht Mayflower, with Secretary of the Navy Newberry and a party of officials, will leave here on the afternoon of February 21, for Harpton Roads, to review the Atlantic fleet as the closing ceremony of the famous world cruise.

According to arrangements announced today, the Mayflower will anchor in the vicinity of the Bug light at the entrance of the Roads on the morning of February 22, the anniversary of Washington's birth. The fleet will appear in lower Chesapeake at 11 o'clock and pass in review before Roosevelt, and then proceed through the roads to anchorage from which they started on the cruise nearly a year ago. While passing the Mayflower will fire a salute of 20 guns, and at 2 o'clock the president will receive Rear Admiral Sperry and officers of the fleet aboard the Mayflower. After an informal luncheon to the officers the president will visit each of the 16 ships and depart for Washington at 5 o'clock.

Roosevelt at Lincoln Homestead.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A special train bearing Roosevelt and party to the Lincoln homestead in Hodgenville, Ky., left here at noon.

Czar Going to Rome.

Rome, Feb. 11.—It is stated positively today that the czar will visit King Emmanuel at the Quirinal during March next.

Find Bodies in Ruins.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—The bodies of two men were recovered today from the ruins of the Wabash railroad freight depot, which was burned last night, entailing a loss of \$600,000. It is believed another body is still in the ruins.

WESTBOUND TRAINS LATE.

Storms in the East Cripple and Retard Traffic Greatly.

Storms in the east have raised havoc with the cross-continent traffic. Last night the evening trains from the east were late and today the morning train due at 9:25, arrived at 3 o'clock.

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