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LAWMAKERS BUSY UNTIL MIDNIGHT

JOHNSON'S ROAD BILL WENT THROUGH SENATE EASILY.

House is at Eugene Today Participating in Celebration of Fiftieth Anniversary of Oregon's Admission to Statehood—Labor Bills Killed—Sinnott's Measure Laid to Rest—Last Week of Session to Open Next Monday Morning—New Record.

Salem, Feb. 13.—Both houses broke the record by working Friday night until midnight. The house adjourned and attended Admission day exercises at Eugene today, where the state university is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Oregon statehood.

The senate was in session and killed the last of the labor bills and the measure by Sinnott to protect persons engaged in dangerous occupations.

Johnson's road bill went through with little opposition and goes to the house. A number of local and salary bills passed, one going over the governor's veto.

Both houses will resume work Monday and commence the last week of the session.

OPTION IN DANGER.

Wets in Washington Senate Have the Under Hold on Situation.

Olympia, Feb. 13.—Today the situation in the senate seems to be 22 to 20 against the McMaisters local option bill. The wets contend positively they have strength to remove the drastic features of the measure which they say means prohibition and to enact a local option bill giving municipalities the right to determine whether it shall be wet or dry.

CO-EDS IN FIGHT

C. OF P. STUDENTS OF

Girls' Dresses Torn and Faces Scratched—Legs and Ribs Broken—Countless Bruises Sustained.

Washington, Pa., Feb. 13.—Scores of men students, and a dozen co-eds of the University of Pennsylvania are suffering from injuries sustained when members of the junior class raised their colors on the tower of the main school building. A score of students rushed to tear down the colors and were met by a party of juniors on the stairs. They clashed, the fight raging through the corridors and class rooms. The co-eds engaged in the scrimmage on both sides. Many emerged with torn dresses and faces badly scratched. Injuries to the men consisted of broken legs and ribs, countless sprains and bruises. At the end of the battle the junior colors still fluttered.

ABSTRACT PRONOUNCED O. K.

AFTER LONG INVESTIGATION M'COURT APPENDS O. K.

Clear, But Complicated Title by Original Holders Delays Final Acceptance of Bercy Property Abstract—McCourt Fully Satisfied With Document.

Practically all objections to the abstract of the J. M. Bercy property, which is to be used for the government postoffice site, has been answered and the document will soon be on its way back to Washington again. The abstract was prepared by the La Grande Investment company here and sent to Washington. Due to a complication of affairs arising over the donation of the tract of land where

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LIBERIA IN A CHAOTIC STATE

ENGLISH TROOPS AND SHIPS TO THE SCENE.

State Department at Washington is Alarmed Over Condition in Liberia—Urge Congress to Send Commission to Consider Matter—England Protecting Its Subjects and Foreign Travelers in the Country—National Existence Short.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Conditions in Liberia are causing grave concern at the capital, according to members of the state department, today. It is believed the crisis in affairs at the little African republic has been reached, and that the national existence of Liberia is drawing to a close. Marines have been landed from the British warship at Monrovia, the capital, and a column of soldiers dispatched from Sierra Leone for the purpose of affording protection to the English residents and travelers.

The state department will make renewed efforts to persuade congress to appropriate money for the appointment of a commission to visit Liberia to ascertain conditions, and recommend what action is to be undertaken by the United States.

SEATTLE GIVES MONEY.

Labor Elements in Sound Country Will Aid Sentenced Leaders.

Seattle, Feb. 13.—A thousand dollars has been raised by organized labor here to fight the case against Compers, Mitchell and Morrison, sentenced to prison for contempt of court, at a meeting last night of labor leaders.

BOLD HOLDUP ON D. & R. C.

PASSENGER CARS SUBJECT. ED TO RAPID FUSILADE.

Mail Car Robbed of One Thousand by Two Robbers Near Military Junction Last Night—Stop Train by a Clever Ruse—Enginemen Covered With Revolver While Colleague Hides Valuable Mail in the Car—A Posse Pursues in Automobile.

Denver, Feb. 13.—After stopping the Denver & Rio Grande fast mail, two masked men held up and robbed the mail coach of \$1000 worth of registered mail last night near Military Junction. Today an armed posse is pursuing the robbers in an auto.

During the robbery one robber bombarded the passenger coaches with bullets.

Resort to Clever Ruse. As the train was approaching Military Junction, the engineer saw a prostrate form of a man lying on the track, with another man standing over him frantically waving his hands. The engineer brought the train to a quick stop. Immediately one man ran to the side of the engine, and pointed a revolver at the engineer and fireman, and ordered them to raise their hands. Other trainmen who came out were sent back to their cars under threats.

Fusillade of Bullets. One robber kept up a constant fusillade of bullets to frighten passengers so none of them would come out. Another entered the mail car, compelled the clerk to point out the registered mail, and with the foot placed in a sack, dropped from the window. The robbers then forced the engineer to start the train. Soon the news reached Denver, a short distance away and a posse started in pursuit.

A. C. Miller, who has been taking treatment at Hot Lake, came in this morning to spend Sunday with his brothers, William and Robert.

GORKY ARRESTED

CELEBRATED RUSSIAN VICTIM OF DEEP PLOT.

Noted Writer and Revolutionist in Russia Ordered Arrested Today—Political Causes Blamed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of Maxim Gorky, the celebrated writer and leader of the revolutionary movement in Russia. It is believed to be the result of political agitation.

Rain and Snow at Condon. Condon, Feb. 13.—Farmers are rejoicing over two inches of snow, and a heavy fall of rain last night, turning to sleet. It has put the ground in fine condition for spring.

Negro Lynched.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 13.—Jack Wade, a negro, was lynched today at Lakeland, 30 miles away. He assaulted a white girl.

RED TAPE TO CAUSE DELAY

TAKES A MONTH TO ISSUE FIRST PAYMENT.

Checks Must Be Asked for, Figured Out, Sent to Washington, Figured Again, Signed by Comptroller, Returned to La Grande and Sent to Depositors.

That it will be well along toward the 15th of March before depositors in the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank can realize cash on dividend checks, has become evident. The red tape which the receivership is subjected to in connection with the payment of dividends to depositors is both long and in a way, interesting. Next Monday Receiver Niedner sends to the comptroller of the currency at Washington, a letter requesting blank schedules and blank checks. In 10 days' time the order is filled. Then with the money on hand the receiver calculates what the pro rata payments

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LUMBERMEN IN WILD TURMOIL

REMOVAL OF TARIFF ON LOW GRADE IS FEARED.

Great Lobby Forming at Washington to Thwart Passage of House Committee Recommendation—Canadians Would Flood American Market so Disastrously That American Lumbermen Would Never Recover Financial Shock—Unprecedented Action.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Announcement that the congressional committee has determined to recommend the abolition of the lumber tariff on all grades has brought to Washington a lobby of lumbermen from all parts of the country. Lumber interests will use the argument that if congress adopts the recommendations, the United States lumber industry will be dealt a blow from which it will never recover.

Low Grade Protection Wanted. Lumbermen are particularly anxious to have the tariff preserved on low grades of lumber. They say that if it is admitted free, Canadians will flood the American market.

Pinchot at the Bottom. Never in the history of any industry in the United States has such radical action been recommended by a congressional committee. It is understood Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot influenced the committee to make the recommendation. Pinchot believes that with free low grade lumber the American forests can be conserved in no other way.

Robbery at Washougal.

Washougal, Wash., Feb. 13.—Early this morning robbers entered the Washougal bank and attempted to blow the safe with two charges of dynamite. They failed, having been frightened away by an approaching bakery wagon.

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THE FAIR

TWENTY-EIGHT TRUE BILLS FOUND BY GRAND JURY AND MORE COMING

If every person now living in this county, who has committed a crime within the past three or more years, and has not already been detected, there is no reason to believe that some of them at least have not been now. The grand jury this forenoon returned 28 true bills and only one of the 28 is made public, and that one is a true bill against Tom Maxwell, charged with the larceny of an overcoat from a rooming house on Fir street.

The present grand jury has worked hard and patient and evidently has something to show for its labors. Not for years has a jury made such a record as this jury and it is understood that there is to be another grand jury turned in before court adjourns this evening. It is also rumored that the jury will not ask to be discharged, but simply for an adjournment subject to call. How many of these already returned bills will be tried at this term of court cannot now be stated. Before announcement the defendants must be found and arrested. It is quite evident that there will be several weeks of jury work before the term is finished.

SIGNING HALL'S PETITION

REYBURN SAID TO BE AFTER WALDEN'S JOB.

As Yet No New Timber Shows Up in the Councilmen's Quarters—Williams and Monroe Thought to Be Candidates, But Meyers and Andrews Are Yet Silent.

Petitions are being circulated today by the friends of Dr. M. K. Hall, to have him become a candidate for reelection. It is understood that Councilman Monroe of the First ward, and Councilman J. T. Williamson of the Fourth ward, will be candidates also for reelection. The other retiring councilmen are A. V. Andrews of the Second ward, and F. L. Meyers of the Fourth ward, but whether or not they will consent to serve the city for another term has not been ascertained.

For marshal the present incumbent, John Walden, has no idea of handing over the star, but it is announced that ex-marshal Lou Reyburn has designs on the position. There is little ques-

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Any Remedy You See Advertised

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