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LOOKS LIKE AN ALL-NIGHT'S JOB

HOUSE AND SENATE WADING THROUGH BUSINESS.

Normal School Question Still Bothering the Senate Members—McArthur on the Floor to Push the Central Oregon State-Aided Railroad to the Passing—Portage Railroad Likely to Be Extended to Head of Navigation—Other Business.

Salem, Feb. 15.—The house today passed three bills, this being the last day bills can be considered. The house will probably be in session all night to wade through the congestion now blocking the wheels. The bill extending the Portage railroad to the beginning of navigation on the Upper Columbia was passed, and goes to the senate carrying a big appropriation. The senate received one veto message, the governor returning the bill raising the salary of County Judge Neil of Jackson county, who is a warm democratic supporter of the governor.

Speaker McArthur will take the floor this afternoon, and seek to put through the house an amendment to the constitution and a bill creating a commission of nine business men who will undertake the building of a state-aided railroad through Central Oregon. Similar action is expected to be taken in the Idaho legislature.

In the senate Smith got a bill reported abolishing the present state Normal schools at Weston, Monmouth and Ashland, and demanded consideration. The bill, with a minority report, carrying appropriations for

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A TAFT-LIKE BABY

SMALLEST KNOWN CHILD IS BORN IN KENTUCKY.
Parents Name Their Child, Weighing Two Pounds, After President-Elect Taft—Twelve Inches Long.

Purdy, Ky., Feb. 15.—Satisfied their youngest child, weighing two pounds, is probably the smallest baby in the world, E. P. Lady of this city, today decided to name it after Taft. When born the child weighed 20 ounces, and is but 12 inches long, but perfectly formed. The first dress was supplied from the wardrobe of a doll of a girl neighbor.

18-HOUR FLYER GOES IN DITCH

LANDSLIDE STRUCK WHILE RUNNING FORTY MILES AN HOUR

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 15.—Running 40 miles an hour, the 18-hour flyer on the Pennsylvania road from Chicago to New York, struck a landslide near here today. The locomotive was overturned and the baggage car and three Pullmans filled with sleeping passengers derailed. Bagagemaster Minus was severely injured. A number of passengers were hurt.

May Arrange for Game. Arrangements are now under way for a game of basketball between the La Grande and Cove high schools at the rink next Friday evening. As yet nothing definite has been decided on.

EVENING GOWNS

Just received by express
GOTHAM LATEST DESIGNS

You are wanting these gowns for the season's social functions

WE HAVE THEM

In the daintiest Laces, Embroideries in sheet material.



Dainty Waist

What lady is there that does not want a new waist. Call and see them.



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La Grande, Oregon

CHINA'S TRADE BEHIND ORDERS

ROOSEVELT FEARED TO ANTAGONIZE THE MIKADO.

Assemblyman Drew of California Statistics Political and Church Circles by Bitter Trade on Government's Action in Stopping Anti-Chinese Legislation in California—If Asiatics Come White Men Must Leave the State, He Said.

Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 15.—Because Assemblyman A. M. Drew delivered a burning anti-Japanese speech instead of a sermon in Central M. E. church last night, he shocked the congregation and gave his colleagues in the legislature something to gossip about today. Drew may be beaten on the anti-Chinese measure, but he is far from stumped. He said in his speech:

"I think I know why Roosevelt sent orders to California to keep hands off the question of excluding Japanese children from schools. This country has with China an annual trade amounting to \$40,000,000, and I believe he thinks Japan could manipulate matters so as to close the doors of China to us. Shall the homes of this great state be pitted against paltry dollars and cents of trade? If the Japanese come the white man must go. Don't permit these foreigners to live in our midst; don't permit them to take our lands and drive our people out. The history of the world teaches that the commingling of white and black race has always brought the whites down and never brought the black race up. It always resulted in a shiftless, worthless mongrel race that the world does not want. To compete with the yellow race means the white men must starve."

MAINE DISASTER REMEMBERED.

Anniversary of Maine's Destruction is Celebrated at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, was observed today with religious and military ceremonies.

A military mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Catholic church, Father Thomas McGuigan officiating.

Impressive services were held in Arlington cemetery, where 144 victims of the explosion are buried. A eulogy of the dead heroes was delivered by Rev. Wm. T. Russell. An immense throng gathered at the cemetery to place flowers on the graves. President Roosevelt sent a beautiful floral tribute. The principal address was delivered by Rear Admiral Sigsbee who commanded the Maine.

GLOOMY ASPECT FOR P. C. KNOX

HOUSE DEFEATS SALARY BILL THAT WOULD ACT LOOPOLE

Washington, Feb. 15.—A bill designed to enable P. C. Knox to become secretary of state under Taft, was defeated by the house this afternoon. The measure intended to rescind the increase in salary of the secretary of state, so Knox, having been a member of the present congress, could take his place at the head of the cabinet.

Taft Off for Washington. Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—President-elect Taft leaves for Washington this afternoon and will speak Saturday when he will be made a Mason at sight. The ceremony will take place at 5 o'clock at the Scottish Rite cathedral.

NEW ADJUSTMENT IS NO HARSHSHIP

RINEHART READY TO SEND OUT ASSESSORS.

County Assessor Rinehart Back From Salem Where He Met With Other Assessors and Equalization Board—County at Present Under-assessed—New Adjustment Will Bring No Hardship on Union County—Deputies Are Announced.

Assessor T. A. Rinehart is preparing for the annual assessment which will begin about March 1 and has appointed the following deputies:

Elgin, John Graham, Summerville, Imbler and Alice, Guy Glenn.

Cove and Union, Waldo Perry, North Powder, J. A. Nice, Big Creek and Telecaset, Ed Turner, La Grande, C. A. Vurpillat.

Island City and vicinity, W. T. Stein.

Assessor Rinehart will do considerable work himself.

Back From Salem.

Assessor Rinehart returned from Salem, where he was called before the state board, which was recently appointed to adjust matters as the result of the recent supreme court decision on the Yamhill county case wherein that county refused to pay its share of the state tax on the grounds that the property was not taxed uniformly, and owing to the fact that Yamhill county property was assessed at its cash value it paid a greater proportion of state taxes than those counties which were only assessed at one-third or one-half of the cash value. The supreme court held that Yamhill county was right. This decision coming while the legislature was in session made it possible for the state to get out of what otherwise might have required a special session of the legislature. The present legislature created a special commission to prepare a bill that would adjust matters and this commission called in most of the active assessors and many of the former assessors of the state and inaugurated a complete investigation as to the methods of the present system of making assessments, and it was ascertained that few counties assessed above 60 per cent, most about 40 per cent, and a few who tried to assess at full value. Mr. Rinehart says in his opinion that Walla Walla county is the only county in the state that was assessed at actual value. Multnomah under Assessor Zeigler, has made a great increase. Beginning at a total valuation of \$56,000,000, it is now \$126,000,000, yet it was brought out in the investigation that none and accounts were not assessed at all, and improvements at only 60 per cent.

The proposed bill which will undoubtedly be passed will provide for a permanent state tax commission to be composed of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and two commissioners to be appointed. These commissioners are to visit each county and personally examine the values assessed so the board can make everything as uniform as possible.

Assessor Rinehart is of the opinion that Union county will not be injured in the new adjustment, as in his opinion it will not materially change our state taxes, and he believes we have been paying practically what we should pay the state, the past few years. Walla Walla county, whose assessed valuation is several hundred thousand dollars more than Union county, will receive consideration when the matter is brought before it.

King Edward Falls. Berlin, Feb. 15.—Disease attempts at secrecy, it was learned today that King Edward fell ill in a faint while conversing with the Princess of Wales at the British embassy last week. He remained unconscious for some time.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—A declaration of war by Austria upon Servia early in April is predicted today by the Daily Telegraph.

OBEY OUSTER LAW

WATERS-PIERCE OIL COMPANY PAYS LICENSE.

Check for Fifty Thousand Paid Over to Missouri Oil Company—Result of Recent Ouster Decree.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 15.—The Waters-Pierce Oil company today paid the state a certified check and delivered to the supreme court clerk \$50,000 and filed papers agreeing to accept provisions of the "ouster" decree issued December 23 last.

There will be first rank work at the K. of P. Hall tonight. All members are requested to attend.

EXTREME COLD SNAP PREVAILS

MIDDLEWEST AGAIN SEIZED BY DEATH-DEALING STORMS

Boise, Feb. 15.—The senate county local option bill was passed by the house of the Idaho legislature today, and now goes to Governor Brady, who will sign it. The bill is patterned after Oregon's law and provides that on petition of 40 per cent of the voters at any county election a vote may be taken to determine the question of sale of intoxicating liquors.

The dry's victory is a merited one, coming after weeks of hard struggling for mastery with the liquor forces. Realizing victory was not theirs, the enemies attempted to append clauses that would in a measure remove the worst sting of the new bill, but failed also in that.

Good Day at Central. Yesterday was a day to be remembered by the members and friends of Central Church of Christ. It being near the close of Mr. King's work and so many of the members wishing to have the minister and his family with them for a meal, it was impractical for them to make the rounds if was agreed to have an all-day meeting and lunch together at noon.

The morning hour, after Bibis school, was given to a review of the history of the congregation for the past 18 years, tracing the work from the organization in 1891 to date. The church organized with 40 members. Of these three remain. When Mr. King came, April 1, 1900, the membership was 58, of whom 19 are still members. The property was worth, clear of all debts, \$338.73.

Today the membership is about 200, and the property worth \$5000 or more. The noon hour was spent very pleasantly, and a fine luncheon served by the ladies. In the afternoon a short service of prayer testimony, etc., was conducted and later the regular evening services were held.

Baby Dies at Imbler. Imbler, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The 6-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bryant died here early this morning of croup. No funeral arrangements are announced.

HANDY HEAT WHEN NEEDED

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