

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS ACCOMPLISHED

It is Apparent That a Line of Strictest Economy Will Be Followed.--Expensive Commissions Unceremoniously Wiped Out.

Salem.—When the legislature began the third week of the session all the important measures of general interest, such as prohibition legislation, taxation amendments, the appropriation bills, consolidation of boards and commissions, highway legislation, changes in election laws, still remained to be passed upon.

The senate gave evidence of a desire for economy when it voted to abolish the state decennial census, repealed the law carrying an appropriation for the naval militia and to abolish the state accountability board.

The house also passed a census repeal bill and it is expected that the two houses will concur on one measure and withdraw the other.

A measure abolishing the state immigration commission, which has been costing \$25,000 a year, passed both houses.

What is also regarded as in line with the economy policy was the action of the house in passing the Schuebel bill providing that all but an excepted few of the state funds be placed in the general fund. Advocates of this measure claim it will result in a considerable annual saving to the state.

A further manifestation of the intentions to save money was displayed in a comparatively small way when the house passed the Weeks bill providing amendments to the registration laws that will obviate the necessity of mailing election pamphlets to more than one voter in the same family. This, it is expected, will save one-third the expense of printing and mailing election pamphlets every two years.

The prohibition question doubtless will demand much attention from the house this week. The committee on alcoholic traffic will be ready to report out the Committee of One Hundred's bill aimed to make effective the prohibition amendment to the constitution adopted by the people last fall. The report will be favorable to the bill.

A standard for boxes or baskets for strawberries, blackberries, loganberries, raspberries and other berries is prescribed in a bill introduced by Senator Day. It also prescribes a standard hop measure.

Representative Lewis, of Multnomah county introduced a bill in the house, providing for the pensioning of peace officers. In brief the bill provides that peace officers shall pay in

to a fund to be kept by the state treasurer 1 per cent of their salaries, and that if any officer is disabled he shall draw \$30 a month while incapacitated, and if killed, his widow shall draw a pension of \$30 a month during her life; and if he does not leave a wife, but leaves children, they shall draw this sum until they reach the age of 16 years.

Senator Farrell's bill for the cutting of salaries of various state and county employes is before the senate. It provides:

"On and after July 1, 1915, and extending for a period of two years, the salaries of all officials and employes who are at present receiving salary of \$3000 or more shall be reduced uniformly 20 per cent, and the secretary of state and the county clerks of the several counties shall draw warrants in accordance with this act in the payment of salaries."

Representative Anderson, of Wasco county, has introduced a bill in the house providing for repeal of the law requiring a medical certificate "as additional requisite to issuance of a marriage license."

Legislative lobbyists were put on the run by the house. The Schuebel anti-lobbying bill was passed, after a warm discussion, by a vote of 48 to 12.

Members of the legislature from eastern Oregon are going to insist on a liberal appropriation for bounties on coyotes.

Representative Stanfield of Morrow county has introduced in the house a bill exempting banks from liability to a depositor because of the refusal to pay a check through mistake, unless the depositor shall prove himself damaged.

Simplicity marked the entry of Oregon's first woman state senator to the state capitol. Neatly, but not elaborately dressed, with a black veil shading a pleasant but firm face, Miss Kathryn Clark, of Glendale, Douglas county, passed into the building at the front entrance and found her way into the senate chamber.

By a vote of 14 to 12 the senate declined to memorialize congress to call a constitutional convention to amend the constitution so that the United States should have entire control of the suppression of polygamy. Senators voting against the proposal declared that it was a gratuitous insult to a state that had discarded the practice of Mormonism.

GOOD SKATING ON WASHOE ICE POND

This winter has been exceptionally good for skating, owing to so much clear, cold weather. There are several good places along the Malheur and Snake rivers and at Washoe. Sunday there were over three hundred people skating on the Washoe slough, coming from Payette, Fruitland, New Plymouth and Ontario. The ice was in first-class condition and everyone had a pleasant time.

COURT SENTENCES EIGHT PRISONERS

The Court passed sentences on the parties convicted in the last term of court, last Thursday. There were eight persons sentenced, one of whom was paroled. Edith Smith, who was found guilty of keeping a bawdy house, has not yet been sentenced, and the case of Charles Hamblett was continued.

The following sentences were imposed: Frank Lucy, found guilty of larceny in a store, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and \$25.00 fine; Wm. McKenzie, found guilty of petty larceny, was fined \$50.00; C. H. Spencer, guilty of living in and about a house of ill fame, was sentenced to two to fifteen years in the Oregon penitentiary; Earl E. Fox, guilty of larceny of two foals, was sentenced to one to ten years in the Oregon penitentiary; Florence O'Connor and May Russell, guilty of selling liquor contrary to law, were fined \$150.00 each; Walter Meldrum, guilty of burglary, was sentenced to two to five years in the Oregon penitentiary. Chas. Nutt, who was found guilty of larceny of a calf, was paroled.

A COMMUNICATION

An article published in the Malheur Enterprise of January 16th, 1915, under the heading of "Items From Big Bend," places Big Bend in a false light before the rest of the county.

When the Pomona Grange laid down the rules of the Corn Carnival, one of the rules was that each contestant must exhibit two bushels of corn, the corn thus exhibited to be donated to the Grange; and to be sold to help defray the expenses incurred by the contest.

After awards were made the county bought the corn to be exhibited at the Walla Walla Corn Show or wherever they saw fit, the corn thus passing out of its former ownership to be used to advertise the county and not any one community.

The contestants knew before the awards were made they did not have the only corn in the county and knew still better when another district had five contestants with a yield of over 100 bushel per acre that there were other places in the county that could raise corn about as well as Big Bend.

If the Walla Walla Corn Show would bring any settlers to Malheur County, they would naturally inquire where the corn was raised if that was what they were after.

The contestants from Big Bend are proud to be able to give to the county their share of the records of the Corn Carnival to advertise the county.

Signed: Bert Robertson, Dale Robertson, Alex Wade, Geo. W. Swigert, Harvey Hatch, Chas Purdy, Arthur Holly, Everett Tate.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the kind friends who so ably assisted me in the illness and death of my husband.

Mrs. Annie Vogel.

Estray Notice

There came to my place about nine miles south-west of Weiser about December 15th, 1914. One black horse about 14 years old. Right hind foot white, star in forehead, little white on nose, no other marks or brands.

Owner may secure his property by proving ownership, paying for this notice and the animal's keep.

Address: C. Williams, Weiser, Idaho, postoffice box No. 63.

EXCURSIONS TO BOISE

January 29 and 30
Via Oregon Short Line. Limit, February 10th. See agents for rates. 1-t

DEEDS & PATENTS

Files For Record in Office of County Clerk.
From January 18th, to January 23rd, 1915.

Clyde C. Dodge et ux to Hiram E. McKay-W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-18-17. May 16th, 1914. \$1800.00

Adolph Gramse et ux to A. R. White, Lots 23-24-25-26-27-28 block 1 Terrace Heights Adn., Ontario, Sept. 18th., 1914. \$1000.00.

J. A. Gregory to Mrs. Effie Miers et ux in S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ -Lots 3-4 Sec. 2-21-46, Jan. 15, 1915. \$1.00.

Charles Altschul et ux to Oregon & Sawyer, Recovery on Account, \$118.56.

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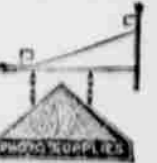
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MOORE HOTEL

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The registration has now reached a total of 138; 66 boys and 72 girls. This week Edith and Vivian Folger, freshmen, entered from Boise High; Harley, Jennie and Earl Bull entered the commercial department and Dewey Standish returned to the Sophomore class after a semester in Boise.

On Friday, February 5th, at 2:30 p. m., the literary society will give the following program in the High School auditorium, to which the public are invited: Piano solo, Amelia Plughoff; recitation, Ruth Lackey; mandolin and violin duet, Ephrim Herriott and Bryan Nebb; original story, Mabel Caldwell; girls' trio, Ethel Heslop, Crystal West and Mabel Caldwell; vocal solo, Rena Adam; extemporaneous speech, Estol Doty; piano solo, Roy Michael; school paper, Grace Sage.

The High School is now a member of the Snake River Valley Basket Ball League and is delighted to get in. The first games were played last Friday, Ontario at Payette and Vale at Caldwell. Payette defeated Ontario 25-22 and Vale won from Caldwell 23-17. Next Friday Weiser plays here; both boys' and girls' teams are coming, as there will be two prizes for the place of one. This is the first league game to be played here and everyone who possibly can should attend. The boys' team work is of high rank and basket shooting is improving.

The remainder of the league schedule is shown below:

Jan. 29, Weiser at Ontario, Payette at Vale. Feb. 5, Caldwell at Weiser, Vale at Ontario. Feb. 12, Payette at Weiser, Ontario at Caldwell. Feb. 19, Caldwell at Payette, Weiser at Vale.

In a practice game on Tuesday afternoon the girls' team defeated the Fruitland girls, 17 to 2.

YOUR INCOME TAX REMITTANCE DUE

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 22, 1915.—Returns of annual net income, for the income tax for individuals and for corporation making their returns of annual net income based on the calendar year, are due to be filed on or before the 1st day of March, and failure to file such return on or before that date will subject the delinquent taxpayer to an additional tax of fifty per cent and liability to heavy penalties provided by law.

With-holding agents should be particular to ascertain their duties under the Income Tax Law, especially the fact that persons against whom tax has been withheld have the right under the law, to file form 1008 with them not later than thirty days prior to March 1st, 1915, and that therefore the annual returns of the withholding agents should not be made until after that date.

It is most earnestly requested that returns be filed or information asked as early as possible so that more careful attention may be given to those details, thus avoiding any questions arising upon final reporting of the returns at Washington, D. C.

Remittances to the government for payment of taxes should be in the form of Money Order, Bank Draft or Certified Check. Collectors have special instructions not to accept personal checks, unless marked by the bank on which they are drawn, and a departure from such instructions is a violation of the regulations governing the department.

All information may be obtained upon application to the undersigned.

MILTON A. MILLER,
Collector of Internal Revenue, Portland, Oregon.