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ESUME OF WORK OF STATE LEGISLATURE

view of Doings of Oregon's Legislators During the Past Week.

ount of First Week's Work Small, s Usual—Incipient Mutiny in House—Two Prohibition Bills Introduced—May Regulate Commission Houses—State Horticultural Commissioner Proposed—Tax Measures Numerous.

Salem.—Just as in previous sessions, the first week of the twenty-hth session passed with very little omplished aside from organization. When organization was completed, tead of getting promptly down to k considerable time was wasted in tory over the number of clerks and nographers to be employed. Some he lawmakers, in view of the econy talk which prevailed, thought it ld be a good idea to begin with ting down the running expenses of session by getting along with few clerks, but after the flow of talk ed both houses concluded the us number of clerks would be neces-

the senate, with Senator W. Lair mpson, of Lake county, as presid officer, the legislative wheels ap r to be running smoothly, but in house, as a result of dissatisfac over Speaker Ben Selling's com tee appointments and an antagon spirit which arose against the tnomah county delegation, a well ned mutiny against the house or ization developed. A few hotheads talked of deposing the speaker, ifying his committee appointments substituting others nominated the floor of the house.

mber of Important Bills Introduced

hile much of the first week of the ion was taken up with organiza, inauguration of the Governor and ess oratory over clerkships, when legislature did get down to law ing a number of the important tions to come before the session ared in the shape of bills. These ided measures to amend the tax , consolidate departments of the government for economy, to e effective the prohibition amend t and revision of the game laws. e economy spirit manifested it in the senate when that body d to eliminate appropriations for state accountancy board and the immigration commission and by orizing the suspension of the de ial census, effecting an approxi saving of $170,000.

the close of the first week the e had 102 bills before it and the te 49. All passed second reading.

y Measures Pending in House.

hile there is no universal agree on the prohibition question, it is in that a measure will be passed tly in accordance with the pro ns of the constitutional amend adopted by the people at the No er election. Two prohibition now are pending in the house. Committee of One Hundred's bill the first measure introduced in body. It has been referred to the mittee on alcoholic liquor. D. C. s, of St. Johns, is the author of er measure now in the hands of same committee. Yet another ure may be introduced this week. R. Porter, representative from las county, is the author.

presentative Lewis declared that troduced a bill on the subject be he was dissatisfied with the mittee's bill. His measure is rad n the extreme.

legislators are determined to an effective prohibition law. If Committee of One Hundred's bill ended it will be to make it more ic.

ates for Institutions May Stand

t the estimates made by the board of control for appropria for the various state institutions 15 and 1916 will not be material anged, if changed at all, is the after the first week's session of gislature. Estimates were made by the superintendents and con ble reductions made by the in several instances.

committee on ways and means e senate is probing thoroughly anagement of the institutions as visited the blind school, the school and the state insane asy After spending a day at the lat stitution and the cottage farm, ijunct, committee members announced that they were well pleased with the management of all institutions visited and were especially well pleased with the management of the insane asylum.

Strict Regulations to Protect Farmers

Rigid regulations for commission merchants are prescribed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Blanchard, of Josephine county. The bill amends the present law relating to commission merchants, and provides for the transfer of jurisdiction over them from the state railroad commission to the secretary of state. Provision is made that before a commission merchant can engage in business he must obtain a license and give a bond that he will faithfully report to all persons consigning horticultural, agricultural and viticultural produce and farm products to him, and promptly pay to each the proceeds of all sales after deducting a commission of not more than 5 per cent on carload lots, and 10 per cent on smaller lots, and actual disbursements connected with the sale of the produce.

Horticultural Bill is Up.

The bill providing for the creation of a state horticultural commissioner, prepared by the state horticultural society, was introduced in the house by Representative Vawter, of Jackson.

The measure aims to regulate the fruit and orchard industry of the state, prescribes uniform inspection systems and requires owners to spray their trees and otherwise protect them from insects and various other forms of pests.

The measure proposes to abolish the present board of horticulture and place a commissioner to be appointed by the governor in charge. His salary is fixed at $3000 a year.

It also provides for the appointment of fruit tree inspectors in those counties of the state that care to appoint them at their own expense. Such inspectors, however, are to be subject to the regulations of the proposed law and report to the state commissioner.

Imported Eggs Get Attention in House

Three bills striking at imported eggs were introduced in the house by Representative Allen, of Marion county. The first provides that all eggs imported and sold in the state shall be marked "imported" the second that all food products in packages in which eggs are an ingredient shall be marked "imported eggs used," the third provides that drink dispensers who use imported eggs in any drink they sell must have a sign posted in their establishment advising the public of this fact.

Woman Legislator Introduces Bill.

Miss Marian B. Towne's first bill to be presented to the house was introduced Friday. The only woman in the legislature has a measure to punish conspiracy, the present laws, she says, having nothing to cover the point. She would punish by a fine of from $100 to $10,000 each person who accomplishes any part of the conspiracy or would imprison him from 30 days to one year in jail or in the penitentiary from one to five years.

Tax Bills Are Introduced.

Senator Smith of Coos and Curry introduced a bill for a new tax law. It changes the date for which assessments should be made from March 1 to January 1, and provides that the first payment shall become due on November 1, of the year in which the assessment is made and the second payment shall become due April 1 of the following year. No penalties are provided.

Senator Barrett, of Umatilla, also introduced a tax bill in the upper house, and members of the Multnomah county delegation have another measure in course of preparation. It probably will be introduced in the lower house within a few days. These measures are similar in some particulars, but differ in other essential provisions. Both provide for semi-annual payments. The Multnomah county bill allows a discount for all payments in excess of 50 per cent made at the first period, while the Barrett bill does not. The Multnomah county bill attaches a penalty of 12 per cent per annum against delinquent payments, while the Barrett penalty is fixed at the rate of only 8 per cent. The payments dates also differ.

Legislative Nuggets.

Indications are that Senator Dimick's bill to abolish the Oregon naval militia is going to have easy sailing in the senate.

A bill designed to keep heavy freight automobile trucks off unpaved highways at certain seasons of the year was introduced by Senator Vinton. It provides that they shall not go on unpaved highways between October 15

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REDMOND WOMEN GIVE AN INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT

GAVE CITY COUNCIL AND THE HUSBANDS OF MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB BANQUET, FINE PROGRAM AND DANCE LAST EVENING

The Woman's Club of this city gave an evening of entertainment and a banquet in the Ehret building to their husbands and members of the present city government last night.

The early part of the evening was passed in dancing, interspersed with vocal music and recitations. While the crowd was gathering C. H. Miller accompanied several of our local vocalists while they rendered several of the old time songs that never lose their attractiveness.

Mrs. Lennon gave a splendid imitation of the little boy who has all kinds of trouble and doesn't want to cry about it.

Mrs. Roberts sang a pleasing solo and responded to an encore which made it a double pleasure for the audience.

Mrs. McElrfesh gave a recitation, and as an encore recited "Migel Schneider's Party"—a number very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Hobbs then delighted the people with a solo and encore, and at the request of a number of dancers she repeated the encore, "Night Time in Burgundy," and several couple danced a two step to the song. This was a feature of the evening.

Several times the orchestra played selections which the dancers sang as they danced, and which was appreciated by those who did not dance.

At midnight the crowd adjourned to the lower hall and partook of a swell feed. At the close of the banquet Mrs. Nell Irwin, as toastmistress, made a most pleasing talk about the organization of the Woman's Club and the purpose for which they had organized, and also gave a brief review of what the club had done in the short time they had been at work.

Mrs. Hosch, president of the club, responded in an able manner, and then Mrs. Burdick kept the crowd laughing for a few minutes.

Mayor Hosch was called upon and congratulated the club on their efforts, and told them to keep it up.

H. A. Schneider followed with one of the best talks of the evening.

A. Munz made a hit when he said "it was wonderful how the women could do so much on the old man's money."

Dr. Barr was then asked to give a talk on "sanitary drinking troughs for horses," and in the course of his remarks he stated that he thought they would be all right as our mayor had approved of them. He also said that the mayor had made the statement that he at one time owned an automobile, now he owned a Ford, but hoped some day to own a horse and buggy, and that any further information in regard to drinking troughs could be secured from the mayor.

Mrs. McLallin then talked on the

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FRENCH BOUGHT HORSES HERE

ABOUT 40 HEAD SOLD TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TUESDAY—BUYING ALSO BEEN IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF STATE FOR EARLY SHIPMENT

French inspectors were here this week Tuesday to buy horses for the French government, and it is understood they bought about 40 head from farmers and horse dealers in this immediate vicinity. The horses are wanted for both cavalry and artillery service in the French army, and the inspection of the stock is very rigid.

The prices paid for the horses at the sale was said to be very fair, but no fancy or top prices were paid.

The inspectors lately looked over 104 head of horses in the vicinity of Burns in Harney county, and only bought 20 head, as the stock did not come up to requirements.

In different parts of the state the French government has had its inspectors looking over and buying horses for both branches of the service, but horse owners are not getting very anxious to sell just at the present time as they think the demand later will be greater and the prices higher, with not such rigid specifications as to qualifications required.

All of the horses bought in Central and Eastern Oregon are to be shipped to Baker City and held there until orders are received to forward the whole lot to France.

WANT PROTECTION

Potato growers of Oregon are asking that a strict quarantine be established against all potatoes shipped from California, owing to danger of the tuber moth gaining a foothold in this state. So far as known, Oregon potatoes are now entirely free from this pest, and the State Board of Horticulture has been asked to take such action as will insure future safety.

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GOLD CLAIMS BEING FILED ON

MANY FILINGS ON DESCHUTES AND CROOKED RIVERS AND SQUAW CREEK MADE BY RESIDENTS OF THIS SECTION THE PAST FEW DAYS

The recent reported discovery of gold in the sands in the banks along the Deschutes and Crooked rivers and Squaw Creek a short distance from Redmond by Portland parties, a full account of which was printed in The Spokesman last week, has had the effect of creating a mild excitement among people in this city and immediate vicinity and a desire to file on claims along these waters.

Last week Jimmy Fox, who knows every foot of the reported gold fields, located a number from here, and has also been busy this week doing the same kind of work. All the location notices are filed at the Jefferson county clerk's office at Culver. Mr. Fox stated to The Spokesman that he had known for a long time that there was gold in the sands along these streams, and he was with the Portland men, he says, when they made their locations.

Many outside people came in last week, both to Redmond and Terrebonne, to get in on the ground floor and file claims before all the best ones were taken up. But, as it is claimed there is gold all along the Deschutes and Crooked rivers, there seems to be plenty of claims yet left.

It is understood that the Portland people who first made public the gold find in the Portland papers, will soon begin the erection of works for getting out the gold, and if it is found in paying quantities they will eventually buy up all the promising claims along the two rivers, for it would cost too much for individuals to work the claims for themselves.

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DOG THAT BIT HARRY DOBRENTI HAD RABIES

YOUNG MAN IS NOW UNDERGOING ANTI RABIC TREATMENT IN PORTLAND

Harry Dobrenti of Powell Butte, who was bitten by a mad dog some time ago, is still in Portland receiving the Pasteur treatment under the direction of State Health Officer C. S. White. An examination of the head of the dog which bit the boy revealed a well developed case of rabies, and the county court of this county has been notified that there is now no doubt that the infection among the cattle and dogs in this county is rabies.

Dr. White has sent Dr. J. S. Saurman of this department, to Harney county where there are said to be hundreds of cases of the disease among the stock. More than 100 head of animals from Crook and Harney counties have been examined and a large number found to contain the rabies germ.

LAWMAKERS ABOLISH A STATE COMMISSION

THEY DO AWAY WITH THE OFFICE OF STATE IMMIGRATION COMMISSION

In the interest of lower taxes the Legislature has abolished the Oregon State Immigration Commission and the office of State Immigration Agent, the latter held by C. C. Chapman. As neither the members of the commission or Mr. Chapman received any salaries or other compensation, they did not oppose the repeal of the law.

The principal part of the funds which have hitherto been used for state wide farm organization has been subscribed by Portland business men, and while the work will, of necessity, be somewhat curtailed when state support is withdrawn, it is certain that activities for the development of the state at large will not be permitted to cease.

Portland business men realize that the city is overgrown, in comparison with the agricultural development of the state, and instead of being discouraged by the withdrawal of state assistance, they are determined to continue their efforts to bring more farmers to Oregon to people its vacant lands.

STOCK IS DYING FROM RABIES

DOWN IN GRANT COUNTY POISON IS USED TO ERADICATE THE COYOTE PEST THAT CARRIES THE DISEASE OVER A LARGE TERRITORY

The Blue Mountain Eagle, published at Canyon City, Grant county, recently published the following in regard to the prevalence of rabies in that section among the cattle:

In a recent conversation with H. Ireland, supervisor of the Whitman National Forest, he stated that people in general were not taking seriously enough the epidemic of rabies now common beyond all doubt among the coyotes of this section, and that to his knowledge at least 75 head of cattle had been bitten and died through this cause during the past year in his forest alone.

Both Mr. Ireland and Cy J. Bingham of John Day, supervisor of the Malheur National Forest, agreed with me that a great deal more could be accomplished toward the abolishment of the coyote pest if the stock men would co-operate to this end than to depend almost altogether upon the bounty being replaced, and on the comparatively few trappers that would thereby be induced to take up the work of extermination.

This view is taken on account of the very great success Cy J. Bingham met with last year in experimenting with a new poison. He has sent the data to the district office in Portland, and if it meets with their approval, of which there is very little doubt, pamphlets will be issued describing the method used in setting it out. As I understand it the poison is not put in the carcass but is placed around it in the form of small baits which, if any are left, melt and run into the ground with the advent of warm weather, therefore leaving no danger to the dogs of sheepmen. Also the most important part is the method of placing the baits as stated above. This is an original idea of Mr. Bingham's, and as he found as many as nine dead coyotes around one carcass, it having been placed only one night, there is no question of doubt as to its feasibility.

Knowing the country as they do in their respective sections the stockmen could distribute and kill any aged horses, diseased cattle or other animals to be used for lure to the very best possible advantage, in fact a great deal better than most of the trappers. It seems reason-

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