

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS AT OREGON'S CAPITAL

Half of Session Over and Both Houses Scarcely Started at Any Important Legislation

Salem, Ore.—Although the legislature has been in session three weeks the important legislation has made little progress. Much time has been wasted, very little accomplished, and the big legislation scarcely started.

Relatively Few Bills Passed. The Senate has passed 31 bills out of 191 introduced. It has indefinitely postponed 16 others, and 3 have failed to pass when put to a vote.

The public service legislation, the compensation act, which was talked and the reappointment—the most important legislation which the session is expected to handle—have been sidetracked.

Much Jockeying in Asylum Scandal. The complications over the asylum investigation promises to develop a merry row.

Revision of Irrigation Code. Extensive revision of the irrigation code of the state is provided in a bill introduced by Representative Brooke.

Many State Commissions Proposed. No less than thirteen new state commissions and boards are proposed in bills now pending before the legislature.

Other state commissions and boards named in pending bills are: A civil service commission to formulate rules for examination of all employees of the state government.

Besides these, there are bills for the creation of several new state officers, including bills for an assistant secretary of state, a state hotel inspector, a fire marshal and a state auditor or examiner of accounts.

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highway bills. The good roads advocates won three victories in the Senate, the most important being the bill creating a State Highway Commission, and the bill permitting the use of all convicts on the roads when not needed at the state penitentiary.

A notable feature of the session is the small number of "salary grab" bills proposed this session.

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Abolish Whipping Post. With only ten dissenting votes the House passed Buchanan's bill abolishing the whipping post. By the provisions of the bill, wife beating is made punishable in the same manner as other aggravated cases of assault and battery.

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1911 AND 1896 ARE COMPARED

Enthusiasts See Chance of History Repeating Itself.

CONDITIONS ARE DIFFERENT.

Silver Element in the Democratic Party in Cleveland's Time Was Larger Than Supporters of the President—Fortification of Panama Canal Not a Party Question.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Enthusiasts in the matter of political possibilities are comparing the movement of the progressive Republicans to that of silver Democrats sixteen years ago.

They have not taken into consideration every phase of the situation. Sixteen years ago the silver element in the Democratic party was much larger than the faction supporting the president.

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A Singular Dress Parade

A Story of the Future By SADIE OLCOTT

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It was in the year 1920 that the matter of woman's suffrage came to a head, woman agreeing to accept all duties of citizenship the same as men.

The members of the regiment were ordered to rendezvous in camp. The quartermaster, a man who had been charged with the work of establishing the camp, provided only such equipment as he had been used to providing for men.

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Celebrates Thirtieth Birthday. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oglesby was the scene of a merry gathering on Saturday afternoon, when 22 of the juniors of the Baptist church gathered to celebrate Orville Oglesby's 30th birthday.

Woman's World

Cupid Wins Victory in Suffragette Camp.



MISS INEZ MILHOLLAND AND HER FIANCEE MR. BATES.

The crooners who fear that the suffragette will lose her matrimonial chance may set their fears at rest, for the engagement is announced of the most obstreperous of suffragettes, Miss Inez Milholland.

The lucky man with sufficient courage to marry this socialistic suffragette is Lindon Bates, Jr., of New York, ex-assemblyman, author and civil engineer and a recent convert to the "cause."

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