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Thurston County Building
for Washington Capitol.

SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORS IT

Has Decided to Submit Report to That Effect—Olympia Paper Reports Promised Buyout of Tacoma Merchants.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 24.—The Senate committee on public buildings and grounds met tonight, and agreed to report favorably on the bill to purchase the Thurston County Courthouse and convert it into a capitol. The bill will be amended slightly, but not in any material particular.

The Senate committee on mines met tonight, and agreed to report favorably on the bill for a geological survey. The bill carries with it an annual appropriation of \$10,000.

The committee also agreed to report favorably on a bill making eight hours a day's work in mines a minimum, and to report on a bill giving King County an additional Superior Judge.

The bill giving Spokane an additional Judge of the Superior Court has passed both houses. The bill is introduced by Governor Rogers and has power to appoint the Judge until the next election.

The House committee on fisheries held a meeting this afternoon and decided to report on the bill to abolish fish traps. Gunderson will make a fight for his bill on the floor of the House.

Easterday of Pierce introduced a bill in the House today repealing the libel law of 1891. Under this law any actual damages can be awarded in a libel suit, and proper retraction has been made within a specified time.

The Senate joint resolution for a committee to be appointed from the House and Senate to confer with a like committee from the Oregon Legislature on legislation for the two geological surveys of the fish industry, was adopted today.

IN THE SENATE.
Bill for New Senatorial and Judicial Districts—Other Business.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 24.—In the Senate this morning a bill signed by the 120 Republicans in the House and 12 Democrats in the Senate, was introduced. It asks that Chelan County be grouped with Kittitas in a Senatorial district, with Kittitas, Yakima and Franklin in a judicial district.

Several minor appropriation bills were introduced. The House committee on fisheries held a meeting this afternoon and decided to report on the bill to abolish fish traps.

IN THE HOUSE.
Bill Giving Spokane County Another Judge Passed—Other Matters.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 24.—In the House the Senate bill by Crow of Spokane, giving Spokane County an additional Judge, was passed.

The majority agricultural committee made a report recommending the repeal of the law creating the office of State Grain Inspector. A minority report that such action is indefinitely postponed was also submitted.

The Appropriations committee recommended that the \$500 appropriation asked for to cover a deficiency in the office of the Board of Audit and Control be not allowed.

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DEMOCRATS ARE IN A FLUTTER.
Decision of Five Senators to Support OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 24.—The Thurston railway commission bill has caused a flutter in the Democratic camp, that may drift into a more or less serious party difference.

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OUTLOOK FOR PRUNES
COMING SEASON NOT LIKELY TO BE GOOD ONE FOR GROWER.

Large Stock on Hand in California, and Buyers Slow—Practically No Market at Present.

SALREM, Or., Jan. 24.—The outlook for prunes is far from encouraging to the few in this vicinity who still have stock on hand. It is said that some 100,000 bushels of prunes are still held here by local owners.

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WILLAPA OYSTERMEN OBJECT.
Against Lease or Sale of Natural Oyster Beds—Resolutions.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 24.—The rumored attempt of some Puget Sound oystermen to get a bill through the Legislature to permit the lease or sale of the natural oyster beds by the state has raised the Willapa Harbor oystermen to action.

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FOR TWO NEW FACTORIES.
Vancouver Looking Up Condensed Milk Plant and Fruit Canning.

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WARDEN OF IDAHO PENITENTIARY.
Silver Republican Gets Place Over Democratic Candidate.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 24.—The State Prison Board today appointed Charles E. Arney, Silver Republican, to the position of warden, to take effect February 1. It had been the impression that C. H. Harvey, Democrat, who resigned from the Democratic ticket as candidate for Mine Inspector, in order to admit of re-union, would receive this appointment, and the action of the board came as a surprise.

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TO PUBLISH COLLEGE ANNUAL.
Junior Class of the University of Oregon So Decides.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 24.—The members of the junior class of the University of Oregon have decided to publish a college annual next semester, and have already begun preparations for the book, which will be the first ever issued here. At a meeting of the class this morning the following staff was elected: Editor-in-chief, Allen H. Eaton; associate editors, J. Arthur Gamber, G. O. Goodall, Rose B. Par-

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FIR FOR BATTLE-SHIPS
FAMOUS DOUGLAS OR OREGON TIMBER TO BE TESTED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The merits of Douglas or Oregon fir are now under consideration by the Secretary of the Navy. In seeking to secure the construction of a battleship, the Secretary is comparing various kinds of materials used were examined by the Washington delegation.

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RECORD OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE.
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H. B. 10 by Adams—To amend the Business Code, relative to the time for holding court in First Judicial District. Passed January 24.

H. B. 107, by Hawkins—To amend Dallas incorporation act. Passed January 22.

H. B. 65, by Porter—To lower salary Clackamas County Judge. Passed January 23.

H. B. 119, by Smith of Yamhill—To amend Sheridan charter. Passed January 24.

H. B. 9, by Marsters—To amend Roseburg incorporation act. Passed January 21.

H. B. 22, by Wade—To amend Elsie's incorporation act. Passed January 21.

H. B. 101, by Daly—To incorporate Corvallis. Passed January 23.

H. B. 102, by Smith of Baker—To incorporate Sumpter. Passed January 23.

H. B. 104, by Smith of Multnomah—To authorize removal of obstructions in Columbia River. Passed January 23.

H. B. 112, by Sweek—To authorize Portland to levy special tax. Passed January 23.

H. B. 14, by Marsters—To incorporate Canyonville. Passed January 23.

H. B. 10, by Brownell—To pay expenses of War Veterans' delegation to Washington City. Passed January 23.

H. B. 162, by McCreer—To incorporate Astoria. Passed January 23.

H. B. 71, by Smith of Baker—To incorporate Baker City. Passed January 23.

H. B. 80, by Brownell—To submit initiative and referendum. Passed January 23.

H. B. 203, by the ways and means committee—To appropriate money for legislative expenses, and for deficiencies. Passed January 23.

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QUOTATIONS OF MINING STOCKS.
SPOKANE, Jan. 24.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were:

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes American Roy, Bismarck, Butte & Bonanza, etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Adams, Alton, Breese, etc.

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—Closing quotations:

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Am. Copper, Boston & Mont., etc.

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 24.—A large kerosene lamp in Blackman Bros' store exploded last night, setting fire to the building, and but for timely and heroic work a costly fire would have resulted.

Notes of McMillan, Or., Jan. 24.—The schools commemorated Queen Victoria's death this morning by appropriate exercises.

AT THE HOTELS.
THE PORTLAND.
Louis Pelton, Chicago; C. D. Bell, La Grande; J. H. Black, N. Y.; A. Duran, etc.

THE PERKINS.
Oliver McCord, Baker; C. A. F. Bryan, Seattle; J. M. Doody, Baker; J. W. Doody, Baker; etc.

THE ST. CHARLES.
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