

WANT TO BE HEARD

The Railroads Wish to Argue Case in Washington.

LEGISLATURE IS SO INFORMED

Committee Appointed to Confer With Those Interested—Discussion, if Had, Will Be Informal Joint Session.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—A somewhat spectacular feature was introduced into the railroad fight tonight, when ex-Congressman William H. Doolittle, of Tacoma, appeared before the House railroad committee and urged that the members of both houses meet in informal joint session and listen to arguments both pro and con on railroad legislation.

Colonel Doolittle disclaimed representing either side, although the anti-railroad people are charging him with being in the railroad lobby. His proposal was debated at some length by the committee. Chairman Lewis spoke strongly against it, declaring that the session last night, when the railroad lawyers addressed the committee, was fruitless. He said that the attitude of the lawyers was unsatisfactory and that they exhibited manifest insincerity in answering the questions propounded to them by the committee.

Representative Bowne, of Spokane, delivered a Populist speech, in which he veered away from the question at issue and denounced the railroad and the courts indiscriminately as being enemies of the people. Finally, however, the committee voted down Messrs. Lewis and Bowne, and appointed a subcommittee to inform the railroad committee of the Senate on the advisability of holding a joint session of the Legislature to hear the arguments of whoever cared to appear. The subcommittee was instructed to report back Monday. It is generally recognized that the railroads fear that the anti-corporation spirit is dominant in the House committee, and that the Rosenhaupt bill, which the rate war is raging, will probably be reported favorably in the present state of the committee's mind. Such being the case, they desire further hearing, believing the hearing of Thursday night to have been unsatisfactory and unproductive of any good.

Chairman Lewis, of the House railroad committee, is the man who introduced the Preston Commission bill in the House, where it has never been acted upon. Lewis is a Republican, and affiliated with the same political circle as Mr. Preston. Representative Bowne is a Populist. The attitude of Mr. Doolittle is somewhat uncertain. He stated to the Oregonian correspondent tonight that he was simply acting as a citizen, who desired the success of the Republicans, and who believed that the only way to obtain it was by a full and free discussion of the matter before any railroad legislation should be enacted. He has been here ever since the session convened, and his mission has been something of a mystery.

DID NOT WAIT FOR CAUCUS.

House Committee Favorably Reported Reapportionment Bill.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—The House committee on reapportionment today ignored the action of the Senate in calling a caucus for Monday night, and reported the Jones bill favorably. The Jones bill is identical with the Willshire bill in the Senate. Messrs. Kimball and Lawall, of Pierce County, who originally refused to sign the report, Kimball is a Republican, and Lawall and Bowne are Democrats.

Senator Hamilton, of Pierce County, has been waging vigorous warfare on the Willshire bill, which is the only legislative reapportionment bill yet introduced. Senator Hamilton's reasons for his opposition have been explained in a statement issued, that the bill abolishes his district and makes his return to the Senate impossible. He has enlisted much support both among Republicans and Democrats, and the primary reason for calling the caucus Monday night is to satisfy him and his friends. He takes the position that he will not consent to the reduction of his district until the Legislature of Pierce County has taken action in the Senate, although he is willing to surrender one member of the Lower House. To consent to Senator Hamilton's demand means a change in the whole reapportionment ratio, which Senator Willshire spent much time and labor in figuring out. The caucus promises to be a warm affair.

IN THE SENATE.

Bill to Admit Indian War Veterans to Soldier's Home Passed.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—In the Senate this morning, Preston's bill to permit the admission of Indian War veterans to the Soldier's Home at Orling, on the same terms as veterans of the Civil War, was passed by unanimous vote. The bill provides for the inspection of all steam boilers to be indefinitely postponed on motion of Senator Meeker.

Senate Bill No. 96, by Preston, prescribing certain regulations for the operation of mutual fire associations was passed. It provides that no policy shall be issued by any such company until 200 risks, aggregating \$100,000, shall have been taken. It further provides that no single risk shall be taken for more than \$1000 until an assessment on all its members equal to 15 per cent of the standard premium specified in each policy would cover the risk.

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Reapportionment Bill Made Special Order for Next Friday.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—At the morning session of the House the bill relating to the assessment and collection of taxes was so amended as to make the personal property exemption \$200 instead of \$2000.

It was stated by Representative Fairchild that Everett desired to have the members of the Legislature as its guests next Friday, Washington's Birthday, instead of tomorrow, as originally planned. Postponement, he said, was due to the failure of Everett to secure a steamer in which to carry its guests to and from Olympia. The House accepted the invitation.

A petition, extensively signed by Whitman County farmers, was read, praying for the passage of the Rosenhaupt freight rate bill. The petition went to the railroad committee.

The Judiciary committee recommended the indefinite postponement of Bush's bill, defining the crime of kidnapping and fixing the penalty from three to seven years. Hastings introduced a bill providing that when personal taxes are not paid within 30 days the same shall be turned over to the Sheriff for collection and he is authorized to levy on the property taxed.

Philbrick introduced a bill fixing the poll tax in cities of the third class at \$2. At present it is less than in some cities, and it is charged that some take advantage of this by living in one place and paying poll tax in another. Corey introduced a bill making the State Insurance Commissioner State Fire Marshal, increasing his pay \$300 annually, and authorizing him to investigate fires

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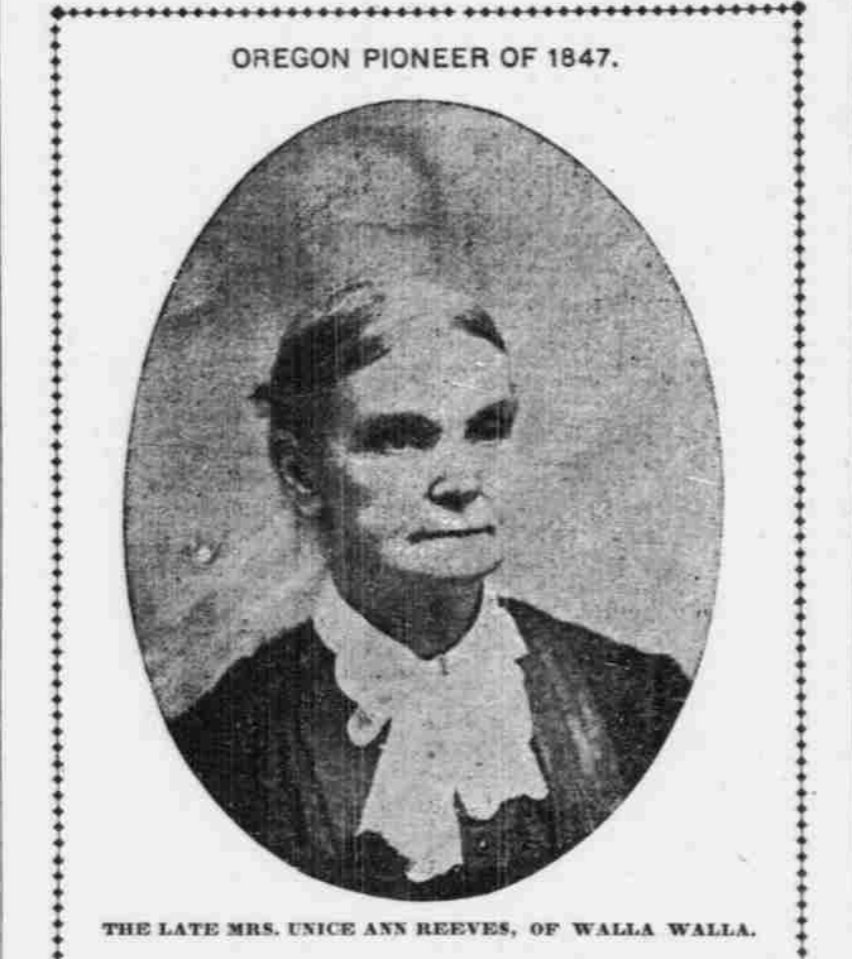
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Ordinance No. 77 was amended so as to raise the license of fakirs and street peddlers from \$20 to \$5 per day. The license for itinerant merchants and transients was increased from \$10 to \$25 per day. This is done to protect the local merchants.

New Shingle Mill. The Wingard Brothers are making preparations to put in operation a shingle mill about two miles west of here. They have gotten control of the Freeman & Brown saw mill plant, and will refit it and operate it as a shingle mill. The plant is located close to a good body of timber, and a good road has been built from the mill to the railroad.

Suit For Damages. The damage suit of Frank Lang vs. The Centralla Shingle Company has been begun for the second time in the Superior Court. This case was brought up at the last term of court for trial, but was dismissed on motion of the plaintiff. The suit is brought by Lang's father to recover about two miles west of here. They have gotten control of the Freeman & Brown saw mill plant, and will refit it and operate it as a shingle mill. The plant is located close to a good body of timber, and a good road has been built from the mill to the railroad.

City Jail is Being Renovated. The City Jail is being generally repaired. It is intended to soon move it to a location near the City Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT NOT OFFICIAL. Lieutenant-Colonel Daugherty Has Not Yet Word of Promotion.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Feb. 15.—The promotion of Lieutenant-Colonel Daugherty, of this post, to Colonel, has not been officially announced, as reported, although it is expected that it will be shortly. No vacancy has yet been made in the Nineteenth Infantry. It is thought that Colonel Daggett will be promoted and retired February 15, which will promote Lieutenant-Colonel Daugherty. It is more than probable that the latter officer will be assigned to the Seventh, instead of the Nineteenth, as reported.

Lieutenant-Colonel Daugherty was a private when the Civil War began, and was soon commissioned, but not for any special act, while serving in Virginia. He was wounded at Shrapnelston Ford, again at Fredericksburg, and later, severely, at Vicksburg.

FULTON CREATED SENSATION.

Strongly Denounced Bill to Provide Fish Commissioner a Launch.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—President Fulton created a small sensation in the Senate this evening in denouncing a measure introduced by Brownell, at the request of Charles W. Foster, the important feature of the measure was that it authorized the Fish Commissioner to purchase or build a launch. Daly having asked a question regarding the cost of the launch and no answer being forthcoming, Fulton said that there is no more need of a launch than of a fifth wheel for a wagon.

Later, Fulton called Joseph to the chair and took part in the debate. He argued in favor of using the hatchery funds for the establishment of hatcheries and said that when Oregon gets a Fish Commissioner who understands his business and attends to his duties, the funds will be so used. He contended that the use of a patrol boat except during certain seasons and that it would be cheaper for the state to hire a boat during these seasons instead of keeping one for the Commissioner to ride up and down the river on. The bill was defeated, but later was reconsidered for the purpose of disposing of the hatchery fund for hatchery purposes.

GILL-NETTERS WIN.

They Get a Favorable Amendment on a House Fish Bill.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—Representatives Edson and Hahn, members of the House committee on Fisheries, scored a victory this morning by having their minority report on House bill 90 adopted. The bill reported provided for the reservation of the Columbia River above tide water as spawning grounds, and making it unlawful to catch salmon beyond the prescribed limits other than by hook, line or spear. On this the majority of the committee reported favorably, but the remaining members, Edson and Hahn, offered an amendment, embodied in a minority report, adding the words "or gill nets" among the appliances by which

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