

neir lives to catch the fish The floral contribution came from the Fishermen's Union of Astoria, which has representatives here seeking to have the fishing bill amended so as to prevent the use of any stationary gear on the Colum-bia River in the catching of saimon. There appears to be an active lobby work. ing to secure this amondment when the bill comes up under special order this afternoon.

Francisco, via the Isthmus, in May, 1840. In 1850 he came to Portland, and was there at the first election ever held at that point. He name to Coos Bay with the Marple Company, which left Jacksonville in May, 1853, for the purpose of finding a harbor which would furnish an outlet for Southern Oregon. Capitain Harris located the townsite of Empire City, and filed a claim for a half section of land under the donation act, which was the first filing made under the laws or the United States on any land in what is now Coos County. There he built the first house over crected in this part of Oregon, and platted eight blocks of the town. He was one of the three men who opened the Eastport coal mine, and built the first railroad in Coos County. He named the town of Marshfield, and was, in fact, closely with the entire early history of this section. He was married in 1858 to Miss Margaret Romanes, and the following year filed upon a homestead on the Coquille River where he had since resided. Mrs. Harris died in 1877. Three daughters survive him.

sent to the printer and there surreptitious- twice in the Senate and referred to the

operating fishwheels within their state territory at the expense of those in Ore-gon whom you seek to deprive from en-

In the Senate the bill compelling the closing of saloons from midnight to 5 A. M. was killed.

## SALMON CANNERY COMBINATION. One of Largest in History of Pacific

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nity to vote next year on local prohibition

Coast About to Be Closed. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18 .- One of the

combination

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	Vote to protect the NATURAL, SPAWNING GROUNDS.
	Compliments of the men who risk their lives to catch the fish

of them now to seek to have the bill amended in the manner he has indicated. "If those supporting the amendment are acting in good faith," said Mr. Roberts, "let them make a longer close season; let them close the river entirely for a time If it is necessary to protect the salmon from extermination. The passing of this amendment will be class legislation, and giving the fishermen on the Washington side of the river the full opportunity of

gaging in the pursuit." Watson spoke in favor of the amendnent, saying he had a number of friends, the McGowans, Warrens and others, who operated wheels in the river, but they and got rich in the business and could ow afford to hang up their wheels for a time and give the salmon a chance. want to say," said Watson, "that a man who votes against this bill votes against the interests of the State of Oregon. He did not indicate whether he referred to the bill with the proposed amendment included, or not. Allen of Clatsop supported the proposed mondment, and disclaimed any desire on the part of people in Astoria wanting to get all the fish. This he considered impossible, even if the people at the mouth of the Columbia River desired to do so. He read extracts from Government re-ports showing how destructive fishwheels were in the catching of salmon. "We are," said Mr. Allen "under some obliga to posterity, and we should not destroy this magnificent industry of Oregon It is no more than right that considera-tion be shown to those who follow us. Every member can conscientionsly vote this amendment, and I hope they will do so. Speaker Reeder moved the previous on, but Roberts raised a point of or der that no such action could be taken in mittee of the whole, which was sus Hume of Curry spoke in defense of the bill and against the proposed amendment. after which the vote was taken and the amendment was carried, 23 to 15. Roberts offered an amendment appro priating \$570,000 to reimburse those whose property was to be confiscated and their property legislated out of existence. Rice argued that if such an appropriation be made, the state could be made to pay for any gambling device that entime ment of the state law against such ousiness prevented from being used. Roberts then withdrew his amendment, when Colvig introduced another by add-ing the words "the Columbia River above the mouth of Snake River," and then ar gued for some time in favor of it. An effort was then made to amend the section by restricting fishwheels on the Columbia River above John Day River, but it was promptly voted down. Then an amendment fixing the limit on the Co-lumbia. River above the mouth of the Snake River met the fate of its prede. cessor and was beaten. The section, amended so as to include the Columbia River and all its tributaries, was then adopted, when the committee arose and reported progress. The bill will be again taken up in the morning for further con

be printed. Mr. Briggs' hobby was that orphans should be bound out, and the bill did not provide for such action. The bill was sent to the printer.

WOULD BE BAD FOR ASTORIA. Senate Amendment to Charter Not

Favored.

ASTORIA, Feb. 18 -- Astorians were sur-prised to learn today that the charter imendment bill, as passed by the Senate Friday morning, contained the provision to change the method of computing the city's indebtedness, and to prevent the

passage of which a special committee was sent to Salem a few days ago. Under the largest salmon cannery combination the history of the industry on the ent charter the limit of placed at \$290,000, but this is net in-Const is about to be closed by R. Onffroy, lebtedness, and, as resources, the cash who promoted the big Pucific-American fisheries combination on Puget Sound, on hand, uncollected taxes and street assessments are counted. The proposed new law places the limit of indebtedness Onffroy is now in New York, with options on a number of the largest can at \$210,000, gross. No resources can be figured, excepting the actual cash on neries in Southeastern and Puget Sound waters. The deal, it is stated, will include hand, and, what is more, the indebted-15 canneries and will involve the investtess must include the salaries and curment of \$3,000,000. It is understood that rent expenses owing at the time the estithe capital has been pledged and will mate is made. Street bonds are, however, not considered part of the debt. On shortly be available. the first day of January the city owed. exclusive of street bonds, \$214,260 20. The cash on hand amounted to \$3346 24, leaving High Water Probably Over. INDEPENDENCE, Or., Feb. 18 -- Despite the cold spell .... set in last evening, the river continued to rise and came up a debt, according to the new inw, of \$204,913 96, or within less than \$6000 of the limit. As, however, the running expenses 10 inches during the night. The sawmill of the city are about \$2500 per month and there is about \$1000 in interest to pay surrounded with water and cannot run. The steamer's warehouses are surrounded and all the bottom hopyards are cov-cred. This afternoon the weather has turned colder, and it is thought that the within a few days, it will readily be seen that by March 1 the limit placed by this amendment will be neurly reached, un-less the receipts in the meantime should rise is over. be much larger than anticipated. Mem-bers of the Council stated that, in the

Bernards Clem Renvis Rice Schumann Driscoll dson Shipley. Simpson Smith of Baker Smith R A Mult irace ledges leitkemper Sweek Ingram McAlister Wade Watson Montague Wehrung Morrow Whitney For George H Williams, 1 vote, Roberts For C. E. S. Wood, 1 vote. Inn Absent, 2 votes,

R. D. Inman, 25 votes.

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#### Other Deadlocks.

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LINCOLN, Neb., Fob. 18 .- The vote on United States Senator was as follows: ock .....

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 18 .- The vote on Senator today was:

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#### ELECTRIC LIGHT BILL TABLED.

#### Multnomah Delegation . So Voted-A New Measure Probable.

SALEM, Feb. 15 .- The Multhomah delegation today voted to lay on the table Senator Mays' bill to ratify and legalize the indebtedness of the City of Portland to the Portland General Electric Company, amounting to \$19,131, for lights furnished during part of October and all of November and December 1900. Senator Mays stated that he first opposed the payment of the bill, but Mayor Rowe told him the Board of Public Works passed a resolution Saturday, unanimously in fa-vor of the bill. Mr. Mays also read a letter signed by A. L. Mills that when the lighting contract was entered into it was never contemplated that the city charter would prevent the payment of the bill. The city was morally if not le-gally bound to pay the bill. Mr. Mays explained that the electric company un-der this last yearly contract had reduced the price from \$80,000 to \$53,000. Senator Josephi opposed the bill because it put the responsibility on the Legislature of declaring the indebtedness legal. He said he had no objection to the Common Councli paying the amount. The bill used ng language; it legalized and ratified the cialin, and the Legislature knew nothing about the indebtedness except by hearsay. He was willing to authorize the Council and no more, but not to approve a mandatory bill.

Senator Sweek took the same position. while he believed the company ought to be paid if the money was coming to it. Senator Smith-Is not this a legal indebtedness?

Senator Sweek-The trouble is this bill makes us say it is.

Senator Smith-I don't see why it isn't if it is a contract with the city. Senator Sweek-The only kind of a bill I feel like supporting is the Council to pay the claim if they think

it legal. Senator Hunt said when they were considering the 2-mill levy Councilman Mulkey informed him that the Council favored the payment of the bill, and as

the Board of Public Works had approved it and as they had had the lights, they uld take some kind of action. Senator Smith-What is the margin of

profit? Senator Mays-I don't know. The year The bill passed the Senate.

# PAX-AMERICAN COMMISSION.

#### Only Three of Members Likely to Get Pay-Those Slated for Places.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18 .- Candidates for "soft snaps" under the Pan-American Exposition Commission are not meeting much encouragement. The ways and means committee is endeavoring to keep its affairs to itself, but some of the genthement seeking places think they are find-ing out some of the plans agreed upon. It is said that the commission will be made up of eight persons: H. B. Thiel-sen, Edith Togler Weatherred, A. J. John-son, E. V. Carter, R. Alexander, A. P. Tifft, John Burkhart and E. L. Smith: that none of these will be permitted to draw a salary; that only three members will be allowed their expenses in attend. ing the exposition; that the superintendent will be allowed a salary of \$90 per month, and that the appropriation of \$25,000 will be required to cover the expenses of the exhibit at both the Pan-American exposi-

tion at Buffalo and the Commercial Congress at Charleston later in the season

## Senate Thanked by Mrs. Reed.

SALEM, Feb. 18.-At the opening of the Senate this morning President Fulton read the following letter which he had received from Mrs. Eva A. Reed, widow of the late Senator A. W. Reed, who was drowned in the Umpqua River a year ago while he was inspecting a site for a fish hatchery:

"San Francisco, Feb. 14, 1901.-To the President and Members of the Senate Sa-lem, Or.-Gentlemen: 1 wish to express heartfelt thanks for your kindly membrance in adjourning the Senate in memory of my husband, Alfred W. Reed, I feel your kindness very deeply, and wish to express my gratitude for the same. Very respectfully yours, "EVA A, REED,"

### Regulates Sale of Property for Taxes. SALEM, Feb. 18 .- The object of House

bill 11, by Mattoon, which passed the Senate today, is to remedy the defects in the present law relating to the purchase of land at tax sale. The bill as passed provides the school districts and County Courts may bid in property at tax sales and hold the same subject to redemption in the same manner as such property is held by private persons. also provided that the school district of county, after securing title to land through purchase at tax sale, may sell the same at public auction to the highest oldder. Th bill passed the Senate without opposition.

# To Pay State Taxes Twice a Year.

SALEM, Feb. 18 .- Senate bill 223, bi Sweek, provides that state taxes shall be payable by the counties in two semiannual installments. This change in the law is proposed in order to harmonize with the new luw which makes taxes payable to the countles semiannually. As the counties will collect their taxes half. yearly, it was considered proper that state taxes should be paid in the same manner.

drawn without notification to the Senate. which thought it had ordered it printed-has also been divulged. The majority members of the Multnomah Senate delegation say they simply had "permis-sion to print." The record says they had "instructions to print." In any event, it seems to be a fact that when the Senate gave "power to print" the charter, which some say was the wording of the motion, it intended that the charter should be printed. It looks pretty much as if the ruling members of the delegation intended in this motion to convey the idea that the charter would be printed and not to

The latest information concerning the city charter is that it has been so as to include the present charter provisions concerning street improvement with slight modification, and it is said that the charter in complete form

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will be given to the printer tomorrow. A statement that the charter was re-cently turned over to W. F. Matthews and C. A. Burckhardt to be tinkered with is dealed by the members of the Mult-nomah delegation, but it is not dealed that they had it. Mr. Matthews has had considerable experience in city affairs having been connected with the City Auditor's office for a number of years, and has been accredited with having framed

much of the charter of 1893. Speaking of the matter, Mr. Matthews said he was spoken to relative to th changes in the new charter as to street improvements by certain parties, and he advised them that it was not a good plan to adopt a theoretical scheme for such an

important matter, and, after some con-versation about it, he agreed to fix up a souple of amendments to the street sections in the present city charter. One of these, he says, provides what a temporary street repair shall consist of. The charter as it now stands authorizes the Council to make temporary repairs to streets, but does not describe what shall be considered such repairs, and this, he states, has caused some trouble. The other amend, ment gives the Board of Public Works

the right to object to a straet improve-ment if it does not think it will be a benefit. "For instance," said Mr. Matthems. "a petition might be presented for the improvement of the business part of Third street with macadam, which would not be a good style of improvement for that street." Mr. Matthews stated further that in order to get the work out at once, the time left of the session being

very short, he engaged several typewrit-ars. He mentioned the names of several well-known citizens with whom he said he conferred, but said it was not neces, sary to publish their names. Mr. Mat-thews said he had not interested himself in any legislation whatever, except the Bingham primary bill, which was the only bill of that kind introduced, and he desired it passed, but he was unsuccess-ful in obtaining the indotsement of the election committee, the country members opposing a direct primary law,

The charter was considered by the Mult. mah delegation in sections. Those first taken up pertained to the powers and duties of the Mayor and Common Councli, and streets and sewers. These were

afterwards given as a whole to The Ore-gonian for publication. The street sec-tions and some other parts were said to have been prepared under the direction of the Taxpayers' League, H. W. Hogue Deviln is said to have subsequently re-vised some of the sections, but to have never been entirely satisfied with the sys-

print. It had not then been all gone over by the entire delegation, but only by the charter committee of the delegation. Permission was wanted to print it when it was finished. It was no use to any one in that form. The chief clerk the ght that instead of "permission to print" i motion was "instructions to print." It was withdrawn from the printer because the delegation wanted to use parts of it. They had to compare some parts of it. Mr. Mays asked to have the stateme nade that matters in connection with the charter had been all done in open session at which an Oregonian representative was owed to be present, and said he thought

the charter would be sent to the printer tomorrow. It would then be in final form, and 240 copies printed would do some good. Regarding the report that the charter was turned over to Messrs. Burckhardt and datthews, Senator Mays said it was not true. Some change had been made in the street sections, and several typewriters were employed to do the work. The street sections would probably be as they are now, with very few changes.

Senator Smith said: "I think because there has been such a flood of work, we naturally procrastinated because of the magnitude of the charter, and on account of waiting largely for development of the thing by the Taxpayers' League. If there has been any political scheming, I don't know anything about it, and as far as my volce goes, I would not support it." Representative Shipley, asked why the charter had been withdrawn from the printer, said: "It has never been completed. That is the only reason, I guess, I can't tell exactly why it was taken from the printer, but I think it was on account of the street improvement sections. An endeavor was made to get up a street law which would be in harmony with the de-cisions of the Supreme Court. The first The first iraft, believe, was principally done by H. W. Hogue and the Taxpayers' Leagu and was faulty, and had to be rewritten. Auditor Devin and Hogue worked on it about 10 days, but Devlin was not entirely satisfied with it, and objected to the sec ond draft, and we had to adopt the old sections. That is my understanding, al-though I have not talked with any one particularly about it. On account of the short time, we can't correct the other There were other matters, but we could have got together and settled them if the street improvement section had been set-tied."

Concerning Mr. Matthews and Mr. Burckhardt, Mr. Shipley said: "They haven't any strings on anybody that I know of.' sideration.

Representative Driscoll: "I don't know anything about it, except the delegation got the charter one night to look it over.' Representative Orton said: "I don' know anything except it was put in the hands of the printer in an incomplete state and afterwards withdrawn. I have not heard anything about 'Jack' Matthews and C. A. Burckhardt having the original

manuscript Senator Inman: "I don't know a thing on earth about it, as I wasn't here." State Printer Leeds said: "The President of the Senate sent the Chief Clerk to re call the bill. I received about 130 type written pages. It was partly set up, and

I got it off the cases and stopped the work. I think it was on Friday. The committee wanted to work on it, they doing most of the work, and City Auditor got his receipt for it." C. A. Burckhardt said he did not know

anything particular about the charter, but he thought the members ought to be tem proposed. The other parts of the broad-gauged and get up a charter that charter which relate to the Police and would suit everybody, and not be in a Fire Departments, water works and mis-hurry. There were a great many different cellaneous provisions, were considered by , interests to harmonize.

# IN THE SENATE.

Bill Passed Providing for Semian nual Payment of State Taxes.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.-The Senate was called to order at 11:30 A. M. President Fulton read a letter from Mrs. A. W Reed, expressing her gratitude for the adjournment of the Senate in memory of deceased husband, Senator A. W. Reed.

House bill 11, by Mattoon, to authorize Clerks of school districts and County Judges to bld in property sold for taxes and to direct the manner in which such property may be disposed of was amend-

ed and passed. Senate bill 222, by Sweek, to regulate surety companies, was passed without opposition.

Senator Sweek introduced a bill to provide that state taxes shall be payable in semiannual installments. The bill was read three times and passed. Senator Booth introduced a bill to fix

event this measure is signed by the Gov rnor and becomes a law, all street im provements must be stopped at once, and in order to maintain the city government every class of business and profession must pay a license, the fire and police departments will be dispensed with, and street lights cut off. They regard the bill as a scheme to place the city govern

ment in the hands of one or two men by having the municipality declared bankrupt and a receiver appointed. **Circuit Court Convened.** 

The February term of the Circuit Court

was convened by Judge McBride today, but, after handing down a few formal or-ders, the court dismissed the jury until Monday next and adjourned until that Victim of Heart Disease. T. F. Healey, a carpenter in the employ of the Benson logging camp on Deep River, was found dead yesterday morn

ing sitting in a chair in his room. The cause of his death was heart disease, with which he had long been suffering. was a resident of Portland, and his body was shipped there this morning for in-

Blast Exploded Prematurely.

While work was in progress at the Silvia de Grasse reef yesterday afternoon there was a premature explosion of a blast that broke one of the "spuds" sup-porting the platform from which the drilling is done and overturned it. No other damage was done, except that a man who on the platform at the time had a narrow escape from drowning.

CROOKS' BODY FOUND NEAR RIVER.

Jefferson Farmer Who Suddenly Disappeared-Drowning Accidental. JEFFERSON, Or., Feb. 18.-The body of Abraham Crooks was found at 11 A. M. today in some brush on the south bank of the Santiam, about one-half mile below his late residence. It is supposed Mr



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#### Hard Weather on Cattle.

DALLAS, Cr., Feb. 18 .- The present cold ap is hard on cattle on the open range. little snow fell last night, but soon eited, Regular March weather has premelted. ailed for 10 days.



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