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ern Oregon district at La Grande and The Dalles was called up and passed. House bill 245, by McQueene, to protect at third reading are now dead. The Sen-ate practically finished up its business to-night. The House remained in session till For R. D. Inman, 25 votes, FAVOR AN INVESTIGATION DRESSER EXPLAINS **VICTORY FOR FISH TRAPS** allen Bernards Orton Reavis fish in the Siuslaw River, was passed. a very late hour. Rice Schumann Driscoll House bill 256, providing for an addi-Shipley Simpson Smith of Baker Smith R A Mult tional appropriation of \$50 for payment Edson STATE LAND OFFICE BOOKS CLAUSE PROHIBITING THEM WAS POE'S RECORDS IN VAULT. of premiums at the first and second Southern Oregon district agricultural Grace SHOULD BE GONE OVER. iedges STRICKEN OUT OF SENATE BILL. Chief Clerk of House Does Not Pro Heltkemper Holcomb His Excuse for Not Supportfairs, was passed. Sweek pose That Any Bills Be Missing. House bill 28, by Briggs, defining the term "fellow-servant," was read the third time. The bill failed to pass. Ingram McAlister Wade SALEM, Or., Feb. 21-A. C. Jennings, Chief Clerk of the House, with the ex-perience of other sessions of the Legislaing Mr. Corbett. Watson Judiciary Committee Recommends Amendment to Pay Owners for Gear Montague Wehrung That Attorney-General Inquire Whitney Was Voted Down-On Reconsid-House bill 159, by Dresser, providing for ture in mind, does not propose to take any chances as to the safety of bills in his charge. After the House adjourned Into Alleged Shortage. For A. S. Bennett, 1 vote. deposit of funds by executors or admin eration They Triumphed. Istrators, was read the third time and Inman passed. last night there was an unusual number of outsiders who remained in and about the House, some of them apparently with ACKNOWLEDGES HE AGREED TO The whole Dresser affair has created House bill 133, by Rice, fixing the com-SALEM, Or., Feb. 21 .- The judiciary the most intense excitement during the SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.-The Senate spent pensation of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, was read the third time and committee, through Chairman Kelly, to-day made a report recommending that the Attorney-General be directed to conduct a whole day, and has been the one absorb-ing topic of conversation. Dresser finds the entire evening considering the fishery bili, and left it in practically the same condition in which it was received from the entire evening considering the hahery the House, some of them apparently with no good purpose in view. They made such inquiries regarding certain measures that Chief Clerk Jennings thought ing the operation of traps, wheels, etc. passed. -not many-apologists, but for the House bill 181, by Butt, amending the full investigation of the defalcation re-ported in the State Land Office, and to most part the anti-Corbett people under-take to direct criticism toward the policy law recarding notice to be given tenants Signed Pledge and All That, but on agricultural lands to vacate, was prosecute to the full extent of the law any person found delinquent. The fol-Conjures Up Reasons for Not of printing the agreement and the ac passed companying letter by Mr. Glass, at this time. There are constant reports of other sensational events to follow, and it is said on the Columbia and its tributaries. The bill was then recommitted to the fishery committee for the purpose of inserting ation. Gathering all the valuable docu-House bill 255, by Harris, prohibiting the Keeping His Agreement lowing instructions are given the Attorsale of liquors on the state fair grounds, ney-General: "That he give this matter his official With Graham Glass. was passed. that the anti-Corbett people are prepar-ing a coup of some kind to act as a coun-ter-irritant. They are constantly talking mended that it pass with an amendment House bill 66, by Nottingham, fixing the salary of the Coroner of. Multnomah attention, and take such steps therein as are necessary for the protection of the interests of the State of Oregon. be rebuilt at once. County, was passed. compromise, and profess to be ready to accept anybody but Mr. Corbett. All this County, was passed. Senate bill 20), by Mulkey, amending the charter of Independence, was called up under special order and passed. House bill 259, by Emmett, punishing "That he be permitted to employ such clerical aid in his said investigations as SALEM, Or., Feb. 21,-Representative THE LATE JOHN F. MILLER States Compensation That Is Due Dresser explained to day. He confessed it all. In effect his confession was: "I is taken by the Corbett people as a sign of weakening on the part of the opposi-tion, and they are more confident that to him may be necessary and convenient gave my solemn written pledge to vote for Mr. Corbett. About 10 days before the therein sersons for improperly constructing "That the Senate and the House of ever that on the final show-down the mibarbed-wire fences, passed, House bill 303, by Black, amending the Representatives recommend to the Attor-ney-General that in his said investigations Legislature convened I began to hear runority must come to them. mors that his methods of campaign were not proper. I heard them again after Faces Seen in the Lobby. law regarding sale of mortgaged land for he employ the cierical ald, or such therefollows: C. E. Rummelin, L. H. Tarpley, Sam uel L. Simmons, C. H. Gritzmacher, C. T. taxes, passed. House bill 78, by Schumann, fixing the I came to Salem. That is my excuse for being a self-convicted liar." Repreof as may be necessary, through whom the alleged deficit has been made known. Beicher, Guy Willis, John P. Betts, George C. Stout, Dr. L. M. Davis, Francia I. McKenna, John Manuing, Jacob Beck, salary of the Sheriff of Multnomah Counsentative Dresser's remarks were made "That the said Attorney-General is in-structed, in case any mismanagement or with considerable effort at dramatic ef-fect. An immense crowd was present ty, withdrawn. House bill 225, providing for publication of final accounts of administrators, misappropriation of the state funds be John Mann, W. T. Mulr, W. P. Keady, Ralph R. Duniway, "Jack" Matthews, John Hall, T. C. Powell, A. L. Powell, discovered to exist, to prosecute the wrongdoer or wrongdoers to the full exof in the lobby, and the circumstances seemfcious for him to make the effort fc. Every member and every perpassed. House bill 165, by McCraken, to license horse-shoers, indefinitely postponed. House bill 250, by Nichols, regulating li-censing of sale of liquors, passed. tent of the law and in all ways use his best efforts in the protection of the in-Charles Burckhardt, Joseph Marks, Will-iam Reidt, T. M. Richardson, W. W. Sweeny, C. M. Cartwright, N. H. Bird. son in the lobby had read The Oregonian with its damning evidence of Dresser's duplicity and double-dealing and were terests of the State of Oregon as aforesaid." Donald Mackay, Charles Hopkins, F. H. Saylor, J. C. Moreland, Frank Motter, House bill 152, by Carter, protecting fish naturally wrought up to a point of high curiosity as to whether or not he would respond to the loud call upon him for an The cierks who discovered the apparent in Rogue River, indefinitely postponed. House bill 2% by Harris, fixing compet-defalcation were J. C. Hodson, of New-berg, and W. A. Jones, of Salem. They were working under the directions of a F. M. Warren, Charles Nickell, Joseph Buchtel, George Sorenson, Sam Wolf, O. F. Paxton, Sam Mason, A. C. Lohmire, explanation. When his name was reached sation of Clerk of Supreme Court, passed. House bill 292, by McQueene, extending time for construction of Siuslaw & Eastthe roll-call be arese and addressed special joint committee, of which George C. Brownell was chairman. on the roll-call he arease and addressed the chair, saying: "Mr. Preskient." A long pause en-sued, made painfully apparent by the breathiens stillness of the lobby. "I hold in my hands," said the Representa-tive from Clackamas. "a paper called The Oregonian, in which there appears today this question? "Will Mr. Dresser explain." I know of no reason wey Mr. Dresser should not explain. I to so in these words without any previous preparation whatever: Something like four or five T. C. Devlin, S. C. Spencer, W. H. Huriburi, Sylvester Farrell, F. V. Drake, ern Railway & Navigation Company, It was anticipated and may yet be ordered that the investigation shall be con-tinued under the direction of the compassed. House bill 229, by Edson, amending law in regard to use of standard weights, mittee, which has distinguished itself by the almost unprecedented feat of dispassed. covering mismanagement in a public of-House bill 2%, by Roberts, providing punishment for mutilation of hides of sheep, passed. House hill 48 by Smith of Marlon, to license and control warehouses, indefi-IN THE SENATE. whatever: Something like four or five or six months before the last election, that an understanding with Mr. Joseph Lazarus, S. B. Linthleum, C. M. Idieman, nitely postponed. House bill 273, by Miller, providing for Congress Asked for Appropriation r six months before the last election, had an understanding with Mr. Joseph for Lewis and Clark Exposition. I had an understanding with Mr. Joseph Simon, Mr. George A. Steel, ai I certain other parties that I should become a can-didate for Joint Representative for the Counties of Clackamas and Multhomah. I think there were also some others pres-ent at the time. It was understood that I should vote for Mr. Corbett if I were Description of George C. Stout, Charles K. Heary, G. Bobertson, A. Resenthal, M. C. Butler, I should vote for Mr. Corbett if I were based of George C. No. 1 Stourette, The Stourigan, Jacob Wolf, Louis Rein-bert and George C. No. 1 Stourette, The Stourigan, Jacob Wolf, Louis Rein-bert and George No. sinking artesian wells in Eastern Oregon, SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.-The Senate was falled to pass. House bill 334, by McGreer, amending called to order at 9:30 A. M., and opened with prayer by Rev. H. L. Pratt, chaplain estray law, passed House bill 286, by Harris, amending act Counties of Clackamas and Multhomah. I think there were also some others pros-ent at the time. It was understood that I should vote for Mr. Corbett if I were elected. It was also fully understood of the Fourth Regiment, O. N. G. Senate bill No. 72, by Dimmick, to amend the law relating to Justices' regarding compensation of officers of Linn and Lane Counties, passed. House bill 266, by Schumann, amending Courts, was tabled. Senate bill No. 29, by Sweek, to hart and George Noland. law regarding proceedings after executhorize the conveyance of Park block, in that I should do what was right in rela-OREGON PIONEER OF 1850, MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN tion, passed. tion to legislation affecting Multhomsh County, 1 agreed to that. Later I went Portland, to the Oregon Historical So-clety and similar organizations, was The House refused to concur in Senate HOUSE GAVE IN TO SENATE. 1853, AND NOTED INDIAN FIGHTER. amendments to House bill 47, fixing com-pensation of County Commissioners, \$10,000 Appropriation for New Code into the County Convention in Clackamas County composed of some 165 delegates, and I was indorsed unanimously for Joint was passed. Senate blil No. 25, by Smith of Mult-Not Cut to \$5000, as First Voted. providing that owners of traps, wheels, wart State Capitol guards, conveyed them House bill 143, by Pearce, for relief of James Sharp, indefinitely postponed. House bill 50, by Hahn, providing for SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.-The House today took up Senate bill No. 37, for publica-tion of the Bellinger revised code, under special order, going into committee of the whole, Dresser in the chair, for its consideration. namah, relating to compensation of the state printer, was taken from the com-mittee on commerce and referred to the committee on printing. Representative and the delegation to the State Convention was earnestly asked to protection of salmoa in Columbia River, was read the third time. Only 26 members rocure my nomination. Just before the State Convention I was notified by Mr. Graham Glass that there were a great

Mr. Dresser then recited at some length the circumstances of his meeting with Mr. Glass and to the framing of the

pledge. "I was required to sign," he said. "It is not true that I was glad to do Whitney of Linn also supported the bill and did not believe that the approit, nor that I was willing to do it; but it is true that I did it, and I agreed to keep it. I intended to support Mr. Corbett unpriation proposed was by no means excessive. til about 10 days before the Legislature Orton of Multnomah, who spoke from convened. I then began to hear rumors which to me, in my humble and unso-

a practical standpoint, being conversant with the printing business, said that the appropriation was by no means excess-Eddy said he felt satisfied that, wheth-

er his amendment was voted down or not, he was right. He believed that \$8000 was sufficient to pay for the expenses of

Coiving supported the bill, saying the appropriation was a reasonable one. The gether and agreed upon amendments by amendment was carried by a vote of 24 which the clause prohibiting traps on the Columbia and its tributaries and the clause providing for compensation to the owners were stricken out. This is a victory for the owners of the fishwheels and nts m Colvig moved to amend the report by President Fulton, by taking the floor replacing the original appropriation of \$10,000 Eddy spake in favor of adopting achieved a remarkable personal triumph in securing reconsideration of a measure the report. The vote to amend the report was voted down, after which the bill was read the third time and passed. once beaten by a large vote, but in the end it availed him nothing. The Senate later refused to concur in the amendment. Later the House re-DUTIES OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL. eded, and the appropriation of \$10,000 Bill to Increase or More Clearly Destands fine Them Comes Up Today. SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.-House bill 346,

AFFORDS CREDITORS PROTECTION Swindlers Operations Limited by Bill

SALEM, Or., Feb. 20 .- The blil to pre-vent the sale and transfer of stocks of goods in bulk, in fraud of creditors, in-troduced by Senator Mays, was passed by the Senate after a spirited debate upon its merits. The bill provides that a vendor shall not be allowed to dispose of for them without having first given five days' notice to his creditors. A list of the creditors must be furnished to the vendee, who shall also give the creditors five days' notice of his intention to pur-chase. The notice whill be in surgery by chase. The notice shall be in person, by registered letter, or by telegraph. If the chase. Find letter, or by telegraph. If the law is not compiled with, the sale shall be deemed to be fraudulent and volt. If the vendor makes a false statement to the vendee concerning his creditors, he shall be liable to punishment for per-tury.

were found to be present, and the House adjourned at 12:39 Friday morning to

handle" to Former County.

meet again at 9:39. TO GIVE BAKER PART OF UNION.

vide a bicycle tax, was passed, House bill No. 248, by the ways and means committee, to prescribe duties for House Voted for Annexation of "Panthe Attorney-General, was made a special order for tomorrow motning. The Senate refused to concur in the House amendments to the Bellinger code SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.-House bill 20, by

Grace, providing for the annexation of a portion of Union to Baker County, today passed the House. In support of the bill Mr. Grace said it was a measure that came up on its merits. There was no

air. Grace said it was a measure that came up on lis merits. There was no money being used on either side, and those from Union County who were pres-ent and working to defeat the bill were all honorable men. Baker County was

not asking that the panhandle of Union County should be annexed to it, but the people of the panhandle, taking the initia-tive, were themselves seeking to be put into Baker County, and sever all relations with Union. "The petition asking the Legislature to take action is signed by 450 residents of that part of Union Coun-ty," said he. "As a matter of fact, peo-

said.

\$75,000 FIRE AT ASTORIA

MAIN PORTION OF CLATSOP COM-PANY'S MILL.

Blaze Originated in the Engine-Room-Plant Will Be Rebuilt at Ouce.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 21-The main mill of the Clatsop Mill Company's plant was totally destroyed by fire this evening. The plaze originated in the engine-room and spread so rapidly that nothing could be moved. Five cars loaded with lumber and standing on the sidetrack were also burned. Fortunately, there was no wind and the yards, box factory and dryhouses were saved. The loss is about \$75,000, par ially covered by insurance. The mill will

REPORT OF CLERK COMMITTEE.

and Recommends Payment.

SALEM. Or., Feb. 2L-The joint commit tee on compensation of clerks of special mmittees of investigation today recomended that compensation be allowed as

Committee to examine the books of the

the committee voting against the bill. Fulton changed his vote to "No"

moved a reconsideration. In speaking in favor of this motion he made an earnest, eloquent and powerful appeal for "the protection of Oregon's greatest industry fram destruction by those damnable ma-chines." He denounced the committee as unfair in recommending an amendment which they would not themselves support, and pleaded with the Senate to reconsider the vote and strike out the amend-ment which its own authors rejected. Coivig supported the bill, saying the appropriation was a reasonable one. The amendment was carried by a your of the bill by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the amendment was carried by a your of the coivig support of the bill, saying the bill, saying the coivig support of the bill, saying the bill support of the bill support of the bill, saying the bill support of the bill support of the

bill, cutting the appropriation from \$10,000 to \$9909. House bill No. 47, by Smith, of Marion, to increase the compensation of County Commissioners, was passed.

Senator Sweek introduced a resolution asking Congress to make an appropria-tion for an exhibit at the Lewis & Clark

tion for an exhibit at the Lewis & Clark centennial exposition in 1965. The reso-lution was adopted. House bill 154, by Holeomb, to amend the Bancroft bonding act, was passed. The judiciary committee filed a report on the subject of the shortage in the fund a tip the start and office accom-

At 10:30, there being no quorum pres-ent, the Senate took a recess until 11 o'clock.

House bill No. 83, by McCraken, to pro-

the state honorably and suitarepresent bly." The speaker said he was not a Mc-Bride man. He resumed: "I continued to bear rumors until one day I was invited by Mr. Corbett to go and see him. "'Mr. Dresser,' he said, 'why don't you

many candidates for the same position and

it was intimated that it was doubtful if the understanding could be executed."

phisticated way, made it appear that his methods were somewhat questionable. When I came here stories were told me

that made it appear that they were still

more questionable. The question with me then was what was right. I thought it

over seriously, and reached the conclusion not to vote for H. W. Corbett. The things that I heard were true, as I believe, and

declined to vote on that account for fr. Corbett. I did not care particularly who was elected United States Senator. just so a man were elected who would

vote for me, as you agreed to?"

"'Mr. Corbett,' I replied, 'I am going to be perfectly frank with you. The reason why I am not going to vote for you is that your campaign is not a credit to you." Dresser here digressed somewhat to declare that he was an honest man and that was reason, it appeared, why he did not keep his word. Even the Populists and Democrats, he said, in his own county believed that he was an hones He declared that it was apparent to everybody that he had nothing to gain by voting as he did. He then resumed his nurration of his talk with Mr. Corbett, going over the same ground he had previously traversed as to the reason why he would not support him.

So the matter went on." he resumed "Suffice it to say that I haven't sold out. Yesterday I was asked to come into the office of Speaker Reeder." Dresser de-tailed at some length a story of his meetfor there Messre Jonathan Bourne, Hen-E. McGinn and Graham Glass, Jr. They asked him what he was going to do about his pledge, and threatened, he cald, if he did not fulfill it, to procure its publication in The Oregonian. His reply, he said, was in language more fervent than polite, that they could do just as they pleased.

"That is my defense," he continued. "That's the explanation I have to make. I never will vote for a man who uses the methods Mr. Corbett has used. They They can't drive me into it; they can't threat en me into it; they can't buy me into it." (Cheers.) The Clackamas County Representative resumed discussion of his real sons for signing the agreement, saying that he had a right to believe that the methods pursued by the candidate would be honorable. "I have been brought up," he said. "to believe that in politics there ought to be honor. If this consigns me to political oblivion, I shall at least g with the bollef that I have done right.

He then attacked Mr. Glass, and concluded: "I believe I ought not to vote for Mr. Corbett, and, belleving as I do, by heavens, 1 won't."

The feature of the halloting today was the abandonment of Binger Hermann by the great bulk of the Republican minor ity. They voted for George H. Williams Kuykendall refused to leave Hermann, however. The vote resulted:

For H. W. Cor	bett, 34 votes.	
Adams	Kirk	14
Briggs	Lamson	Sec. 1
Burrett	Matteon	1.00
Black	McCraken	
Butt	McQueene	
Cameron	Miller	
Carter	Mulkey	
Daly	Penrce	
Genr	Poorman	1.00
Hahn	Proclistel	
Hurtman	Roeder	1.0
Hawkins	Stelwer	1.00
Hemenway	Stewart	
Howe	Story	
Johnson	Thompson, 3	fuit
Josephi	Thomson, U	matill
Keene	Vincent	
For George H.	Williams, 22 vot	08.
Booth	Looney	
Brownell	Mays	
Cattanach	Merrill	
Dresser	Nichols	
Eddy	Nottingham	
Emmett	Porter	
Fulton	Roberts	
Harris	Smith of Ma	rion
Hunt	Smith of Lin	
Kelly	Talbert	
Kruse	Williamson	
For Binger He	ermann, 7 votes.	
Colvig	Marsters	
Dimmick	McGreer	
Hume	Smith AC M	10.00
Kuykendall	CHURCH CALC SEC	
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HOUSE FOR DIRECT PRIMARIES. by the ways and means committee, to define the duties of the Attorney-General,

Passed Bill Identical to Senate Measwas put through two readings in the Senure for Cities of 50,000.

ate this morning and after some discus-sion was made a special order for 10 SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.-House bill No. 88, by Shipley, providing for a direct primary law, came up in the House too'clock tomorrow morning. It seems that the ways and means committee has dis-covered that the duties of the Attorney-The bill fills 45 printed pages, and when Reading Clerk Wilson commenced his laborious task of reading it, the mem-General as prescribed by the statutes, are not as comprehensive as is generally sup-posed. The law does not require the Atbers settled down to a slege of walting. Miller of Gilliam tried to come to the torney-General to represent the state boards in the Circuit Court, and the new bill makes it his duty to do so when rescue of both the members and reading clerk by moving that further consid-eration of the bill be indefinitely postrequired. When an attempt was made to pass the bill today, Kelly of Linn, chairman of oned. Holcomb demanded a call of the

House before the question was put. The sergeant-at-arms secured a few of the the absentees when the call of the House declared off. Miller asked for information if the bill pplied to Multnomah County only. Shipley replied that the bill really only applied to Multnomah County, but other counties could adopt it if desired,

voted down.

bond. The bill was passed.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

being put on final passage. He gave as-surance of his high opinion of the ways and means committee, but thought the The last section of the bill was then gentlemen were better qualified to pass upon matters of business than upon the proper duties of an Attorney-General. He moved that the bill be referred to the ead, showing the act applied only to ounties of 50,000 inhabitants or more. Miller refused to withdraw his motion to indefinitely postpone. It was lost, and the reading of the bill was continued,

ommittee on judiciary. Kuykendali, chairman of the joint ways On completion of the reading of the bill and means committee, said that the blil it was passed, but few votes being cast against the measure. The bill is identical had been carefully considered by his com-mittee, which has among its members three attorneys of recognized ability. The with the primary law passed by the Senate. The House bill was further along on the House calendar than its turn from bill had been drawn by the attorneys. The committee arrived at the conclusion the Senate, so was passed and sent to the Senate to save time, after a careful investigation that because of the limited duties of the Attorney-General, the state had needlessly spent

Great Effort to Rush Many Bills. thousands, tens of thousands and perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is this waste of money that the com-SALEM, Feb. 21 .- An effort to make House bill 71, regulating surety compa-nies, a special order in the House today it is this wante of money that the com-mittee proposed to stop by the passage of this bill. He feit certain that the bill re-quires nothing unreasonable of the At-torney-General. He could see no reason was the signal for a storm of like reuests. Special order was demanded for House bills 235, 274, 181, 140, 285, 66, 123, for referring the blil, but would not ob-ject provided the committee be instructed 245, 97, 160, 165, 25, 273, 295 and 299, When

Whitney moved as a substitute for the various motions that each bill be taken report tomorrow morning. Kelly then withdrew his motion and the up in its order of third reading on the calendar this was carried. An effort was bill was made a special order for tomorrow morning.

the judiciary committee, questioned the advisability of the measure, saying that it would put too much work on the At-

torney-General. He thought the bill ought not to be passed hurrledly and should be

onsidered by a proper committee before

then made to put a number of Senate bills It seems that the committee's attention was called to his defect in the law by the pending litigation over the state's waspecial order, but all attempts were ter rights at the ePnitentiary. The com-mittee found it necessary to recommend Protects Home Surety Companies. SALEM. Feb. 21.-House bill 71, by

an appropriation for attorney's fees in that case, and since the case is to be ap-Thompson of Multnomah, amending the pealed and condemnation proceedings are to be commenced in order that the state law regarding transaction of business by surety companies in Oregon, passed the House today. The bill is gotten up in the may secure a water supply, thus requir. ing other legal services, it was tho ught interest of home companies. It permits best to require the Attorney-General to represent the state's interests in all such surely companies operating wholly within the state to do business on furnishing bonds not exceeding \$209,000. Such comcases. The law will probably not apply to a continuation of the cases now pendpanies are also to be allowed to furnish bonds, but not to exceed more than one-fourth of the cash capital upon any single

ing, however, but will cover all suits here-after commenced.

HAD BUSTLE OF A LAST DAY. Both Houses Had Good Working Sessions Last Night.

Mrs. Frank Drake, an Old Resident SALEM, Feb. 21 .- The sessions in both ot Engle Creek.

houses tonight had the atmosphere and bustle of a last day. Under the rules, OREGON CITY. Or., Feb. 21.-Mrs. Frank Drake, aged 70, an old resident of which are based in that particular on the state constitution, each branch must Eagle Creek, died from the effects of erystpelas last night at 12 M. A husband business originating in the other. Thus bill as amended was report House bills still on the House calendar House, and then passed. and six children survive her. The funeral will take place Saturday.

jury. Senator Mays stated that the bill was House bill No. SS, by Schumann, to regrecommended by the Merchants' Protec-tive Union to prevent the selling of stocks to swindle creditors. House bill

Senator Marsters opposed the bill, stat-ing that it was a vicious measure, and a man could not do business under it. The committee on compensati if a man had a stock of goods, he had a members and clerks reported the amounts in functional terms and clerks report was referred to an original package, five days' notice was necessary to sell it, and five days' police to collect the bill if a sale was Th

made. Senator Smith, of Baker, favored the bill. He stated that such an act favored not been sustained. honest business methods, and that it would prevent a man from selling out thorize the City of Portland to approhis stock, putting the proceeds in his pocket, and swindling his creditors. Senator Marsters renewed his objections,

and asked how a vendee could know the vendor had given him a full list of all his creditors, or a parttal list, and said a wholesaler ought to know the men he was doing business with, the same as a retailer.

Sensior Smith explained that the vendee was only required to notify the list of creditors given to him by the Senator Sweek desired the bill amended so that notice to creditors could be given by wire, which was not in the act as originally drawn, and this was done.

MINING BUREAU DEFEATED.

Bill Lost in the House-Miners Quoted as Opposed to It.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 21,-The House bill for mining hureau falled to pass the House today. Colvin of Josephine, who is con-versant with the mining industry of the state, said that the miners living in his part of the state wanted to be let alone. They did not want any more legislation, and members of this House who do not live in mining sections of the state should be governed by those who do live in ning localities. "Do not vote in favor of this graft, as a graft it surely is," e said. "As a Representative of a min-ag district, I will vote against this bill." Grace of Baker said he came from the be said. greatest mining district in the state, and it was time that Oregon should encour-age the formation of a mining bureau. Baker County is the greatest mining cen-ter of the state. He read a telegram from the Chamber of Commerce of Baker City urging him to make a personal ef-fort to secure the passage of the bill. A mining bureau, he said, would be a standing advertisement of our state. It would be the means of attracting capital

to our mining districts, and its establish-ment would be a good business investment. Barrett of Grant County, a practical

minor, said that he had been requested to withhold his support of the bill by the miners of Eastern Oregon. The bill does not meet the approval of the mining men of Oregon, and he could not support it. Speaker Reeder read a telegram from J. F. Batchelder, saying that the bill met the unanimous indorsement of the mining peo. ple in Eastern Oregon. The bill failed to pass, the vote being, ayes 21, noes 22; absent, 5; net voting, 2.

Amended Poll Road Tax Bill Passed.

SALEM Feb. 21.-House bill 206, providcollection of a poll ros ing for the which was defeated yesterday, was again

considered today in House committee of the whole, for amendment, with Roberts in the chair. The amendment to the bill was making County Clerks as accounting officers instead of the Secretary of State. Another amendment agreed upon was that the County Courts may provide that for the last two days devote itself to the poll road tax be paid in cash. The bill as amended was reported back to the

ulate the purchase of public supplies, House bill No. 183, by Heitkemper, re-

The committee on compensation of members and clerks reported the amounts the committee on claims, composed Senators Mays, Howe and Wehrung The joint committee to investigate the

mute school made a report, stating that the charges against the management had

priate money for the Oriental fair in saying that the fact that the committee Senate bill No. 150, by Hunt, to amend

Senate bit No. 10% by Hun, to amend the Australian ballot haw, was passed. President Fulton appointed Senators Hunt and Smith, of Baker, to confer with a committee from the House on the subject of an appropriation for a monument to the honor of the Second Dregon Volunteers. Heitkemper moved that the previous ques-tion be put. The bill was passed-ayes

The Senate then adjourned. Fulton's referee bill passed.

IN THE HOUSE.

Multnomah-Columbia Boundary Fix-

ector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Salem, opened this morning's proceedings of the House with prayer, after which Carter of Jackson moved that the vote by which House bill No. 205, to provide for collection of road poll tax, was lost, be reconsidered, and made a special order at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The mo-tion to secure reconsideration of the vote was put, and it was declared carried by the Speaker. Division was called for, but Merrill of Columbia arose to a point of rder that the decision of the chair, having been announced, no division temanded. The Speaker held the point of order well taken and his ruling stood. The question of making the bill a special order was then looked up and carried. The following special order on the conideration of bills were made

Senate bill No. 61, food and dairy law, at 2 P. M. Friday. Senate bill No. 158, Linn-Lane Coun-ty boundary line, at 10 A. M. tomorrow.

Senate bill No. 81, 11 A. M. tomorrow House bill No. 237, fixing the bound boundary line between Columbia and Multnomah Counties, was the next measure taken up under special order. There was no discussion over the merits of the bill. It was recognized that the strip of land be tween the two countles known as "No Man's Land," should be given to Colum-

by the Native Sons and Daughters, Ore-gen Historical Society, Pioneers and Inbin County. Senate bill No. 227, providing for water upply to state institutions, was taken dian War Veterans, was amended in the up under special order, put through the usual reading under suspension of the Senate yesterday to grant the use of the old Mechanics' Pavillon block. It was then passed. Senator Josephi objected, saying this was the only market block the rules, and passed.

House bill No. 140, providing for the election of clerk of the Supreme Court. city had, and it was more needed by the was taken up for consideration and city than these societies. passed.

House bill No. 190, by Story, to esablish a bureau of mines, was read the SALEM, Or., Feb. 21 .- J. H. Shupe, the third time. fficient reading cierk in the Senate, has House bill No. 187, by Grace, relating to

been a material factor in hastening the work of that body. He is always ready the publishing of summonses was passed. It was introduced at the request of the for business, is a rapid reader, and has a clear voice that carries well. Mr. Shupe is an attorney at Roseburg.

Oregon Press Association. House bill 58, by Driscoll, preventing the purchase of public supplies in coun-ties before asking bids for the same, was passed, under special order requested by McCraken of Multhomah.

Senate bill 200, increasing the salaries of Senate bill 230, increasing the salaries of the Sheriffs of Baker, Malheur and Clat-sop Counties, Recorder of Baker and States Senators by the people, and then, Clerk of Clatsop County, was passed. House bill 274, locating farms in East-atorial deadlock.

ple in the panhundle who would go to their county seat go in wagons to Baker City, put up their teams there and take The committee making this report was the cars to Union Station; thence by a composed of Senators Adams and Wehmotor line to the county seat." McAlister of Union opposed the hill in the interests of his constituents. "There

Reavis of Wallowa opposed the bill,

were not generally in its favor. At this

late date in the session, other and more

important legislation demands our atten-

Mattoon also spoke in opp

to the bill for a few moments, after which

REPORTED UPON ADVERSELY.

Bill to Change Deaf Mute School Into

a Girls' Reform School.

tained that the change would cost abo

make it available for a girls' reformatory

and electric light plant and water works

and propriety of separate location.

WILL NOT GET PARK BLOCK.

Senate Substitutes Mechanics' Pavil-

ion Site for Historical Building.

SALEM, Feb. 21 .- The bill by Senator

Sweek to authorize the Common Council to allow the use of one of the park blocks

for the erection of a building to be used

An Efficient Official

Proof by Example.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

36, noes 19, absent 5.

rung and Representatives Thompson, Whitney and Pearce. When the report There had been read It was moved that the report be referred to the committee on are a great many people in the panhandle claims, which is composed of Senators who remonstrate against being put into Mays, Howe, and Wehrung. As it is supposed that this committee will be opanother county against their will," he "The many heavy taxpayers of the ocality do not want to be set out of posed to allowance of large compensation to clerks, a vigorous attempt was made Union County. Many of those signing the petition are miners and others who have to amend the motion by substituting the ways and means committee, which is more no interests in the matter; but those who have all their interests at stake are opfree-handed. The vote on the amendment was so close that the chair was unable to

decide, and called for a standing vote, by which the amendment was lost. The re-port, therefore, went to the committee on claims, which will probably not recommend any changes in the compensation

BOOKS ARE CORRECT.

Secretary of State's Records So Re-

ported by Examiners. SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.-The special joint committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Secretary of State today made a report in which it was stated that, after a thorough examination, the books had been found correct, The committee also commended highly the new methods of bookkeeping now use in the Department of State, report closes as follows: The

"We would especially call attention to the statement of the Secretary, showing the outstanding warrants at the close of \$54,000, and there are not funds available at this time. The Deaf Mute School ad-joins the Boys' Reform School, and to the biennial term ending December 31, 1999. This statement has never appeared in any previous report of the Secretary of the committee found a new engine would State, and your committee deems it most essential to a complete statement of the assets and liabilities of the state that be required, an addition to the building an account of the outstanding warrants remaining unpaid shall be shown at the Then, in moving the deaf mutes to the blind school, an addition would be neces-sary to that building. The committee expiration of each biennial period. this connection, we especially indorse the recommendation of the Secretary that the reported that the matter be deferred until the next session of the Legislature, and warrants themselves, as paid by the that in the meantime the State Board of Education Investigate and report upon the State Treasurer from time to time, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of advisability of admitting girls to the Boys' Reform School; also upon the ad-visability of using the mute school build-State instead of the schedules of such warrants, as are now filed with the Secing, and combining the mute and bilnd retary." achoois, and, further, to ascertain the cost

PASSES TO PRINTING COMMITTEE.

Bill to Cut Cost of Public Printing-Passed by Commerce Committee.

SALEM, Feb. 21-Senate bill 225, by Smith of Multnomah, to reduce the rate paid for public printing, has again passed from one committee to another. When this bill was introduced, the president, following the usual rule, referred the bill to the committee on public printing. Smith moved that he bill be referred to the committee on commerce. chairman of the printing committee, made a vigorous protest against this, and insted that the bill be referred to his committee. The Senate sided with Smith, however, and left Porter alone opposing mittee. the motion. The committee on commerce reported the bill with a recommendation that it do pass, but since there had been some question over the reference of the bill, it was moved and carried that the bill go to the committee on printing. The bill is still there.



ed-Latter Gets "No Man's Land." SALEM, Or., Feb. 21 .- The bill to change the Deaf Mute School into a girls' reform SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.-Rev. Dr. Scovell school has been reported upon adversely by the committee, because it was ascer