

MEANS A DIVISIONS Washington Agitation Over Railroad Rates.

EASTERN PART PRIME MOVER

Republicans Would Head Off Step, But Transportation Companies Will Not Assist by Necessary Cut in the Charges.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 24.—The two important developments of the legislative week were the passage of the Jones reappointment bill and the defeat of the Tolman railway commission bill.

The railroads have announced in plain terms that they will not submit to the passage of a bill reducing rates on agricultural products without a fight in the courts.

Everyone familiar with Washington politics is aware that the railroad question is a burning one. It is the vital issue in Eastern Washington, and has upon one or two occasions, including the present one, resulted in the sending of a Democratic delegation to the Legislature from that section.

As a result of this, many Republicans are asserting that the railroads should submit to a slight reduction in agricultural rates at the present session rather than run the chance of a Democratic Legislature two years hence.

From a political standpoint the roads take the attitude that the bulk of votes on the west side of the mountains is a section that is not at all interested in the question of railroad rates.

To a certain extent the interests of the two sections are diametrically opposed to each other. The bulk of the people on the west side are opposed to a reduction in railroad rates, which means the placing of Eastern Washington products, such as wheat, which are shipped to the coast into this matter.

The reapportionment bill, although it has passed both houses, is not yet ready for enrollment and formal presentation to the Governor for his signature.

COMPLETE RECORD OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

- BILLS PASSED BOTH HOUSES. H. R. 1, by Barrett—Amending mining law. H. R. 2, by Rios—Times and places of court, Second District. H. R. 3, by Kirk—Relating to electric wires on highways. H. R. 4, by Kirk—Validating certain marriages. H. R. 5, by McCracken—Penalties for injuring or destroying records on public lands.

- H. R. 24, by Story—Amending law for relief of indigent soldiers. H. R. 25, by Peckham—Reorganization of Oregon National Guard. H. R. 26, by Grace—Uniform system of mine bond funds. H. R. 27, by Montague—Appropriation \$1000 for Soda Springs. H. R. 28, by Pearce—Relative to taxation of personal property. H. R. 29, by McCracken—To aid Oregon Historical Society.

- H. R. 31, by Barrett—Establishment and maintenance of school libraries. H. R. 32, by Whitney—Amending Albany bridge act. H. R. 33, by Nichols—Appropriating \$4,000 for Oregon Agricultural College. H. R. 34, by Nichols—Relative to property held in for taxes.

- H. R. 35, by Byrnes—Relative to amending certain appeals. H. R. 36, by Byrnes—Relative to amending certain appeals. H. R. 37, by Byrnes—Relative to amending certain appeals. H. R. 38, by Byrnes—Relative to amending certain appeals.

- Joint Resolutions. H. J. R. 1 (session of 1899)—Submitting the initiative and referendum amendment to the people. H. J. R. 2, by Harris—Asking Congress for Federal constitutional convention. H. J. R. 3, by Harris—To credit Clatsop County with \$2004 64 for tax erroneously collected in 1891.

OUR EXPORTS TO RUSSIA

HAVE BEEN LITTLE OVER \$4,000,000 A YEAR SINCE 1898. These Figures Are Based on Official Returns—Common Report Has Had \$30,000,000 the Amount.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Exports of manufactures from the United States to Russia do not amount to \$30,000,000 per year, as has been asserted, nor have they ever reached one-fourth that sum.

The Russian statement of total imports of goods of all classes originating in the United States have never, save in two exceptional years, shown as much as \$30,000,000, and have averaged since 1896 less than \$25,000,000 per annum.

In merchandise other than cotton the Russian and United States figures correspond quite as closely as could be expected in view of the fact that the United States export to Russia, in 1900, and that of Russia December 31.

April Celebrated Kaiser's Birthday. APLIA, Samoa, Feb. 24.—The Kaiser's birthday was celebrated with great display at Apia, January 27. Elaborate preparations had been made, and a large sum of money voted by the German Government for expenses.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Feb. 24, 8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 56; minimum temperature, 46; river reading at 11 A. M., 9.7 feet; change in 24 hours, 2; total precipitation, 8 P. M. to 8 P. M., .25 inch.

Table with columns: STATIONS, Wind, Direction, Force, etc. Includes Astoria, Baker City, Bend, etc.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Rain has fallen during the last 24 hours over all sections of the Pacific Northwest. It is much warmer in Eastern Washington, but elsewhere throughout the North Pacific States and in California temperature changes have been small and unimportant.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 25 hour ending midnight, Monday, February 25, 1901. Portland and vicinity—Cloudy and threatening, with possibly occasional showers; winds mostly southerly.

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CLASSIFIED AD. RATES

"Rooms," "Rooms and Board," "Housekeeping Rooms," "Situations Wanted," 15 words or less, 10 cents; 20 words, 20 cents; 25 words, 25 cents, etc. No discount for additional insertion.

AMUSEMENTS. MARQUAM GRAND—CALVIN HELLO, Mr. Helms, Feb. 24, 8:15. Evening at 8:15.

CORDRAY'S THEATER—ONE WEEK, COMMENCING SUNDAY, FEB. 24. "THE ELEVENTH HOUR."

COCKATOO CIRCUS—COCKATOO CIRCUS—COCKATOO CIRCUS—COCKATOO CIRCUS—COCKATOO CIRCUS.

FRIDERICHTON MUSIC HALL—SEVENTH AND ALDER STS. NEW PACES FOR THIS WEEK.

MEETING NOTICES. HALL OF INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 5, A. O. U. W.—Members will please take notice that this (Monday) evening meeting will be called to order at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

EDWARD HOLMAN, Undertaker, 4th and Yamhill sts. Rent Stinson, lady assistant. Both phones No. 507.

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HELP WANTED—MALE

MEN WANTED FOR THE U. S. NAVY.—Seaman, age 17 to 35, \$24 a month; ordinary seaman, \$22; deck hands, \$20; mess attendants, \$18; cooks, \$16; stokers, \$14; gunners, \$12; electricians, \$10; carpenters, \$8; blacksmiths, \$6; shoemakers, \$4; tailors, \$3; barbers, \$2; messengers, \$1; clerks, \$1; messengers, \$1; clerks, \$1.

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