

TIME TO GET FACTS

Two Years to Investigate the Railroads of Washington.

STATE AUDITOR TO DO THE WORK

Legislative Committee Will Favorably Report Such a Bill—Is to Have Two Assistants and to Make Full Reports.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25.—The House and Senate railroad committees have agreed to report a measure making the State Auditor ex-officio Railroad Commissioner for the next two years, for the purpose of ascertaining the exact condition of all the railroads in the state.

The bill authorizes the Auditor to employ for the purpose a deputy, who shall be a railway expert, at a salary not to exceed \$300 per month, and another deputy, who shall not receive above \$10 per month. The bill will probably be reported tomorrow. Under the terms of the bill it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to ascertain the following facts:

The present value of each line of railroad situated in this state; the cost thereof, of the amount and market value of all incumbrances thereon, the amount and market value of the capital stock of the company owning the same, the length and grades thereof, the annual gross earnings from traffic between points in this state as distinguished from interstate business; the actual operating expenses arising from the business, together with the total operating expenses of such business, interstate and intrastate done in this state; the rates of passenger and freight transportation on each railway between stations in this state, the amount and classification of all interstate freight handled in this state, the amount of money it would require to reconstruct the roadbed, track, depots and structures and to replace all the physical properties to each railroad in the state at the amount paid for salaries to officers of each railway and the wages paid its employees.

The commissioner shall also ascertain all other facts which in his judgment may throw light on the method of operation and reasonableness of charges on intrastate business of each railway. The information, when obtained, shall be reported to the Governor and the Legislature at the opening of the next session. The commissioner shall also make a report to the Governor July 1, 1902. In his reports the commissioner is expected to recommend such changes in railroad charges and the correction of such other abuses in railway management as he may deem advisable.

It is made mandatory on the part of the railroads to furnish the commissioner with the information desired, and the penalty for failure to answer any question propounded must be given. Failure on the part of railroad officers to comply with this provision is made a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$500 for every day of such failure after a 30-day limit shall have expired. The commissioner is authorized to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses, and a fine of \$100.00 is appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act.

RAILROADS NOT ALL TO BLAME

Western Washington is Not Heavily In Favor of Reduced Rates.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 25.—There is little probability that the Legislature, in the short time that remains before adjournment, will pass any bill reducing freight rates on agricultural products. There are several reasons why this will not be done, and a discussion of them is profitable, and would prove instructive to the railroad legislators, if they would only study them, which they will not do.

There is a prevalent impression on the part of the public that the railroad industry is a monopoly, and that it spends its time seducing legislators from the path of duty; in other words, that the Legislature, if left to itself, would pass a law which would reduce the rates on the picking up of golden nuggets on the Klondike's icy ground. Such an impression is an erroneous one.

There is a railroad lobby here, true, and it does get votes in divers and sundry ways; but the truth is that some of the strongest opponents of rate reduction are men whom we should respect. Luther, the poor and friendly monk of Erfurt, launched a truth upon the world, and thrones and dynasties still totter with the resulting conflict. Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, denounced and decryed with utmost bitterness by the medical fraternity. Jenner, the originator of vaccination, was regarded as a little more than a criminal by orthodox physicians of his time.

It is undeniably true that the practice of medicine and the art of healing has advanced only by the innovations of those who have been treated as outcasts and despised by members of the regular schools. Truth is mighty, and will prevail. God forbid that we of Washington should attempt to stay its progress.

The word "Doctor" means, primarily, a teacher—in the dictionary—it should mean that in practice. One of the greatest, possibly the greatest, evil of our times is the indiscriminate use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicants. It threatens the ruin of the race. Already our jails, our hospitals, and our prisons are filled with a crowd of degenerates who form only a part of the ever increasing army of unfortunates, infirm of will and purpose, threatening by their weakness and consequent criminality the very existence of civilization.

The recruiting ground of this horde of wretched beings is found in the abuse of powerful agents sold by the druggist and peddler, and in the use of narcotics. No honest man can protect us from this fruitful source of moral and social ill. The physician of the regular school called to prescribe must prescribe. Some of the most important of these are: opium, alcohol, and the various preparations of belladonna. Possibly it may be harmless, usually in cases not really needing medication it is an alcoholic stimulant intended to make the patient "feel better" for the time, or a narcotic to deaden sensation and soothe an excitable condition. Here is the origin of the frightful evil. Among the things that the physician who was regarded as an criminal and treated as such. Even in that far off time they had discovered that tipping mothers meant the production of future drunkards.

It is the bluest blood and the highest attainments are guilty of poisoning the springs of life. The contents of the drug store are perhaps the most dangerous to the future well being of the race than those of the saloon. "Dope feeds" are thus created by thousands. Morphine powder administered to the parents brings forth their natural fruit even to the third and fourth generation of descendants.

Thus, a great evil threatens us; drug peddlers are increasing their source and lament the ever increasing demand for narcotics and intoxicants. The wise among them do not themselves partake. Everybody knows that the lawyer who pleads in court has for his client, and object lessons are not wanting in proof of the opinion that the physician who takes his own pills, or the druggist who takes his own medicine, will shortly heed an urgent call to go hence and be here no more.

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IN THE SENATE. House Amendments to Reapportionment Bill Were Concurred In.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25.—In the Senate today the amendments of the House to the Legislative reapportionment bill were concurred in. The bill was sent to the enrolling committee. It will probably be signed by the presiding officers of both houses tomorrow and sent to the Governor. He has five days in which to act upon it.

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the bill validating acknowledgments made in foreign countries before consular officers in this state. The Governor, it is said, will sign the bill.

A memorial was read from the W. C. T. U., Spokane, W. A., praying for the passage of bills to abolish the traffic in cigarettes, and for the abolishment of slot machines.

All three of these districts, under ordinary circumstances, would be Republican, but the second and third districts would be long winding, shoe-string affairs, in which the interests of the people would be conflicting, while the placing of Seattle and Tacoma in the same district would result in an endless fight and uproar that would enter into every political contest in the state. Tacoma would be the center of Seattle from a Congressional standpoint, and while Tacoma is not popular in this Legislature, the members are not inclined to such cruel and unusual punishment upon it.

As has been pointed out before, Eastern Washington, which embraces approximately one-third of the population of the state, shows a tendency to be Democratic in the future. This is sure to become more marked if the Republicans conclude not to grant the desires of the eastern section of the state in relation to the reduction of railroad rates. Consequently, the formation of a district in Eastern Washington means probably a Democratic Congressman.

After considering the matter from all sides, the Republicans have about reached the conclusion that to district the state in this manner would be to invite disaster. If times remain good, Western Washington will give sufficiently heavy Republican majorities for many years to come to offset any falling off of the Republican vote on the east side, and this condition will result in the election of three Republican Congressmen so long as they are elected at large.

GOVERNOR VETOES MEDICAL BILL. Purpose Was to Prevent Practice of Healing by Osteopaths.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25.—Governor Rogers today vetoed the measure commonly known as the osteopathy bill. Its purpose was to prevent the practice of healing by osteopaths, and also to deny practitioners thereof the right to the title of "doctor." The Governor takes it that the bill is an unwarranted interference with the right of the citizen to teach and proclaim truths regarded as of the utmost importance to society.

In his opinion, the indiscriminate use of drugs threatens the ruin of the race. The treatment of the osteopaths may be an improvement, and he is so warmly favorable to its restriction. His veto message was read in the House this afternoon, and the bill made special order for Wednesday, when an attempt will be made to pass it over the veto.

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OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25.—In the House this afternoon the Judiciary committee to whom was referred the bill providing for the reduction of the board from five to three, and providing that the board shall be bi-partisan.

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Three Reports on Railway Bill.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 25.—The House railway committee had the Rosenhauk rate bill under consideration tonight, and as a result three reports will be made upon it. One will recommend that the bill be passed; another will recommend passage after certain amendments, and the third will recommend indefinite postponement.

CARD FROM MR. CORBETT.

TO THE STALWART 28 REPUBLICANS.—My heartfelt thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the united 28 who remained true to their pledge and to each other in the trying contest for United States Senator that has just closed; while four of their friends equally and solemnly pledged to stand firmly by the 28 and each other, until the end, unless the opposition Republicans should meet in caucus and select a candidate; if the four had stood with their friends the result would have been different. The result is now known. The Republican party of the state has been sold by Mr. Mitchell to the Democrats of Portland for a few dollars.

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INSANE MOTHER, WHO THREW SIX CHILDREN IN WELL.

Murderer Escaped From Guards and Attacked Woman—Latter Was Rescued by Husband.

UNIONTOWN, Wash., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Wurzer, the insane murderer, escaped the vigilance of the guards last night, and went to the home of Peter Jacobs and broke a window, frightening the inmates considerably; then visiting the residence of Mr. Koester, who was sitting at a table writing a letter. Upon hearing a knock at the door, Mrs. Koester asked who was there. The reply came: "Please let me in; I want to tell you something." Mrs. Koester unlocked the door, and the insane visitor, clad only in her night dress, seized her with both hands. Mrs. Koester screamed, and ran to the room where her husband was sleeping. He sprang from the bed, caught the crazy intruder, and called his brother. Together they led the poor woman back to her home. She escaped from her watchers by climbing out through the window.

Coroner Mitchell and Deputy Sheriff Hamilton arrived at the scene of the Wurzer tragedy at 8 A. M. The jury verdict was that the children came to death at the hands of their mother. Upon preparing them for burial finger marks were found on the throats of all, indicating that they had been strangled before being thrown in the well. The ruler and the tin, and the absence of the flow of water from the mouths during the preparation for laying out would seem to indicate that they were dead before being cast into the water. The body of the mother was not recovered.

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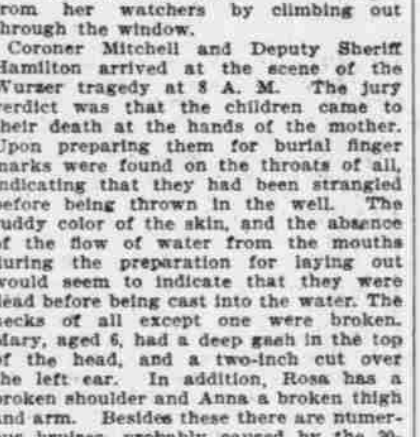
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Wildman, wife of the Consul-General at Hong Kong, who, with him and their children, perished in the wreck of the City of Rio de Janeiro, was well known to stage people in this city. As Letitia Aldrich she came to New York some 12 years ago, and was assisted by such social prestige as attached to the fact that Senator Stewart, of Nevada was her uncle. Under the nom de plume of "Nevada Rose" Miss Aldrich wrote a number of successful plays, and the debris scattered over the yard. When the officers arrived the crowd fell back to a ditch near Jackson street, where the leaders succeeded in rallying the forces. While the crowd was being driven back 20 or 30 shots were fired. When the crowd retreated to Jackson street the officers were near the building, and Adams was shot by the crowd as he was retreating from the building. When he was shot he fell by a pile of wood. When the crowd found that one of their number had been wounded, the members quickly dispersed.

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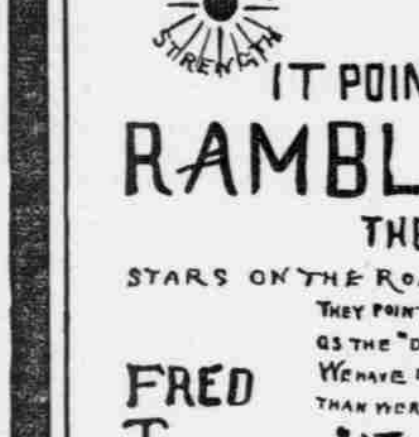
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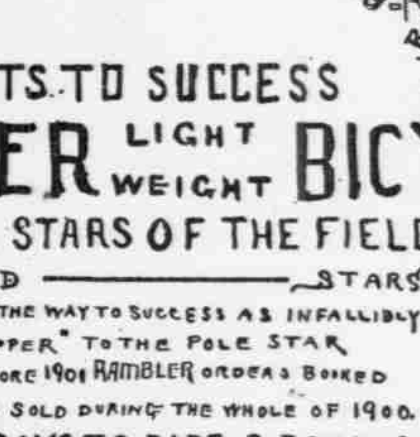
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NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Rev. Dr. J. P. Peters, pastor of St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church, in his sermon last night spoke upon the present conditions of vice and police corruption prevailing in this city.

"You all remember," he said, "the ringing letter from Bishop Potter, which appeared last November, describing in vigorous terms the awful conditions existing in the city of New York, and pointing out, moreover, how a certain clergyman of this diocese, in company with another, had been insulted and treated in the streets of New York, and tempted to point out to police captain the dreadful things that flourished in this city's district. You all remember, too, how this police captain was brought to the police station, and how Rev. W. W. Emerson was taken to the police station, where he was booked under the charge of resisting an officer. His left hand was cut and bleeding. He was allowed to go upon his own recognition. Dr. Mitchell took the injured man to the hospital, and was allowed to stay and administer to him without charge."

The three policemen, Patrolmen Downey and Boyle, and Private Watchman Conners, claim that Adams was shot by his own crowd while he was retreating from the place where the liquor were smashed, and Adams says he was shot by a policeman. Officer Downey says he did not arrive at the scene of the trouble until it was about over. Officer Boyle, who carries a Colt's 45-caliber revolver, claims that the two shots he fired were in the air, and that he did not aim at anyone. Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Charles W. Hammond, who cared for Adams at the hospital, say that he was shot with a 22 or 28-caliber revolver.