

CHANGE HAS COME

Sentiment Now in Favor of Apportionment Bill.

REPUBLICANS HAVE AGREED

Committee of House Will Draw Up a Measure—Cushman and Jones Willing—Answer to Popular Demand.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 27.—Contrary to general expectations the Republicans of the House have practically agreed to pass a Congressional apportionment bill. Almost without warning or preliminary notice they held a caucus tonight and appointed a committee consisting of Jones, of King, Eastaday, of Pierce, and Brown, of Spokane, to draft such a bill. The idea is to have a similar committee appointed by the Republican members of the Senate to aid in drafting a bill, and when this is done the measure will probably be endorsed by the caucus and passed in such a time that it can be passed again if it should not meet with the approval of Governor Rogers.

Representative Eastaday submitted a memorandum to the caucus of a plan for Congressional division, which seemed to meet with general approval. It is decidedly different from any plan thus far proposed and practically assures that all three Congressional districts will be Republican. Briefly stated, the proposed plan places Pierce County, the Southwest and the counties west of the Sound into one district, King County, part of the Northwest and all of the Northeast in the second and the major portion of Eastern Washington into the third. The division by counties will be as follows: First district—Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Pacific, Lewis, Chehalis, Thurston, Mason, Kitsap, Island, Clallam, Jefferson, San Juan and Pierce.

Second district—Ferry, Okanogan, Stevens, Chelan, King, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom.

Third district—Douglas, Spokane, Whitman, Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Adams, Franklin, Walla Walla, Kittitas, Lincoln, Yakima and Klickitat.

These plan places Congressman Cushman and Jones in separate districts. All the territory in the respective districts is contiguous and in a certain sense compact, although to some extent the districts are of the shoestring order. This is a condition, however, which cannot be avoided in any division of the state into three districts.

INHERITANCE TAX

Has Passed Both Houses—Awaits Governor's Approval. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—The inheritance tax law has passed both houses as amended by the conference committee, and now lacks only the Governor's signature to make it a law. An originally passed by the Senate the bill provided only for taxing collateral inheritances, but as amended by the House it finally agreed to by the Senate, it provides for the taxation of direct inheritances as well. On direct inheritances the bill provides an estate of \$10,000 and for a tax of 1 per cent on all values above that.

On collateral inheritances the bill provides for the following tax: "On all sums below \$500, 1/2 of 1 per cent. On all sums above the sum of \$500 and not exceeding the first \$50,000, 5 per cent, where such estate passes to collateral heirs to and including the third degree, and 3 per cent to collateral heirs beyond the third degree, and 9 per cent to collateral heirs beyond the third degree or to strangers to the blood. On all sums above the first \$50,000 and not exceeding the first \$100,000, 4 1/2 per cent to collateral heirs to and including the third degree, and 9 per cent to collateral heirs beyond the third degree or to strangers to the blood. On all sums above the first \$100,000 and not exceeding the first \$500,000, 4 per cent to collateral heirs to and including the third degree, and 9 per cent to collateral heirs beyond the third degree or to strangers to the blood.

IN THE SENATE

Bill Deferred for Safety Appliances in Mills and Factories.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—In the Senate today Senate bill No. 7, by Land, providing for the placing of safety appliances on machinery in mills and factories, was defeated by the following vote: Yeas—Angle, Biggs, Crow of Spokane, Crow of Whitman, Davis, Garber, Hall, Hemrick, Land, LeCron, Megier, Ruth, Stewart, Tolman—4.

Nays—Anderson, Baumelster, Clapp, Cornwell, Hallett, Hamilton, Hammer, Mantz, Moultray, Preston, Rands, Scofield, Sharp, Sumner, Welty, Whelan, Reser, Smith, Warburton.

House bill No. 20, by Ferguson, was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 21 to 20. It provides for a red-ink in the price of log booms from 75 to 50 cents a thousand. The bill was the subject of considerable debate.

A petition from the Seattle City Council, relative to legislation on local improvements, was referred to the committee on municipal corporations.

House bill No. 17, exempting municipal corporations from paying court fees in legal cases, was indefinitely postponed.

The majority of the committee on judicial reported favorably on the bill to appropriate \$100 for the White Shield Home at Tacoma. Senator Hallett presented a minority report against the bill. The majority report was adopted.

Senate bill No. 8, by Wilshire, providing for appeals from any action of the State Land Commission to the courts was passed as agreed upon in the free conference committee.

At the afternoon session of the Senate a bill was passed authorizing cities to void date salary warrants where the only ground of invalidity is that the city charter did not state specifically the uniform which the warrants were issued by.

A bill was passed allowing City Councils to expend money for cultivating shade trees. The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to routine business.

contains many important provisions, the most of which are the following: Making the present free text-book system of the state compulsory, instead of optional, with school districts, as at present.

Increasing the present membership of the State Board of Education from five to 11 members, the new members to be composed of the city superintendents of schools in the six leading cities of the state. These cities will probably be composed of Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Walla Walla, Whatcom and Everett.

Providing that the mode of apportionment be 2000 days in addition to the number of days of actual attendance. The bill furthermore incorporates the best provisions of all the other bills referred to the committee.

If the bill becomes a law, the compulsory free text-book system will be launched on the state beginning September 1, 1902.

The bill divides the state into three districts for the purpose of holding teachers' examinations. In the first district examinations will be held in January; in the second district in February, and in the third district in March, and so alternately throughout the year. At present, examinations are held quarterly in each county, and the work so piles up as to make it almost impossible to dispose of it properly on time. The bill leaves it to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to designate the three districts, but he will likely follow the Congressional districts, should the state be divided at this session.

The committee to whom was referred the bill authorizing counties and cities to submit to voters at the next election the question of purchasing voting machines, reported favorably.

Senate memorial No. 10, praying Congress to establish a lighthouse at the entrance to Blaine harbor, was adopted by the House.

The House voted down a motion to adjourn in order to allow the members to hear Sousa's band.

Senate memorial No. 5, to the effect that the Forestry Department of the United States Government be not transferred from the Interior Department to the Agricultural Department, as proposed by Congress, was read and adopted.

New bills were introduced as follows: House bill 445, by Gorham—Creating a state bureau of labor and abolishing the office of factory and mill inspector. It provides that the bureau shall consist of a labor commissioner and mine inspector to be appointed by the Governor. The bill, if it becomes a law, will legislate out of office Governor Rogers' son-in-law, William Blackman, who is at present state factory and mill inspector. The bill carries with it an appropriation of \$200 for carrying into effect its provisions.

House bill 446, by McCoy—An act relating to the United States Government Jurisdiction over Rainier National Park.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION.

Bills Passed by Both Houses of the Legislature. OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—The following bills have passed both houses of the Legislature:

Senate bill No. 1, by Andrews, appropriating \$60,000 for the expenses of the Legislative session.

Senate bill No. 3, by Land, appropriating \$12,500 to make up a deficiency in the State Penitentiary, and \$500 to make up a deficiency in the expenses of the State Land Commission.

Senate bill No. 4, by Crow of Spokane, providing for an additional Judge of the Superior Court for Spokane County, and declaring an emergency.

Senate bill No. 5, by Hallett, relating to the taxation of collateral inheritances.

Senate bill No. 6, by Wilshire, to provide for appeals from the Board of State Land Commissioners.

Senate bill No. 7, by Moultray, providing for the reapportionment in front of the City of Olympia.

Senate bill No. 8, by Moultray, appropriating \$2,000 to make up a deficiency in the office of the State Land Commissioner.

Senate bill No. 9, by Moultray, appropriating \$150 for a deficiency in the New Whatcom Normal School.

Senate bill No. 10, by LeCron, appropriating funds for the payment of mileage and per diem of the Presidential Electors.

Senate bill No. 11, by Randk, to permit single men, who are not householders, to serve on juries in certain cases.

Senate bill No. 12, by Sumner, appropriating \$500 to meet a deficiency in the office of the Secretary of State.

Senate bill No. 13, by Andrews, relating to the construction of a dam in connection with the construction of the Lake Washington Canal.

Senate bill No. 14, by Randk, providing for the execution of joint convicts in the State Penitentiary instead of in the County Jail as heretofore.

Senate bill No. 15, by Cornwell, defining the misdemeanor of tampering with a witness, and prescribing a penalty.

Senate bill No. 16, by Cornwell, defining larceny from the person, and fixing the penalty.

Senate bill No. 17, by Mantz, making the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in criminal prosecutions coextensive with their respective counties; providing that they shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Courts in all misdemeanor cases, but that they shall in no event impose a fine to exceed \$100, nor sentence a person to jail for a period of more than 30 days.

Senate bill No. 18, by Hammer, providing for the reapportionment of tide lands in front of La Conner and vicinity.

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MINE TAXATION.

Substance of Bill Which is Favored by House.

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Section 2 makes it the duty to make assessments of properties every quarter, and the company must assist in every way. Section 3 makes a misdemeanor, punishable in from \$100 to \$500, for an Assessor or deputy access to the books of the company, on demand of said Assessor.

Section 4 allows the Assessor to make an election in case of refusal of the company to give the figures, the amount of ore taken out during the quarter, and in such case he shall assess the full amount, without deductions whatever.

Section 5 gives the right to companies aggrieved to appeal to the County Commissioners, who may sit at any time upon request, as a Board of Equalization, to adjudicate such claims, and equalize the tax.

Section 6 makes the tax a lien upon the property. The bill comes up for final action Friday.

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The ceremonies were conducted in the usual form and were very impressive throughout. An ode, composed by Mrs. L. R. Osborne and set to music by Professor J. M. Martin, was sung.

Following the ceremonies, Past Grand Master Williamson delivered an address, upon the precepts of Odd Fellowship. Past Grand Master James Walton, one of the oldest members of the order, spoke in a happy vein concerning the ups and downs of the local lodges, and Past Grand C. B. Moore, read a historical review of Chemeketa Lodge.

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Advertisement for Dr. Miles' Nervine. It features a large illustration of a hand holding a glass of wine, with the text "It's Easy! TO TELL WHICH IS THE BEST." and "GEO. W. HARBURGER, HUMAN & CO. Manufacturers". Below the illustration, it says "TELL BY THE NAME. DR. MILES' NERVINE. GENEROUSLY GOOD 5¢ CIGAR." The advertisement is for a medicine that relieves strain on the brain and nerves.

ing the American bark Harry Morse to Astoria, where she will take the outfit of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company to their Bristol Bay cannery.

The steamer Jeanie cleared at the Custom-House this afternoon for San Francisco with 2,000 bundles of shoos for Hume Bros. & Hume, to be used in their Alaska canneries.

POISONED WITH STRYCHNINE.

Seattle Woman Who Was Under Treatment for Opium Habit.

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Maggie Hunsucker, a fallen woman, died from the effects of strychnine administered to her by Arthur Ford, secretary of the Washington Sanitarium for the cure of Legitimation. She was taken to the sanitarium by her husband, who is a physician, with whom the woman lived, and for Charlotte Morgan. The testimony tended to show that the Hunsucker woman was undergoing treatment for the opium habit under the supervision of Ford, who is not a physician, assisted by Chapman and Mrs. Morgan. On Monday Ford gave her a hypodermic injection and she shortly afterwards died. Two physicians testified at the inquest that an autopsy and analysis of the contents of the stomach revealed that death was caused by strychnine poisoning.

NEW A TOLL BRIDGE.

Charge Will Be Made for Crossing Bridge at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 27.—Albany now has the unique distinction of having a toll bridge, a new ordinance having been passed under the law passed by the Legislature. It was signed by the Mayor today. Under the ordinance, the rate of toll will be from 25 cents for hogs and sheep to \$2.50 for traction engines. Common pedestrians will pay 4 cents, bicyclists, 5 cents, for single or return trip, and teams, 10 to 25 cents.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Carpenter Fell Twenty-Five Feet From a Scaffold.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 27.—This afternoon D. Heroux, a carpenter employed at Deufert's fishery at Tumwater, fell headlong from a scaffold 25 feet to the rocks below. He was brought to town. His injuries are in all probability fatal.

T-nechers' Diplomats.

SALEM, Feb. 27.—The new law authorizing the issuance of state life diplomas to certain holders of state diplomas provided that "all pupils of State Normal Schools and chartered institutions in Oregon who graduated from such institutions before September 1, 1899, under the provisions of acts in force February 1, 1898, shall be entitled to receive a state diploma or state life diplomas on compliance with the provisions of the acts in force February 1, 1898."

Chief Shakes Dead.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 27.—Chief Shakes, one of the most powerful of the Northern British Columbia Indians, who sent Queen Victoria \$199 in gold some years ago as her share of a potlach he gave, died recently.

Law Relating to Coroners.

SALEM, Feb. 27.—The new law relating to Coroners went into effect today. It provides that the Coroner shall receive \$5

for each inquest held by him, and when acting as Sheriff shall be entitled to the same fees as a Sheriff, provided that in Multnomah County the Coroner shall receive no fees, but shall be paid an annual salary of \$1000. Witnesses who reside within two miles of the place of holding an inquest in Multnomah County shall be entitled to no fees.

Forest Grove Bewitched.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 27.—The elk which escaped from the city park at Portland recently is at the farm of Vic Brown at this place.

John Caples' new brick building is about finished and in a few days, under the firm name of John Caples & Sons, a new store with a \$15,000 stock of general merchandise will be opened.

A crowded house listened to an address by Miss Lou Aldrich, of Portland, at the dedication of the new Christian Science Church, last night.

President T. B. Wakeman, of the Liberal University, at Silverton, assisted by Mrs. Nettie Olds Haigh of McMinnville, will deliver a series of free lectures in Vets' Hall, commencing with Friday evening.

George Bacon Has Received the Contract for Carrying Mail.

George Bacon has received the contract for carrying mail from the depot to the Forest Grove postoffice.

Leary's Mines Guarded.

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—Armed men are on guard at the Leary coal mines, but so far no trouble has occurred. It is averred that the Leary faction has done this in order to meet any attempt of the Guerin faction to get possession of the mines. This is a result of the litigation between W. E. Guerin and John Leary over the control of the Seattle and San Francisco Railway & Navigation Company. The Superior Court today rendered a decision in favor of Guerin and Leary has appealed.

New Inspectors Appointed.

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—Chief Officer R. A. Turner and Capt. B. B. Whitney were recommended by Capt. Birmingham, Chief Marine Inspector of the Pacific Coast, for assistant inspectors of boilers and hulls, respectively. The appointments will arrive in about 10 days. They will assist the local inspector, Captains Brynning and Cherry, in the work. Both appointees are well known in marine circles on the Pacific Coast.

Town Is Bankrupt.

TACOMA, Feb. 27.—The town of Mols, Okanogan County, has been placed in the hands of a receiver and a petition signed by three creditors has been presented to Judge Hanford for involuntary bankruptcy on the part of George H. Necham, the owner of all the personal property and real estate in Mols.

Acting under an order of the court, J. D. Michell, the receiver, has taken practical possession of the town.

Washington Volunteer Poisoned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Through the efforts of Senator Turner, a pension of \$8 a month, from October 6, 1899, has been allowed Henry K. Harrison, of Spokane, Wash. This is one of the first pensions granted to members of the First Washington Volunteers. Harrison served as a Corporal in Company L, of that regiment.

Three Were Drowned.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 27.—While crossing from Valdes Island to Cape Mudge in the Gulf of Georgia, Henry Moran, of

Chicago, and Reilly Field, of Seattle, were drowned.

A Chinaman in attempting to reach an island in the Skeena River, in an Indian canoe, was drowned.

Salem Bewitched.

SALEM, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Ruby Burgess, aged 63, and a resident of Grant's Pass, was received at the Asylum today on a commitment from Josephine County.

Every slot machine in the city was taken off the counter today, in obedience to the Prohibition law.

Capital Matter Settled.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 27.—The House committee on Constitutional revision today reported for indefinite postponement both the capital removal bills, which probably mean that that question at least for this session.

Marion Postoffice Robbed.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—It was reported in Salem this evening that the postoffice at Marion was robbed last night. The amount lost could not be learned.

Advertisement for SSS Nature's Antidote. It features an illustration of a person holding a bottle and the text "Poison Oak Poison Ivy are among the best known of the many dangerous wild plants and shrubs. To touch or handle them quickly produces swelling and inflammation with intense itching and burning of the skin. The eruption soon disappears, the sufferer hopes forever; but almost as soon as the little blisters and pustules appeared the poison had reached the blood, and will break out at regular intervals and each time in a more aggravated form. This poison will loiter in the system for years, and every atom of it must be forced out of the blood before you can expect a perfect, permanent cure. SSS Nature's Antidote FOR Nature's Poisons, is the only cure for Poison Oak, Poison Ivy, and all noxious plants. It is composed of a purity of roots and herbs. Now is the time to get the poison out of your system, as delay makes your condition worse. Don't experiment longer with salves, washes and soaps—they never cure. Mr. S. M. Marshall, bookkeeper of the Atlanta (Ga.) Gas Light Co., was poisoned with Poison Oak. He took SSS Nature's Antidote and various other drugs, and applied externally numerous lotions and salves with no benefit. At times the swelling and inflammation was so severe he was almost blind. For eight years the poison would break the evening. His condition was much improved after taking one bottle of S. S. S. and a few bottles cleared his blood of the poison, and all evidences of the