

OLYMPIA WINS FIGHT

House Voted to Buy Thurston Courthouse for Capitol.

BILL NOW GOES TO GOVERNOR

There is no doubt of his approving it—Measure Carries an Appropriation of \$350,000 for Purchase and Improvement.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 1.—The Capitol question is settled. The House this afternoon passed the Senate bill to purchase the Thurston County Courthouse for Capitol purposes.

Two hours of debate preceded the passage of the bill. It seemed as if all the orators of the House were determined to discuss the question. The only good speech in behalf of the measure was made by Falkner of Thurston County.

The vote in detail on the passage of the bill was as follows: Ayes—A. J. Benson, Badger, Barkhuff, Barron, Bishop, Bowne, Burch, Bush, Cameron, Chrisman, Comstock, Conway, Copeland, Dawes, Earles, Falkner, Falkner, Geyer, Gunderson, Hastings, Howland, Johnson, Johnson, Jones, Lewis, McCoy, Merrill, Merritt, Miles, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Nesbitt, Philbrick, Raymer, Shaw, Sims, Starr, Stocking, Thompson, Tucker, Ulmer, Williams, Mr. Spokane.

The bill provides that the County Commissioners, the Assessor and the Treasurer, shall constitute a board which shall have the power, after January 1, 1902, to offer at auction sale all lands in the title of the county, provided that the price shall not be less than the taxes, without penalty and interest, except in such cases where the board, four members agreeing, shall consider that the taxes exceed the value of the land, in which event it shall have the power to set a price lower.

WASHINGTON NOTES

Senatorial bill will build a new jail. A law and order league has organized at Hoquiam.

Jewels valued at \$800 were stolen from the Seattle Hotel last Saturday.

The Seattle Bridge Company is preparing to build a new schooner at Everett.

A number of excursionists from the East have been looking over the Gray's Harbor country the past two weeks.

An attempt was made to burn the store of M. Schneider, of Seaside, Wednesday.

The Palace saloon at Stanwood was entered by hoboes Wednesday night.

The cash register was stolen, broken open and robbed of \$5 in cash and \$100 in checks.

County Commissioner J. S. Klemgard, of Pullman, has sold the lumber of the old bridge near Schumaker's Mill, which was taken down last week.

A clay expert who has been making a careful investigation of clay lands in Whatcom County says that, commencing west of Ferndale, there is a strip of land over four miles wide and extending in an easterly direction beyond Sumas to the foothills, that contains over 30,000 acres of land underlain with a body of blue clay, as good as that of Brennan station.

The Chinese residents of North Yakima have many sacks of rice supposed to have been poisoned by the officials and missionaries in China.

Commencing next Friday the Governor will have everything his own way in the matter of legislation, and if the Republicans desire to render certain any measure, they must pass it before that time.

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The bill is drawn with the idea of placing the militia on the same footing as the United States Infantry. The most important provisions are the abolishment of the brigade staff, reducing the companies from 15 to 12, increasing the number of men in each company to the full quota, and increasing the salary of the Adjutant-General from \$1200 to \$2000.

The bill passed without a dissenting vote. Under its provisions the commanding officer of the Guard will be the Colonel of the regiment, and not the Brigadier-General, as heretofore.

The bill also provides for the establishment of a new normal school at South Bend, in Pacific County. The bill received a majority of those present, but failed to receive the requisite 13. The vote was as follows:

Ayes—Andrews, Biggs, Crow of Spokane, Davis, Hamilton, Hammer, Land, Le Crome, Megler, Preston, Ruth, Smith, Wislitzki—13.

Noes—Angie, Baumelster, Clapp, Cornwell, Garber, Hall, Hallett, Manis, Moultray, Tolman, Welty—12.

Absent—Baker, Crow of Whitman, Hendrick, Randa, Reser, Schofield, Stewart, Sumner and Warburton—8.

The general opinion is that Senator Schofield's bill to establish a new normal school at Montesano will meet a similar fate, and that the southwest will get no school at this session.

The Senate passed a bill by Hall regulating the mining of petroleum and natural gas lands in the state.

A bill by Wislitzki requiring street fakers who sell spectacles and eyeglasses to pay a license of \$5 per day passed after considerable discussion.

House bill No. 22, for the establishment of a system of traveling libraries, and for the appointment of a state library commission to manage the same, passed.

A bill for the payment of a bounty for the killing of the common seal, sealion, shodrake, shag or cormorant, passed.

IN THE HOUSE

Bill Favorably Reported to Let Counties Sell Lands Held for Tax.

OLYMPIA, March 1.—In the House this morning the bill No. 22, for the sale of Snohomish, was reported favorably by the committee on revenue and taxation.

The bill is a compromise measure, and provides for the remitting of tax penalties and interest. It meets the approval of the opposition, which has fought any reduction.

The bill provides that the County Commissioners, the Assessor and the Treasurer, shall constitute a board which shall have the power, after January 1, 1902, to offer at auction sale all lands in the title of the county, provided that the price shall not be less than the taxes, without penalty and interest, except in such cases where the board, four members agreeing, shall consider that the taxes exceed the value of the land, in which event it shall have the power to set a price lower.

The object of the bill is to enable the counties to dispose of outlying properties and get them back into the list of revenue-bearing lands. It is not to be sold to the individual, it is said, but a relief to the state.

The House this afternoon considered the Lewis state dispensary bill. Further consideration went over until tomorrow morning, when a motion to indefinitely postpone will be acted upon.

MAY GET RURAL DELIVERY.

Eugene Postoffice Receipts Almost Sure to Be Sufficient.

EUGENE, Or., March 1.—If the business of the Eugene postoffice continues for the month of March in the same proportion as for the past 11 months, the report of the postmaster for the month of March 31 will insure the establishment of a free delivery system for Eugene. In order that free delivery be established, it is necessary that the receipts for the month of the office reach the amount of \$1000 for the year.

The postmaster expresses full confidence that the year's receipts will be sufficient, and that the free delivery system will be established about July 1. The stamp and envelope sales last year amounted to about \$200, and those of the preceding year to about \$200.

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BOWLING GAMES A TIE

MULTNOMAH, HOWEVER, WON FROM TACOMA ON PINS.

Score Was 903 to 948—King, of Portland, Made the Best Record.

TACOMA, March 1.—The Multnomah Club met on the latter's alleys tonight in one of the most interesting games of the cooked-hat tournament.

Four close games were played, each club winning two out of the four, and the visitors taking the game on total pins by 44. No very high scores were made, the highest being by King, of Portland, with a total of 179, an average of 44 2/3 per game.

Fletcher made the highest total of the Tacoma team, with 169 pins, an average of 42 2/3 per game. The other scores were: King, 179; Wright, 171; the first game was a tie, each team securing 234. It was played off with one frame, Tacoma winning by 21 to 21.

The scores were: Multnomah, 234, 246, 253, 260—903; Olympic, 234, 253, 246, 223—856.

COMMERCIAL CLUB