

NEW BILLS POUR IN

Legislature Goes to Work in Earnest.

PRINTER'S OFFICE IS SWAMPED

Two Measures Concerning Port of Portland Commission-New Fireboat and Bridge.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—(Staff correspondence.)—The Legislature has settled down to work in earnest. A flood of bills has swamped the State Printer's office and several days will be required for that department to bail itself out. The members are eager to get their pet measures in at the head of the rush, so that they may not get lost in the shuffle.

The measures for Multnomah County, no doubt, will be introduced early. The delegation from Multnomah is actively at work. Two bills are before it concerning the Port of Portland. One of these was introduced yesterday, by Reed. The first provides that the commission may issue \$200,000 in bonds to meet indebtedness that has been incurred in running expenses and to construct all the drydock. One-tenth of these bonds is to mature every year. The levy authorized by the present law is to remain unchanged. The second bill is for reorganization and reappointment of the commission. It comes from the labor element. The Legislature is to name a new commission, and to appoint a president in whom shall be centered large authority. The advocates say that at present the commission is loose jointed, without a strong head. The bill gives the president veto power over the acts of the other members of the commission. The theory of the bill is that to centralize authority will create responsibility.

In the House yesterday Reed of Multnomah introduced two bills or the Taxpayers' League, of Portland; they have been referred back to the Multnomah delegation. One of these required the county to purchase all supplies by competitive contract, but in case of emergency the county may purchase supplies up to the value of \$100 without this method. The other limits the pay of County Commissioners to the days actually devoted by them to public business. Today bills were introduced in the House.

To authorize Portland to secure a fireboat.

To authorize a new bridge over the Willamette at Portland.

QUEER BILLS ARE OFFERED.

Members Want Legislation Out of Usual Order.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Several peculiar bills have made their appearance in the House. One of them, by Gault of Washington, is to prohibit photographers from doing business on Sunday. "Barbers may not do business on Sunday," says Mr. Gault, "why then should photographers work?" and here Mr. Gault lowered his voice, "this bill does not aim at the Sunday newspaper."

Billyeu, one of the Democratic champions of the common people, has come forward with a bill to meet the sleeping-car octopus. He proposes a tax of \$100 per year on liquor sold in the sleeping cars. Mr. Billyeu has also presented a measure for taxation of corporations. Eddy of Tillamook has offered a bill toward the same end, but the means of the two measures are not the same. Though their general trend is the same, Mr. Billyeu comes from Linn County, the chief stamping ground in Oregon of the Democratic party. He also is a member of the House of Representatives.

Burleigh of Walla Walla championed a bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within one mile of dwelling, or on the possession of claims of persons other than the owners of the sheep. Sheep found straying on such claims or within one-half mile of dwellings may be treated as strays. The bill provides also that sheep, horses and cattle shall not graze on unoccupied lands of the state without permit of County Commissioners.

Hahn of Clatsop has brought forward a bill to prevent the unsanctioned use of secret order emblems. The bill aims to keep persons from wearing badges or emblems of societies to which they do not belong as members.

IN JOINT SESSION.

Ceremony of Conveying Vote and Inaugurating Governor.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The Senate and House went into joint session at 11:45, President Brownell of the Senate presiding.

The President read the Constitutional provisions as to election and inauguration of the Governor.

The Speaker appointed the following joint committee to assist in conveying the vote for Governor: For the Senate, Sweek of Multnomah and Carter of Jackson; for the House, Wheelon of Warco and Galloway of Yamhill.

At 12:30 the canvass was announced and Mr. Chamberlain was proclaimed Governor by Speaker Harris.

On motion of Booth a committee of the Senate was appointed to notify the Governor-elect of the canvass. The members of the committee are: Booth of Lane, A. C. Smith of Multnomah, M. A. Miller of Linn.

On motion of Daves a committee of three of the House was appointed to notify the outgoing Governor and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The President appointed Daves, Eddy and Billyeu.

On motion of Banks the joint assembly adjourned until 2:15 P. M.

At 2:15 P. M. the House and Senate assembled in joint session.

The committee appointed to wait on the Governor and Governor-elect appeared at 2:25 with the Governor and Governor-elect. Governor Geer read his biennial message. Governor Chamberlain then read his inaugural message.

IN THE HOUSE.

Many More New Bills Are Introduced.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The House met at 10:30 o'clock A. M. Eddy of Tillamook offered a concurrent resolution for the House and Senate to meet in joint session at 11 o'clock to canvass the vote for Governor. The motion carried.

On motion of Phelps the privileges of the House were extended to all ex-state officers, ex-Congressmen and ex-Legislators.

The Speaker announced the following committee to consider the Lewis and Clark bill: Malarkey of Multnomah, Daves of Marion, Carnahan of Clatsop, Riddle of Douglas, Wheelon of Wasco, Shelley of Lane, Galloway of Yamhill.

The Speaker announced the following committee on resolutions: Daves of Marion, Hermann of Coos, Nottingham of Multnomah, Burgess of Wasco, Billyeu of Linn.

The following bills were read twice:

H. B. No. 45, by Daves, to pay war veterans of 1855-6 for military service rendered the Territory of Oregon and to issue bonds for same; referred to ways and means committee.

H. B. No. 46, by Daves, to provide for investment of irredeemable school fund; referred to judiciary committee.

R. B. No. 47, by Kay, to make salaries

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OVATION FOR HEYBURN

LARGE CROWDS APPLAUD HIS ELECTION AS SENATOR.

Makes a Felicitous Speech and Promises Much for Idaho—Bornheartily Congratulates Him.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in joint session today canvassed the vote of the previous day, and confirmed the election of Weldon Brinton Heyburn as United States Senator for the full term of six years, beginning March 4, 1903.

The election of Heyburn was a victory for the Democratic party in Idaho, and the assembly was unstinted in its bestowal of applause.

Visitors from every section of the state gathered in the corridors of the Capitol building long before the hour set for joint conference, and by 12 o'clock the gallery and floor of the House were packed to overflowing.

Beautifully gowned women ranged themselves to the left of the Speaker's stand and around the aisles and lower floor of the auditorium, lending a pretty touch of color to the impressive scene.

After the result of Tuesday's ballot had been announced, Senator Heyburn was escorted into the hall, followed by W. E. Borah, Governor Morrison, ex-Senator Sweeney, Congressman French and J. H. Hawley, the Democratic candidate.

Spoke except Mr. Hawley, Judge Heyburn began by thanking the people and their representatives for the honor conferred upon him, and gave assurance of his intention to labor for the best interests of the state. The question of irrigation, he said, was one of grave importance, and he would use his best efforts toward opening up arid lands and creating new and prosperous homes in the southern part of Idaho.

Our timber, he said, was the speaker's, should be protected from corporate greed, and to this end would he labor with all his talent. Our rivers must be improved in properties, and not appropriated by predatory lumber companies. He advised that the river improvement law be repealed. He also said he favored the opening up of our rivers to curb the rapids and create power.

Judge Heyburn's remarks were frequently applauded, and at the conclusion of his address the outburst of approval was emphatic and prolonged.

The contest, just concluded, said Mr. Borah, was now only a memory, but a sweet memory of friendly devotion and steadfastness such as should satisfy the desire of any man. But lately he stood by the open grave of ambition and suffered a stunning disappointment. But it was now a thing of the past, and with it was buried all bitterness and acrimony. It should be "dead and buried" with every loyal Republican. In Judge Heyburn the state was certain of magnificent representation, and the hearty co-operation of all should go out to him in his duty. He congratulated Judge Heyburn and the people of Idaho on his election.

After the session had adjourned the new Senator was escorted to his hotel by a procession headed by the mayor and a band. There were more speeches made. Tonight Senator Heyburn, assisted by his North Idaho friends, held a public reception at his hotel that was very largely attended.

Montana Suppresses Woman Suffrage.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 14.—The State Senate today voted to postpone indefinitely the bill for the submission of the question of a constitutional amendment giving the suffrage to women.

The bill was the first on the Senate calendar, the judiciary committee recommended that the bill be indefinitely postponed, and the Senate by a vote of 15 to 12 endorsed the recommendation.

Made Adjutant-General of Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 14.—General David Vickers, of this city, was today appointed Adjutant-General of the State of Idaho by Governor Morrison, to succeed J. L. Weaver.

BODIES BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Hamilton Powder Works, Near Vancouver, Explode With Awful Force.

NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 14.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Hamilton Powder Company's Works, near Vancouver, at 8:40 o'clock this morning.

Only one body, that of a Chinaman, was recovered. The others are absolutely blown to fragments. The gunpowder storage-house exploded, and a large quantity of exploding the gelatinite mixing-house, 40 feet away, where the greatest loss of life is supposed to have occurred. The ground was elevated to a depth of six feet where the buildings stood. The buildings were blown into kindling and scattered with fragments of human flesh over several acres. The tramway was torn up and a length of rail twisted spirally around a tree, like a whiplash.

James Preston, a nitro-glycerin maker, had a miraculous escape and owed his life to his coolness. He was running his

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