# THREE FISH BILLS

Important Measures Pass the House.

INCREASE IN LICENSE TAX

Sunday Closing Is Abolished-Two Districts Created-Fishway at Oregon City-Bills Are Expected to Pass the Senate.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18 .- (Staff correspondence.)-Three important fish bills were passed by the House today. The first (H. B. 239) was to increase the license tax on canneries, dealers and fish appliances; the second (H. B. 238) makes minor changes in the open and closed season on the various Oregon streams and divides the state into fishing districts, and the third appropriated \$500 for a fishway at Oregon City.

The House had no scruple about accepting the two first named and they went through by a practically unanimous vote. But when it came to the bill appropriating 5000 for the proposed fishway at Willamette Falla, Malarkey announced himself in B, 22, which appropriated \$20,000 for fish butcheries, was passed," he declared, "we were told that this would be the end of fish appropriations." He said that the license bill would be beaten in the Senate and the state would not have the increased income it relied on Shelley replied, saying that the first ap-

propriation had been cut down to \$15,000 make room for the fishway. Kay came to the rescue of the measure and so did Hume and Webster. The bill finally passed by a bare majorty, receiving 21 votes. The purpose of H. B. 338 is mainly to create two fishing districts. District No. 1 includes the Columbia and its tributaries, District No. 2 includes the coast streams and their tributaries south of the Colum-

Fees, fines, etc., collected by the fish warden shall be placed in the hatchery fund, and shall be expended only in the district where collected. Two-thirds of the money now in the hatchery fund shall go to district No. I and one-third to district No. 2. Another important section of the bill is the abolishment of the prohibition of Sunday closing on the Columbia,

The purpose of the license measure, as explained by Webster and Hahn, is to make an average advance in the present tax schedule of 50 per cent. Gill and set nets, however, are not changed, because the State of Washington has adopted the present seale, and it is necessary to have concurrent legislation on these ap-The following license fees shall be paid annually: For each drag seine exceeding 500 feet in length, \$15; for each additional foot in length the further sum of 3c; for each gill net, \$2.50; for each set net, \$1; for each pound net, trap or weir, \$25; for each scow fish-wheel, \$25; each stationary fish-wheel, \$35.

Canners of salmon shall pay as follows: hose of the first class, \$175; second class, third class, \$325; fourth class, \$400 fifth class, 1475; sixth class, \$550; seventh class, \$625; eighth class, \$700.

Figh dealers shall pay as follows: First class, \$10; second class, \$15; third class, \$23; fourth class, \$30; fifth class, \$40; sixth class, \$75; seventh class, \$150; eighth class, \$225; ninth class, \$300; tenth class, \$275;

eleventh class, \$55; twelfth class, \$700.

The classifications are practically the salmon pack does not exceed 10,000 cases, and of the eighth class it exceeds 40,000 cases. Dealers of the first class are those handling less than 10 tons per year; twelfth class, 750 tons or more.

It is probable that the three bills will pass the Senate, inasmuch as they were dered and favorably acted upon by a

vestigating Land Board affairs has sub-mitted a report containing items of ex-pense of its work. The total is \$359.40, due chiefly to witnesses for mileage and per

Speaker Harris has appointed Orton. Hansbrough and Shelley to the joint com-mittee provided for to fix compensation of clerks of teles.

The House today adopted Senator Kuykendall's resolution for an investigation of the claims of Indian War veterans for of the claims of Indian War veterans for military services prior to 1857. The reso-lution was, however, amended so as to eliminate the \$1000 appropriation and to direct the Secretary of State and State Treasurer to do the work. The original resolution provided for a committee of three hold-over Senators to act in con-mection with the Secretary of State and State Treasurer.

A bill to amend section 50% of the code, relating to liability of stockholders in private corporations, passed the House today. The measure was introduced by Robbins of Boker and is meant to apply chiefly to mining companies. It gives to boards of directors authority to determine the value of canital stock of the section. boards of directors authority to determine the value of capital stock at the time of Incorporation in order that there may be no dispute afterward about the value of property that has been turned into the corporations. "In the absence of actual fraud in the transaction," reads the bill, "the judgment of the directors as to the value of the property purchased. conclusive; and in all statements or reports of the corporation to be published or
filed this stock shall not be stated or
reported as being issued for cash to the
corporation, but shall be reported in this
respect according to the fact." The bill
further provides: "Any corporation formed
ander this act may purchase mines, manufactures, or other property necessary for
its business, or the stock of any company
or companies owning mining, manufacturing, or producing material or other proping, or producing material or other property necessary for its business, and issue stock to the amount of the value thereof in payment therefor, and the stock so issued shall be full paid stock and not liable to any further call, neither shall the hold-er thereof be liable for any further payment under any of the provisions of this

Representative Kay's bill for taxation of bank stock passed the House this morning. It provides that stock of National banks shall be assessed where the institutions are located and that stock of private banks and loan and trust com-panies shall be assessed to "such bank, loan or trust company" where it is located "and not to the individual stock

The joint committee, appointed to investigate the affairs of the office of State Land Agent reported today that they had incurred an expense of \$359.40 for cierks and witnesses. The report stated that Governor Geer, State Land Agent L. B. Geer and W. H. Odell had been summoned to appear as witnesses and answer certain charges which had been brought to the attention of the committee. O. P. M. Jamison, of Portland; J. A. Buckley, of Portland; Levy Stipp,

Cregon City; W. T. Slater, Salem; T. W. Davenport, ex-State Land Agent, Silver-on and John Draper, Oregon City, were

oned as witnesses. Fannie Harrison was employed as stenographer ten days at \$10 a day, Emma Schoenfeld as typewriter ten days at \$4 J. B. Huntington as clerk, 20 days at 34 and M. E. Pogue, as expert clerk, 13 days

The report contained no statement of the findings of the committee.

The following resolution was adopted by the Senate today: Inasmuch as it has pleased the Divine Rules

Inasmuch as it has pleased the Divine Ruler of the Universe to remove from this scene of existence the late Hon. Solomon Hirsch, formerly a distinguished member of this Senate for 18 years, twice its president, and an honored citizen of this state since 1858, and late Minister to Turkey from the United States; and. Whereas, The members of this Senate cherish a grateful remembrance of this efficient and able a grateful remembrance of his efficient and able official career, both as a member of this body, as well as in all other positions of public trust, his many public and private virtues, his philanthropy and public enterprise, his genial disposition and courteous bearing, and his ready and able advocacy of all that was good and that rended to promote the material, social and educational prosperity of this state, it is just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues and public acts should be had; therefore, be it Eccoived. That the sympathy of the members of this Senate be and hereby is tendered to the family and relatives of the deceased, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family. grateful remembrance of his efficient and abl

Both houses of the Legislature have pussed H. B. 242, Eddy, to create a "bet terment fund" for the penitentiary. This bill provides that all the proceeds of convict labor may be used in making im-provements upon the penitentiary buildings, adding to the buildings, etc. This will give about \$11,000 a year for the improvement of the prison.

The House having refused to concur in the Senate amendment to the Port of Portland by, the Senate today directed the appointment of a committee of five to confer with a House committee re-garding the amendments. The chair ap-pointed Senators Smith, of Multnomah,

Hunt, Booth, Pierce and Daly. Senator Hunt wanted the conference committee to consist of Multnomah County Senators, but Senator A. C. Smith objected. He said that as there is a difference of opinion in the Multnomah delegation he would like to have a ma-jority of the conference committee composed of Senators outside of Multnomah the motion by Smith was sustained.

Senator Croisan made another attempt have the judiciary committee ordered to report his direct primary bill. His mo tion to that effect was defeated, but Sen-ater Fulton, of that committee, intimated that the committee will report the

bill with a statement of its views tion 303 of the code, relating to exemp-tions from taxation, passed the House this morning. The measure exempts the property of the United States, of counties, cities, villages, towns and school districts; of literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions and of such real property of these institutions as is actively occupied by them. The bill exempts also churches, the whereon located and the furniture in contained; burial grounds and tombs public libraries, personal property be-longing thereto and real property on which libraries are located. The property

of Indians shall be exempt who have not severed their tribal relations or taken lands in severalty, except lands held by them by purchase or inheritance and situate outside of any reservation. "But any part of any building being a house of public worship," the bill reads, "which shall be kept or used as a store

or shop, or for any other purpose excep for public worship or for schools, shal be taxed upon the cash valuation there-of, the same as personal property, to the owner or occupant, or to either; and the taxes shall be collected thereon in the same manner as taxes on personal prop-

On its third successive effort to get fa vorable consideration, Burleigh's bill for the protection of stockgrowers (H. B. 44) passed the House this morning. The purpose of the measure is to prevent ers to keep records of animals slaugh-tered, with the marks and brands. This was all right, but what such members have heretofore objected to was a provision that "any person not regularly en-gaged in the business of slaughtering cat-tle who at any time slaughters any catwards. The latter is a farmer who has achieved a rare reputation in the House for sound common sense, and when he favored the bill and declared he could as a farmer stand the slight inconvenience to which it would subject him, everybody voted for it.

The Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society desires to annex the County of Lane to the present com-bination of Coos, Curry and Douglas, and to increase the annual state appro-priation for its fairs from 2000 to \$1500. That is the object of H. B. 25, Hermann, which passed the House this morning which passed the House this morning.

The sailor boarding-house bill passed the Senate this morning without a dis-senting vote. The bill was amended so as to reduce the bond required of board-ing-house keepers from \$20,000 to \$5000 and authorizing the removal of members of the board, for cause, the removal power being vested in the Governor Secretary being vested in the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer. The bill was also amended by substituting S. M. Mears for W. B. Ayer, as a member of the board of commissioners for the licensing and regulation of sailor boarding-

When the bill came up for final passage, Senator McGinn, who had charge of the bill in the Senate, read, as a part of his argument, an editorial in today's Oregonian advocating the passage of the

"A better argument is made in that editorial, Mr. President, than I can hope to offer," said Senator McGinn. He then reviewed the provisions of the bill, as amended, showing that the purpose of the

The bill passed without any word or

Judd's bill, authorizing the Board of Capitol Bullding Commissioners to condemn water rights at Salem, passed the House tonight. Representative Judd explained that the state is without water for the prison, asylum and Capitol, and was unable to negotiate with the company having control of Mill Creek until after this bill had been introduced. He said that since the bill had been introduced the company had been willing to said that since the bill had been intro-duced the company had been willing to discuss terms for water supply. It is necessary that the bill pass in order that the state may be able to secure a water supply if an agreement should not be con-summated. If the bill should not pass and the agreement not be completed, the state would be in a very serious predicament. The bill passed.

The dairy and food bill, House bill 188, was amended tonight so as to appropriate \$250 to reimburse Food Commissioner Bailey for his expenses in attending the National Dairy and Food Convention. The

Under a joint rule of the two Houses, no bilis which pass either house after to-night will be considered in the other house. All bilis that have not passed the house in which they were introduced are

died tonight in the hands of the S judiciary committee.

# FOR TWO TAX PAYMENTS

HOUSE PASSED MEASURE BY LARGE VOTE.

Bill Makes Taxes Payable in Either December or April-For Better Assessments.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18 -- (Special.)-The House by an overwhelming vote today passed a bill "to provide a more efficient method of assessment and collection of taxes." The bill was drafted by Repre sentative Phelps and amended by joint action of the committees on taxation. The bill makes taxes due in the Fall of the year payable in two installments, one be fore December 31, the other before the first Monday in April next following. A rebate of 2 per cent is allowed on payments before December 31. The penalty for delinquency is reduced from 10 to 5 per cent, and the interest charge is 12 per

The first assessment under the aut is to made on January 1, 1965, and annually equalization shall meet on the first. The bill had been made a special order anday in July and their sessions shall for this afternoon. Just after the sessions of the contract of the sessions. thereafter, at "true cash value." Boards of equalization shall meet on the first

purpose and has incurred indebtedness to the extent of \$750,000, and.

Fifth—Whereas. The results from the work of said Port of Portland have greatly increased the business and prosperity of the country drained by the Columbia River, and,

Sixth—Whereas. The work the Port of Portland has been and is now doing must be done subject to the restrictions of the laws of the United States, and is properly within the duties and control of the United States Government. Seventh—Whereas, The work of said Port of Portland could be better and more systematically attended to by the United States Government in connection with other work of a similar character; therefore,

The Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon does hereby petition and memorialize the

gon does hereby petition and memorialize the Congress of the United States to assume charge of said work to repay said Port of Portland the moneys so expended and to assume the liability now existing and incurred by said Port of Portland, and to take over the dredges and other appliances used in its operation, and to relieve said Port of Portland from the management and control thereof

#### DAVEY BILL IS KILLED. . House Speedily Disposes of Taxation Mensure.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Staff correspondence.)—The Davey bill to tax intangible property of express, telegraph. telephone and oil companies was indefi nitely postponed in the House today. The measure was similar to the Harris which failed to pass yesterday. The vote

last not longer than 26 days. In Septem- sion began Eddy, who yesterday led the



ber county boards shall make their levies. Each school district and incorporated city shall notify the Clerk of the County Court of their levies before September 1. Counties are to pay their quotas to the state on broke out Hodson, "and also to move the or before January 15, out of the first previous question." moneys collected. Interest shall be Davey was just about to discharge his charged on delinquent payments 30 days artillery against the attempt to after they become due, at the legal rate. him off," but Speaker Harris said: Passage of the bill was urged on the floor of the House by Phelps, its original author, Judd, Shelley, Galloway and Edlarkey, Reed and Hawkina. The members who voted no were: Fisher, Hawkins. Hermann, Kay, Malarkey, Reed and Test. Phelps said that the bill has been very carefully considered by the committees on taxation and had been approved by the Secretary of State. Kay fought the bill because if emacted it would work a hardtle, must retain in his possession the hide taken off said cattle with the ears attached thereo without any alteration of the marks of the same." There was a brief discussion engaged in by Burieigh, Whealdon, Balley, Kay, Hume and Edwards of the same of the same of the same of the same. The interest is a second of the same of th for a long time. The time for paying taxes allowed by the present law was entirely too short, and, besires, taxes became due when farmers' purses were most depleted. Shelley said the law proposed was one of the issues of the campaign in which he was elected.

Malarkey said there were good features in the bill, but thought the existing law should be left unchanged for at least two years more, because it was giving universal satisfaction. Reed declared that Multnomah County was satisfied with the aw as it stood.

Davey said he and his colleagues had pledged themselves when posing for elec-tion to vote for just such a bill. In every precinct which they had visited there had been demands for the proposed act. Gal-lowny said if he hadn't promised the peo-ple to work for the proposed changes he would not be a member of the House.

Hawkins thought tampering with the existing law unwise. He had heard no emplaints from his constituents. The

all then passed.

After the first Monday in February the After the first Monday in February the Sheriff shall proceed to collect all personal taxes, of which one-half wasn't paid before December 31. Wherever he finds personal property he shall levy upon it, regardless of the ownership. The Sheriff is empowered also to levy "upon sufficient goods and chattels belonging to the person or corporation charged with such taxes if the same can be found in his possession by taking them be found in his possession by taking them into his possession to pay such delinquent taxes, together with accruing interest, penalties and other lawful properties. He shall immediately advertise such goods and chattels for sale, and if they are not redeemed in 10 days he shall sell them or so much of them are shall be ufficient to pay such taxes interest and sufficient to pay such taxes, interest and

penalties."

The Sheriff shall give notice of sale of real property for delinquent taxes not later than October 1. Such notice is to be published weekly four successive times in the county official newspaper or a news-paper designated by the County Court.

## TO LESSEN PORTLAND'S BURDEN.

Memorial Asking Congress to Im prove the Rivers Below the City. prove the Rivers Below the City.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The
House today adopted a joint memorial
praying Congress to take from the Port
of Portland the burden of improving the
Columbia and Willamette Rivers below
Pertland. The memorial was introduced
by Sanderson Reed, of Multnymah, who
explained that the Port of Portland in
the past 12 years had incurred an indebtedness of \$750,000. The memorial is as follows:

lows:

First-Whereas, the Port of Portland is a municipal corporation comprising a part of Multinomah County, State of Oregon, and is organized and existing for the purpose of providing means whereby the Columbia River may be dredged and deepened in certain places for the purpose of aiding navigation; and

Second-Whereas, The said Port of Portland was incorporated and came into existence in the year 1891, and

Third-Whereas, The operations of said Port of Portland are for the benefit of the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho; and,

Fourth-Whereas, The said Port of Portland has expended large sums of money for said

onslaught on the Harris bill, moved that the Davey measure be indefinitely postponed. wish to second that motion,

"Just another moment, Mr. Hodson, Another motion is before the House,"
Davey then touched off his artillery. he thundered. "I protest in the name of the people of Oregon against such treat-ment. This bill is the outgrowth of the belief that all people do not bear an equal share of public burdens. If this is an inquisitorial bill, how about the present law which permits the Assessor to enter every home in the state and to ascertain how many cows the family pos-sesses, how many acres of land, how many spoons, how much furniture? Opponents the way to put the farmer out of busi-ness is to refuse to enact this kind of legislation. But what right have corporations to clothe themselves with secret robes and to say, What business is it of yours what we are doing? Gentlemen, you have promised the people of Oregon this kind of legislation. I appeal to you to fulfill your promise."

to fulfill your promise."

Eddy set upon Davey and the bill in a vigorous manner. "The gentleman," said he, warming up, "In telling you of the merits of his bill has not explained a single provision in it. He does not understand his bill. He is talking for buncombe. He doesn't care so much for the interests of the State of Oregon as for his own interests before his constituents, where he has seent hours on this subject

Where he has spent hours on this subject I have spent weeks." Eddy said he agreed that corporations should pay more taxes. He did not deny that the bill aimed in the right direction, but he could not accept the bill as a means to the end in view. He insisted that the bill would work gross injustice. "All these corporations are monopolistic," he said, "and excessive taxation will only come back on us." Eddy maintained that the injustice would come in taxing the specified corporations to the full value of their property and in taxing prop-erty of others only to one-third of its

The motion for indefinite postponen then carried.

Representative Shelley's bill to abolish deficiency judgments on mortgages passed the House this morning. The bill is drawn so as to have mortgages cover only that land which is mortgaged. It

only that land which is mortgaged. It contains one section as follows:

"When judgment or decree is given for the foreclosure of any mortgage, hereafter executed, to secure payment of the balance of the purchase price of real property, such judgment or decree shall provide for the sale of the real property. vide for the sale of the real property cov-ered by such mortgage for the satisfaction of the judgment or decree given therein. and the mortgages shall not be entitled to a deficiency judgment on account of such mortgage or note or obligation se-

The House this morning adopted a resolution of the Senate praying Congress to call a Constitutional convention for an amendment to the National Constitution so as to provide for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the per

Malarkey's House bill 344, which passed the House tonight, was drawn in pursu-ance of the recommendation made by Sec-retary of State Dunbar. It requires surety companies to make a deposit of bonds to the sum of \$50,000 in the state treasury, or that they may invest \$55,000 in real estate, Before withdrawing from the state a surety company must give security for the fulfillment of its obligations. This meas-ture has twice been recommended by the ure has twice been recommended by the

county and to attach them to Washington' failed to pass the House tonight. The bill was an aftermath of a dispute that has lasted a number of years. In 1899 the Legislature took the sections from Colum-bia, and in 1901 gave them back. The action in 1899 was on petition of the resi-

# THREE EDDY BILLS PASS

HOUSE ACTS ON SEVERAL IMPORT-ANT MEASURES.

Sebool Tax of \$6 Per Capita-Upland Owner Has Rights Over Tide Lands.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18 .- (Staff correspond ence.)—The House this morning passed three Eddy bills. One is to require each county to levy a school tax of at least \$6 per each person in the county between 20 and 4 years of age. Another of the bills proposes to divert the earnings of convicis from the general funds of the state to the betterment fund, for the improve ment of the penitentiary. The third bill proposes to give "shore" or "upland" owners priority in acquisition of tide lands in front of their shore property from the

The present law as to school taxes re quires a levy in each county of at least mills. The bill provides that the per capita amount levied shall never be les than the per capita amount of the school tax levied in 1964.

In urging passage of the bill, Eddy pointed out the wide diversity of valua-tions in the counties, and the consequently wide diversity in the moneys available for Gill advocated passage of the bill, say

ing that the constant reduction of as-sessed values had reduced sums of money for schools so much that in many countie the per capita levy was under \$4.

Kay opposed the measure, and argued that the counties should be left to raise

ney in accordance with their needs. bill then passed. The bill to divert the earnings of convicts to the "betterment fund" passed readily. Eddy explained that he had introduced the bill at the request of Gov-ernor Chamberlain. In the past two years the earnings of convicts have been \$22,754,

or over \$11,000 per year. The Governor desires that this money be expended in improvement of the Peniten-tiary. Eddy read a letter from the Gov-ernor, in which the executive said that extensive repairs are absolutely necessary at the Penitentiary. The letter said that the walls are going to decay, that the water-tower is dangerous, and that things generally are in a dilapidated condition "It is poor economy," wrote the Governor, "to allow the prison to fall to pieces. As to the third bill, Eddy explain a law was once on the statute books allowing "shere" owners priority right to acquire tide lands in front of their shore property, but that through some over-sight the law had been repealed. "At present," said Eddy, "the shore owner has

no priority whatever." The bill further provides: In case any person, other than such uplanin case any person, other than such upans owner, shall desire to purchase any such tide land or tide flat, he shall, upon making appli-cation to the State Land Board therefor, give written notice to the owner of the upland upon which such tide land or tide flat shall front or abut, setting forth that such applicant has ap plied to the State Land Board for the purchas of said tide lands or tide flats, and such notic or said tide lands or tide hats, and such notice shall contain a correct description of the land proposed to be purchased, in conformity to the description contained in the application made to the State Land Board, and such notice shall be served upon such upland owners, by the Sheriff of the county in which such owner may be found.

In case such upland owner cannot b found, the applicant shall make affidavit of the fact to the Land Board. The no-tice shall then be published in some newspaper of general circulation in the county counties where the land is situate within three months from the time of publication. The upland owner shall have first right to purchase the tide lands. If he shall not secure the land, the board may dispose of it, irrespective of such right, giving preference to the first bona

#### IN THE SENATE. Adjournment as a Mark of Respec

for Late Solomon Hirsch. SALEM, Or., Feb. 18 .- (Special.)-The Senate was opened with prayer by Rev. H. A. Ketchum, of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem.

Multnomah-To authorize the Adjutant General to publish 1440 copies of the His-tory of the Second Oregon; adopted.

Under H. C. R. 25, for the appointment of a joint committee to fix compensation of joint committee clerks, the President appointed Senators Carter and McGinn. The joint committee for the investigation of the Soldiers' Home reported that the management of that institution has been excellent, but that the property needs re

pairs and improvements.
S. C. R. 30, Williamson—For the appointment by the State Land Board of a commission to investigate water right laws and report to the next Legislature; adopt-

H. B. 350, Bilyeu-To amend the charter of Albany; passed. H. B. 36, Danneman-To incorporat

Olex; passed.

H. B. 383, ways and means committee—
For special claims against the state; amended so as to include \$14,500 for an executive mansion, and was re-referred to the ways and means committee.

At 11 o'clock the Senate adopted resolu-tions upon the death of the late ex-Sen-ator Solomon Hirsch, and, as a further of respect, adjourned until 12 At the afternoon session the Senate re-

fused to concur in the amendment made by the House to the resolution for the in-vestigation of the Indian War claims. The Senate refused to concur in the House amendment for final adjournment on Saturday night, and the appointment of a conference committee was ordered. S. B. 238, Rand—To incorporate Green-

ham; passed.

H. B. 227, Galloway—To regulate sailor boarding-houses; amended and passed.

S. B. 229, Fulton—To authorize the Sheriff of Clatsop County to appoint three deputies; read three times and passed.
S. B. 169, Sweek—To cure defects in articles of incorporation; passed.

Governor Chamberlain's veto of S. B. 169, McGinn, authorizing appropriation of water rights by cities, and S. B. 50, Booth. for protection of forests, were made a spe-cial for tomorrow at 10:30 A. M. H. B. 59, to put the initiative and ref-

erendum into effect; passed. H. B. 342, Eddy—To authorize creation of betterment fund for the State Penitentiary; passed. H. B. 353, Hawkins—To amend the char

ter of Dallas; passed.

H. B. 357, Danneman—To change the name of the town of Alkall; passed.

S. B. 237—For a mining bureau; made a special order for 2 P. M. tomorrow. S. B. 231, Carter-To protect co-owner The Senate then adjourned until 7:39 P

At the evening session the Senate passed bill 237, by the committee on mining, for the creation of a Bureau of Mines.

H. B. 231. Davey, to appropriate \$10,000 per year for the State Fair, was passed. S. B. 90. Mays, to fix the day's work for street-car men at ten hours, was passed. S. B. 205. Howe, to prevent students in dental offices from practicing dentistry,

was passed.
S. B. 206, Rand, to prevent countles of 16,000 inhabitants from making purchase or contracts except after receiving bids, was indefinitely postponed. H. B. 60, for the construction of a bridge

across the Willamette at the foot of Mor-rison street, Portland, was passed, Having completed the reading of all Senate bills, the Senate adjourned.

Day, and Many Bills Are Passed.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The House was called to order at 9:20 A. M. by Speaker Harris. H. B. 200, Hahn-To amend section 1135

of volume 1 of the code, relative to mar-ried women acting as executors and ad-ministratrices of the estates of deceased

ersons; passed. H. B. 44, Biakley—To protect stockgrow H. B. 254, Reed-To provide for recording of assignments of certificates of sale;

H. B. 218, Test-To amend section 2978, relating to County Commissioners and their compensations; passed. H. B. Z. Hermann-To incre priation to Southern Oregon District Agri

cultural Society; passed.

H. B. 221, Robbins—To amend section 1965 of code, relating to sale and purchase of stocks; passed. H. B. 292, Hale-Relating to property ex mpt from taxation; passed. H. B. 138, Shelley—To abolish deficiency

passed. H. B. 123, Eddy-To amend code relating

to sale of tide lands by State Land Board; H. C. R. 30, Judd-That committee on ways and means include in bill appropria-tion of \$1000 for widows of three Peniten-

tiary guards who were killed by Tracy ast June; adopted-25 to 12. S. J. R. 6. Daly-That Superintendent of Public Instruction compile school laws and print them for distribution; adopted. H. R. 29-That on the last two days of the session each member of House be al-lowed to call up one Senate bill in alpha

betical sequence of his name; adopted. S. J. R. 7, Hunt-Calling upon Congress for National Constitutional convention to umend Constitution for direct election of Senators: adopted.

H. B. 342, Eddy-Relating to earnings of convict labor; passed.
S. C. R. S. McGinn-Instructing Lewis and Clark Commission to issue fac-sim-

illes of "Beaver Money"; adopted. S. C. R. 23, Kuykendall-For investiga-tion of claims against the Territory of Oregon of Indian War Veterans; adopted. S. C. R. 29, Kuykendall-For adjourn-ment; amended for adjournment Satur-

day and adopted. C. R. 26, McGinn-Directing regents of Agricultural College co-operate with Lewis and Clark Commission; adopted. S. C. R. S. McGinn—Directing Lewis and Clark Commission to strike off fac-similies of Lewis and Clark medals of 1804-6;

S. C. R., McGinn-Directing Secretary of State to lend to Oregon Historical So-clety medal presented to Captain Gray in nemoration of his discovery of the H. B. 264, Eddy-To amend code relating

to school tax levies by County Courts; considered in committee of the whole and H. B. 161, Kay-To assess bank stock;

H. B. 99, Davey-To tax intangible prop erty of express, telephone, telegraph and oil companies; indefinitely postponed. The House concurred in Senate amendments to resolution for furnishing 1460 copies of war history to soldiers.

H. B. 329, committee on fisheries-Relat-ing to license fees of fishing appliances and salmon canneries; passed. H. B. 338, committee on fisheries-For the protection of the salmon industry; H. B. 225, Webster-To authorize con

struction of fish wheel at Oregon City H. R. 23, Hawkins-That- Chief Clerk furnish State Printer true copies of Jour-H. J. M. 4. Shelley-Praying Congress to

extend Indian War pension act to benefit of Modoc War veterans; adopted.

A committee to confer with a Senatcommittee on Senate amendments to H. B. 27 was appointed: Nottingham, Cobb. Malarkey, Hodson and Banks. This bill s to amend Port of Portland act.

H. J. M. 5, Reed-Pfaying Congress to assume charge of river improvement for Port of Portland; adopted.

H. B. 197, Phelps-For new system of assessment and collection of taxes; passed.

S. B. 212, Mulkey—To incorporate town

of Independence; passed.

H. B. 225, Hermann-To permit fishing at night on Coquille River; passed.
S. B. 9. Wehrung—To fix the boundary
of Washington County: failed to pass.
H. B. 279. Maiarkey—To regulate running

mah County at large of stock in Multne S. B. 120, Steiwer-To make a separate representative district of Wasco County;

War Veterans with \$100,000; ps The House receded from its amendment to the resolution on final adjournment, and agreed to an adjournment at midnight

Friday, February 20. H. B. 198, Olwell-To amend the dairy and food law; passed.

H. B. 304, Hodson-For the issue of bonds to pay outstanding warrants in Multnomah County; passed.

H. B. 329, Judd-Authorizing state to

equire water rights for use of state in stitutions at Salem; passed. S. B. 106, Rand-To incorporate Bourne; indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 265, Whealdon—To regulate run-H. B. 255. Whealton-los regulate tall-ning of stock in Wasco County; passed. H. B. 255, Reed-To amend the law so that an unrecorded deed shall have no validity against a purchaser in good faith;

H. B. 319, committee on judiclary-to amend the law relative to punishment for ussault; passed.

H. B. 277, Shelley (by request)—To amend the code relative to bonds of executors; passed,
H. B. 158, Davey, substitute—To repeal
the law permitting District Attorneys to

file informations; passed. H. B. 96, substitute—To encourage the digging of artesian wells in Eastern Oregon; indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 344, Malarkey—Requiring surety companies to make deposits in the State

Treasury; passed. H. B. \$2—To authorize the State Board of Horticulture to appoint deputies;

#### VETO ON BOOTH BILL. Governor Doesn't Like Expense Part

of Forest-Fire Measure. SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain today vetoed Senate bill 50, by Booth, for the protection of forests from fire. The bill provides for forests from fire. The bill provides for the appointment of five Commissioners named in the act, who have general charge of forest protection. This com-mission has power to appoint one warden in each county, and more if necessary. Each warden has power to appoint five rangers during the Summer season. The veto message says that while the hill carries an appropriation of only \$60.

bill carries an appropriation of only \$500, it authorizes the creation of claims which might amount to \$50,000 or more a year. The Governor says that the bill should place a limit on the expenditures. Another objection the Governor raises is that the Commissioners are named in

the Governor of his constitutional power

to make appointments.

The Governor also vetoed Senate bill 109 by Sweek, to authorize cities to appropriate real property, water rights, etc. Governor's objection is that the new leaves out a proviso in the present law that no action for the appropriation of real property or water shall be commenced except upon a majority vote of taxpayers at an election called for

The Senate will decide tomorrow what action to take on the Governor's veto.

### PROZEN AND EATEN BY RATS. Tragic End of an Old Prospector is

Mountains of Montana. ANACONDA, Mont., Feb. 18.-A special to the Standard from Boulder says the body of William Coriett, an old prospec-tor, was found in his cabin there, frozen stiff, and large portions of the flesh eaten away by mountain rats. Corlett was regarded as eccentric, having once been

Clarence S. Darrow, counsel for the coal min-ers in the strike arbitration, took his seat as a member of the Illinois House of Representa-tives yesterday, and was given an ovation.

HE DID HIS BEST TO PASS LABOR

Senators McGinu, Rand and Mays Exonerate the President of the Sennie.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Sena-tors McGinn, Rand and Mays, of the Senate judiciary committee, made state-ments of the floor of the Senate this afternoon, defending President Brownell against the charge made by President Mayville, of the Federated Labor Union, of Oregon City, that Senator Brownell did not exert his influence in behalf of Senate Bills 148 and 149. These bills were introduced for the purpose of fixing the length of a day's work in certain occupations at eight house. As soon as the Senate convened this afternoon, Senator McGinn said that he had read in The Oregonian of today a news dispatch which shows that an injustice has been done President Brownell, "Since you, Mr. President, are in the chair and not in a position to make a statement upon this matter yourself, I desire to make an ex-planation in your behalf." Senator McGinn then read the following dispatch, which shows the matter com-

plained of:

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—President A. J. Mayville, of the Federal Labor Union, comprising about 500 laboring men of this city, has called a special meeting of the union for next Monday evening to take action upon the failure of the State Senate to pass Senate bills 145 and 145. These bills were urged by the labor unions of this city, and Senator Brownell was intrusted with their introduction. The purpose of the bills was to make eight hours constitute a day's work throughout the state. The platform adopted at the Clackamas County Republican convention contained strong indorsements of such a law, and many of the laboring men in this city express the belief that President Brownell could have secured the passage of these bills, which were reported adversely by a committee and indefinitely postponed by the Senate. Unless there is a change in the existing sentiment beindefinitely postponed by the Senate. Unless there is a change in the existing sentiment before next Monday, it is very probable that resolutions will be passed in condemnation of Senator Brownell. Mayville is also president of the Carpenters' Union, which holds a regular meeting next Wednesday night, at which time some action will probably be taken upon the matter. The Textile Workers' Union, comprising many of the employes of the woolen mills will be asked to take some action, as will the Painter's Union, which has its regular the Painter's Union, which has its regular meeting next Monday, and will probably hold a joint session with the Federal Union.

"This does great injustice to you, Mr. President, for it is clear to me that Mr. Mayville is misinformed as to your posi-tion and your action regarding the bills tion and your action regarding the bills referred to. I am a member of the committee to which the bills were referred and I can say that you, Mr. President, came before the committee repeatedly and urged that the committee report fa-vorably upon these bills, as you wished to secure their passage. The members of the committee did not feel that there is a general demand over the state for the passage of a law making eight hours a day's work. We did not take into con-sideration of the platform adopted by the Republicans of Clackamas County, but acted upon the best light we had as to the wishes of the people of the whole state.

Senators Rand and Mays spoke to the same effect, saying that Senator Brownell appeared before the committee repeatedly, in season and out of urging a favorable report upon the bill Senator Mays said that Brownell had urged a favorable report not only upon the ground that an eight-hour law is desirable for the people of the state, but also upon the ground that he, personally, wanted the bill passed because desired by his constituents.

The House has adopted a resolution whereby on Thursday and Friday, the last two days of the session, each member may bring up one Senate bill in the alpha-

betical sequence of his name The House today concurred in several Senate resolutions introduced by Senator McGinn. One resolution instructs the Secretary of State to lend the Oregon Captain Gray, in commemoration of his discovery of the Columbia River; another instructs the Lewis and Clark Commission to issue facsimiles of "beaver money co-operate with the Lewis and Clark Com-mission; another directs the Lewis and Clark Commission to strike off facsimiles of medals distributed in 1804 and 1806 by

A joint memorial was adopted by the House today praying that Congress ex-tend the recent act of Congress pension-ing war veterans of Oregon and Wash-ington to survivors of the Modoc War. The memorial was introduced by Representa-

The House today considered the Phelps tax bill in committee of the whole. Em-mitt of Crook, Klamath and Wasco pre-

House bill 197, the logging stream bill, is still in the hands of the Senate committee on public lands, where its supporters and opponents are trying to amend it so that it will be satisfactory to all concerned. The bill will probably be reported back to

# REACH A COMPROMISE.

Left to Interested Voters.

BOISE, Igaho, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The
House committee on lines and boundaries
today reported back H. B. 123, Thomas of
Nez Perce, providing for the annexation
of Southern Shoshone to Nez Perce County, with a recommendation that it pass without amendment. The bill provides that the question be left to the taxpayers interested to decide by vote, and by many it is accepted as a harmonious solution of

Anderson of Shoshone, who is a mem-her of the committee and a partisan of Clearwater County, declined to vote on the bill in committee, but did not offer a minority report.

It is predicted that the bill will pass the House with little opposition, but the Clearwater adherents hint that they may have something to say about it when the proper time comes.

To Refund Multnomah Indebtedness. SALEM. Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The House tonight passed a bill to authorize the County Court of Multnomah to refund its indebtedness. The bill gives the power to issue bonds to cover warrants and accrued interest thereon which were unpaid January I. Each of the refunding bonds is to be for not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000, payable in five years. Interest is to be no higher than 4 per cent, payable semi-annually. No bond shall be sold for less than par. Whenever the treasury of the county has more than sufficient money to pay current annual expenses, the sur-plus shall be used for the redemption of the bonds. The treasurer shall give no-tice of redemption, after which the bonds shall cease to draw interest. The indext-edness of the county to be refunded is over \$500,000. The bill was introduced by

#### Representative Hodson. Land Withdrawn From Entry.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 18,-A special to the Miner from Great Falls says that 700,-Northern in Choteau and Valley Counties were withdrawn from entry this morning in connection with the Government's St Mary's canal irrigation project. This is the fourth withdrawal of lands in North-ern Montana under the provisions of the