

MILLS

Committees Appointed in the Oregon Lower House.

DOBBINS FIRST ON HIS FEET

Wallawa Member's Resolution to Increase Irrigation Committee to Seven Members Adopted Under Suspension of Rules.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—When Speaker Mills called the House to order at 11:30 this morning many members were rosy and panting from their walk from the Portland train and their climb up the steep Capitol steps.

He jumped Dobbin, of Wallawa, first of all with a resolution to increase the members of the irrigation committee from five to seven. But Dobbin was not quite in order until Lathum, of Multnomah, moved to dispense with the reading of the journal; whereas the resolution was adopted on suspension of the rules, moved by Kay of Marion.

After the Speaker had labored through the roll-call, Speaker Mills announced the standing committees. All members were present in the director of the Speaker's voice, so as to hear the appointments are as follows:

Ways and means—Vawter, Graham, Blake, Hunter, Hovenden, Johnson, Rasmussen, Lathum, Lathum, Vawter, Smith of Josephine, Jayne, Muller.

Navigation and transportation—Sommers, Meyer, Blakey, Graham, Cooper.

Elections—Killingworth, Edwards, Kunez, Lave, Smith of Baker.

Education—Cox, Fawcett, Settlemier, Cole, Bailey.

Enrolled bills—Hudson, Carter, Meyer. Enrolled bills—Graham, Bramhall, Bailey. Assessment and taxation—Huntley, Colwell, Chamberlain, Kay, Stitz.

Claims—Cox, Fawcett, Settlemier, Cole, Bailey. Military affairs—Capron, Hicks, Munkers, Roads and highways—Hermann, Cornett, Jager, Flint, Baker, Jager.

Printing—Blakey, Donnelly, Steiner. Indian affairs—Richie, Capron, Burns. Corporations—Holcomb, Cornett, Caldwell, Clites and towns—Jager, Hermann, Shook.

Commerces—Crang, Burns, Edwards, Miles, Kunez. Counties—Henderson, Jayne, Von der Helten, Burgess, Blakey.

Federal relations—Hunt, Griffin, Cavender. Mining—Smith of Baker, Bingham, Capron, Smith of Josephine, Jackson.

Public lands—Bingham, Miles, Henderson, Smith of Baker, Lave.

Internal improvements—Cornett, Killingsworth, McLeod.

Agriculture—Von der Helten, Settlemier, Holcomb.

Alcoholic traffic—Welch, Kay, Burgess. Manufactures—Meyer, Kay, Edwards.

Medicine and pharmacy—Steiner, Cole, Clites.

Banking and insurance—Cooper, Settlemier, Henderson.

Horticulture—Barnes, Holcomb, Dobbin. Health and public morals—Capron, Munkers, West.

Rules and joint rules—Carter, West, Burns. Salaries and military—Jackson, Rasmussen, Kunez.

Public library—Newell, Jackson, Caldwell. Fisheries—Mayer, Colwell, McLeod, Jager, Jayne.

Labor and industries—Miles, Welch, Griffin.

Penal, reformatory and charitable institutions—Dobbin, Killingsworth, Griffin.

Capital building and grounds—Bramhall, Cavender, Rasmussen.

Statistics and immigration—Barnes, Bramhall, Crang.

Grainlands—Cole, Stitz, Steiner, Von der Helten, Dobbin, Shook, McLeod.

Food and dairy products—Stitz, Jager, Newell.

Salary of state and county officers—Kay, Meyer, Burgess.

Games—Donnelly, Muller, Vawter, Chamberlain.

As soon as the committee had been distributed, Speaker Mills called for petitions, memorials and remonstrances, the first order of business. Nobody responded, so he proceeded to the order of committee, then to propositions and motions, and finally to introduction and first reading of bills, before getting a response. At the announcement of more than a dozen members springing to their feet. The harvest was 33 measures, which passed through first reading.

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ROUTINE IN THE HOUSE.

Bills Vetted by the Governor Made Special Order for Today.

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On motion of Lathum, the five vetoes of the Governor were made a special order for tomorrow at 10 A. M.

Bills introduced in the House.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The following bills were introduced in the House today and read first time:

H. R. 96, by Newell—to regulate sale of fertilizers.

H. R. 107, by Shook—to amend game law as to baiting of game.

H. R. 118, by Steiner—to amend code on terms of Circuit Court in District.

H. R. 119, by Graham—to reimburse school fund for money lent to State Agricultural Society.

H. R. 120, by Graham—for relief of widow of E. J. Jager and F. B. Perrell, guards killed by Tracy and Merrill.

H. R. 121, by Ritchie—to compensate owners of sheep for loss by dogs.

H. R. 122, by Ritchie (by request)—To fix salary of County Treasurer of Marion County at \$1500 a year.

H. R. 123, by Lave—to regulate salary of County Judges in Clatsop.

H. R. 124, by Stitz—to incorporate Westfall, Malheur County.

H. R. 125, Smith of Josephine—to exempt from taxation property of householders to \$500 valuation.

H. R. 126, by Lathum—to appropriate money for all of the National Highway.

H. R. 127, by Griffin—to amend law for protection of contractors and material men.

SLICED FROM WASCO.

Bill for Creation of New County of Cascade.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Three bills are before the House today for creation of Cascade County in Eastern Oregon was introduced in the House and today another bill for creation of the same county was introduced by Jayne, of Wasco. In the same body. The new county is to be cut out of Wasco, and its temporary and probably permanent county seat is to be Hood River.

The territory embraced in Cascade County will be close to 540 square miles. It cuts off the western portion of Wasco, next to the Multnomah line, the western boundary is roughly a parallel to the summit of the Cascades, where the south line of Multnomah strikes the line of Wasco County, thence irregularly to the channel of the Columbia, and thence along the Columbia to the east boundary of Clackamas County.

The assessed valuation of the property within those boundaries this year is \$1,971,615. There are 23 schools in the territory. This population is 3720.

A bill prohibiting livestock of all domestic animals from being taken into any part of Multnomah County, except the Sandy River, was introduced today by Representative Capron.

The fine for violation is from \$5 to \$25. Any person who stock raises, or who has a large, and the owner may redeem the same by paying \$1 a head to the person taking them up.

Fertilizers selling for more than \$5 a ton to bear a label showing their chemical ingredients is the aim of a bill introduced by Newell, of Washington.

The bill is intended to make analyses, and dealers wishing to handle fertilizers are to obtain a permit from the director of the experiment station.

That liens may be attached to sawlogs, piles and spars after they have been converted into other material is the purpose of a bill introduced by Representative Mayer, of Columbia.

The salary of the County Judge of Clatsop is increased from \$7500 to \$1000 by a bill introduced by Representative Lave, of Clatsop.

That no attorney may practice in any Probate Court of the state unless he has been admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Oregon, is the purpose of a bill introduced by Representative Vawter, of Jackson.

That a stockman from paying \$250 for a county license to inspect his stock when no inspection has been made, Cooper of Lincoln and Polk has introduced a bill in the House.

That the keepers of his county complain that they have frequently paid out money for inspection when none was made. In such cases the person who has been converted into receipt never saw the cattle in question.

The bill is not to abolish county inspection, but to obviate compulsory period, and to stock is inspected by the Government, whose inspectors are to be paid to the permits of the county inspectors in any case.

A state tax on dogs and elimination of unlicensed dogs is the purpose of a bill introduced by Rickie, of Clatsop. The bill provides for a tax of \$1 a head on dogs of all descriptions. The tax is to be assessed and collected as other taxes. The money therefrom is to be placed in a fund which will be drawn upon to reimburse sheepowners whose property is killed and maimed by unknown dogs.

If the owners of dogs do not wish to pay the annual tax, the dogs must be destroyed. Another bill of Rickie raises the salary of the County Treasurer of Marion County from \$1000 a year to \$1300.

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The pure food bill which is to be introduced by Representative Capron tomorrow was debated at a meeting of the committee of the State Dairyman's Association tonight. The bill provides that all condensed milk be inspected and labeled with a 15 percent butter fat. E. A. Stuart, president of the Pacific States Condensed Milk Company, declared all evaporated cream on the market contained 12 to 15 percent butter fat, and no milk of any kind could be manufactured. Among those present were:

Senator Hayden and Representative Newell, of Washington County; E. T. Judd, chairman of the dairymen's committee; W. W. Cotton, Manager Brown, of the Hazelwood Creamery; Manager Brown, of the Salinas Creamery; J. W. Townsend, of Portland, and J. W. Bailey, Dairy Commissioner.

The dairymen held condensed milk is in competition with them, and demanded that the "cream" should not appear upon the can if less than the required percentage was contained. By the bill no fresh cream can be sold as such unless it contains 20 percent butterfat. Twelve percent is required in ice cream and 23 in ordinary milk.

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The bill does not require any deposit to be made, but does require the company to file an affidavit that it has \$250,000 assets over and above all liabilities. The bill was introduced at the request of sawmill-owners and other water front property owners in Clatsop.

H. R. 115, by Edwards—to amend the code as to crime of assault with dangerous weapon.

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BILL FOR LIBEL LAW

Pennypacker Measure Before Washington Senate.

TERMS ARE VERY STRINGENT

Two Appropriations Vetted by Governor McBride Passed by the 1903 Legislature, Are Carried by Vote of Upper House.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Senate today passed two bills over the veto of Governor McBride. The bills were passed by the Legislature of 1902. Both carried appropriations and both were vetoed by the Governor, on the ground that the conditions of the state's finances did not permit the expenditure of the money.

One of the bills appropriated \$50,000 for the relief of the Puget Sound Sawmill & Shingle Company, of Bellingham, and is intended to repay the mill company money paid the state for the lands afterwards discovered to have not been within the jurisdiction of the state at the time they were sold. Senator John Earles, of Whatcom County, is one of the owners of the mill.

Senator Earles' friends that the real reason for the veto of the bill was revenge, Earles having opposed some of the Governor's measures.

The bill passed today with but one dissenting vote. Graves of Spokane voting no.

Senate bill 18 appropriates \$3000 to pay the better of actions for damages in selling certain state lands in King County under contract with the King County Commissioners, was the other bill passed over McBride's veto. Thirty-four votes were cast for the bill, and Wilson alone voting no. Senators Davis, Moore, O'Donnell, J. J. Smith and Sumner were absent.

The Pennsylvania newspaper libel law of 1902, which was introduced in the Senate today, with George Baker, of Klickitat, named as its author. There is understood to be a combine formed to put the bill through the Legislature.

The newspaper libel law existing at present is extremely lenient to the newspaper, permitting the publisher to escape the penalties of prosecution by publishing retractions. The Pennsylvania law, copied by Senator Baker for presentation to the Legislature of this state, provides for the better of actions for damages against publishers of newspapers where negligence of the publisher or managing editor of the newspaper in ascertaining the facts has been shown.

Where negligence has been shown, the party suing may recover compensatory damages for physical and mental suffering occasioned thereby, and when such damages have been shown to be libelous in character and when such libelous matter has been given special prominence by the use of pictures, cartoons or headlines, the jury is given the right to award punitive damages.

A measure repealing the existing libel law was passed by the Legislature in 1902, but Governor McBride vetoed it, and it is said threatened to use his veto power against the measure.

Both houses adopted resolutions declaring that there are two leading dangers in the state that have taken undue advantage of the leniency of the existing libel law for political advantage and to gratify the personal ambition of editors to the unjust detriment of the reputations of a number of members of the Legislature and state officers.

Both houses adopted resolutions thanking Mayor Ballinger and the City of Seattle for its courtesies last Saturday. The resolutions were extremely laudatory in character.

A resolution introduced by Boone in the Senate and by Radcliffe in the House, commends the fight being made by President Roosevelt to give greater power to the Interstate Commerce Commission and urges the Washington delegation to Congress to give their aid in carrying out the President's recommendation.

Bills providing for the offering of a bounty for persons who would take to Park, panthers, catamounts, wolves and coyotes were presented in both houses. They are identical.

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EATS STATE GROceries.

Superintendent of Prison is Sued by Polk County Farmer.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—A suit was filed in the Circuit Court of Marion County this afternoon by J. K. Sears, a prominent farmer of Polk County, enjoining C. W. James, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, from charging furniture and groceries used by himself and family to the state.

It is reported that Barney Estabrook, of Whatcom County, will arrive in prison in a few days temporarily to fill the position of Deputy Warden, made vacant by the resignation of J. H. Wells, several days ago.

It is alleged in the complaint that James during the year 1904 unlawfully bought furniture for his family to the value of \$2000, all of which was charged to the department fund. It is further alleged that since his appointment James has supported his private family with groceries at the expense of the state, the whole amounting to approximately \$900. It is represented that unless restrained the superintendent at the expiration of his term will have incurred an indebtedness of more than \$1000 for groceries alone, all of which the state will have to pay.

The third cause of suit is that defendant, who is known as the administrator of the estate of the late J. H. Sears, is a far more comprehensive measure and provides the most satisfactory means of handling the state funds.

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CARTER IS SENATOR

Nearly All the Montana Legislators Vote for Him.

ENTHUSIASM QUITE MARKED

Successor to Paris Gibson, Elected on Sixth Joint Ballot, Makes Speech, Thanking the Members for Their Action.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 16.—T. H. Carter was today elected United States Senator for the term beginning March 4, to succeed Paris Gibson, on the sixth joint ballot of the session. All but one of the Republicans, Representative Linderman, of Madison County, voted for Carter, while one Fusionist, Coleman, of Silver Bow, voted for the Senator. The Democrats voted for W. G. Conrad with two exceptions.

The vote: Carter, 52; Conrad, 23; Martin Deane, Fusion, 6; Sanders, 1; H. H. Hinde, 1; William Scanlon, 1. Necessary to a choice, 47.

Carter thanked the Legislature for its action amid a scene of considerable enthusiasm.

RIVAL DEPOSITORY BILLS.

Idaho Legislature Has the Choice of Two Measures.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Senate finance committee today presented to the Senate two rival depository bills, and which will be placed among the Richards depository bill, introduced several days ago in the House. The two measures will likely provide for the establishment of the Richards measure places control in the hands of the State Treasurer, while the Senate bill places it largely in the hands of a state board, and its supporters claim it is a far more comprehensive measure and provides the most satisfactory means of handling the state funds.

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