

FIELDS IS DENIED

Portland Charter Committee Refuses More Money.

MANNING VERY FORTUNATE

Passage of a Bill Granting Additional Deputy at \$1500 a Year Is Promised the District Attorney From Multnomah.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special).—Amendments to the Portland charter will probably not appear in the House or Senate until next week. The Multnomah delegation at a two hours' meeting to-night left the matter with the charter committee of the delegation-Speaker Mills, Representative Means and Senator Malarkey. They will probably meet tomorrow night.

The request of County Clerk Fields for \$5000 a year, instead of \$3000, was denied. His request for an increase of \$25 a month for deputies was also turned down. The delegation decided that the Clerk's salary should be \$3000 for the next term, but absolutely declined to make any change at present.

The charter amendments proposed by the Charter Board are in the hands of the special committee, which has not yet done anything with them. Representative Colwell's bill for special tax for bridges was referred to that committee.

John Manning, District Attorney, appeared before the delegation to ask for a third deputy. His request was favorably considered, and the delegation will secure the passage of a bill granting an additional deputy at \$1500 per year. The delegation will also secure the passage of a bill requiring all tax levies to be made in even mills or tenths of mills; also to require the recording of plats of subdivisions to be made in the City Engineer or City Surveyor and County Clerk and County Judge, in order that they may conform to adjoining additions and receive suitable names.

Two bills passed the House today—one to cede lands in the Lake Counties to the United States for purposes of irrigation; the other to grant a new charter to the town of St. Johns, Multnomah County.

The first bill was introduced by Representative Stierlin of Lake, and its passage through the Senate will be hastened as through the House. It cedes to the United States rights and claims which the State of Oregon possesses in lake beds which are to be drained of water by the irrigation project of the National Government in the Lake Counties.

A concurrent act is expected from the California Legislature as to Modoc and Siskiyou Counties. The bill was amended in the irrigation committee so as to make its wording more explicit, and when it came up today for final passage was considered, engrossed and passed without a single negative vote.

The cession in Lake County is offered as an inducement to the National Government to take up a project in the bed of Goose Lake, where a large area is available.

Representative Bramhall's resolution for a special joint House and Senate committee to investigate the State Printer's office was turned down on recommendation of the resolutions committee. In this connection, a resolution from Graham turning over the investigation to the standing House and Senate printing committees was adopted on recommendation of the resolutions committee with authority to employ two expert practical printers. As it stands now, little more than the customary investigation will probably be made.

SENATE BEGINS SESSION AT TEN

Catholic Clergyman of Salem Opens With Prayer.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special).—The Senate was called to order at 10 A. M. and opened with prayer by Rev. Father Faber, of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

On motion of Senator Carter, the following committee was appointed to confer with a like committee on the part of the House regarding joint investigating committees and joint committee clerks: Senators Carter, Booth and Holman.

On motion of Senator Pierce, the State Printer was directed to print 3000 extra copies of H. R. 31, proposing an irrigation code.

The president announced the appointment of Senators Wheelodon and Pierce as additional members of the Senate committee on game.

S. J. M. 2, Smith, memorializing Congress in behalf of the extermination of mungo among bears in the Umatilla Indian reservation, was adopted.

S. R. 15, by Pierce, that the Secretary of State be instructed to furnish each page with 21 in postage stamps and 50 newspaper wrappers was adopted.

The Senate passed H. R. 62, of the session of 1903, raising the salary of the School Superintendent of Multnomah County, over the Governor's veto.

The Senate concurred in the adoption of H. C. R. No. 11.

S. J. R. 2, by Wheelodon, for a joint committee on fisheries, to confer with a like committee from Washington, was adopted.

Bill introduced in Senate.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special).—Bills were introduced in the Senate today as follows:

S. R. 82, by Kuykendall—to protect Eastern oysters planted in Oregon waters.

S. R. 83, by Laycock—to amend the law fixing the boundary line of Grant County.

S. R. 84, by Holman—to provide for payment to Archie L. Pease of loss sustained by construction of highway at Oregon City.

S. R. 85, by McDonald—to amend section 4527 of the code regarding road laws, and to repeal section 4522.

S. R. 86, by Laycock—to amend charter of John Day.

S. R. 87, by Malarkey—to require Secretary of State to report annually to the Governor all corporations that have failed to pay their license fees.

S. R. 88, by Smith—to amend the act of 1869, charter of Pendleton.

S. R. 89, by Rand—to create the Malheur irrigation district.

S. R. 90, by Miller (by request)—to regulate employment of convicts.

S. R. 91, by Tuttle—to amend fee bill of County Recorders and Clerks.

S. R. 92, by Loughery—for the support of the Monmouth Normal School.

S. R. 93, by Loughery—to amend charter of Dallas.

S. R. 94, by Croisan—to make death penalty apply to reindeer.

S. R. 95, by Bowerman—to amend section 280, regarding executions.

S. R. 96, by Malarkey—to authorize the Lewis and Clark Fair to condemn private property.

S. R. 97, by Rand—to amend section 4544 relating to livestock.

S. R. 98, by Malarkey—to amend section 1176 of the code relating to sales of real property by executors.

S. R. 99, by Malarkey—to abolish private seals.

S. R. 100, by Malarkey—to amend section 206 and repeal section 241, relating to the St. Paul judgment.

A GROUP OF LEGISLATORS AND POLITICIANS AT OLYMPIA



TWO NEW JUSTICES

Washington Committees Agree in Joint Session.

TO BE APPOINTED AT ONCE

Supreme Tribunal of the State is Said to Be Four Hundred Cases Behind the Calendar—Some Changes Made.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special).—A joint meeting of the House and Senate Judiciary committees was held this evening, and the proposed bill providing for an increase on the Supreme bench was approved. The bill will be presented in the Senate tomorrow as a joint committee bill. It will provide for adding two members to the Supreme bench, to be appointed immediately upon the enactment of the law. These additional Justices are to serve until the next general election.

In 1906, under the terms of the bill, there will be four Justices on the bench, two of whom will be elected for two years and two for six years. At elections thereafter all Justices will be elected for six-year terms.

The bill also permits a majority of the court to sit from time to time for the purpose of hearing cases. A provision is to enable the court to detail two of the four Justices who have sat in the hearing of cases already presented to alternate with the other two in bringing the back work up to date. The new Justices cannot take up cases already heard by the court, and it is understood the court is about 400 cases behind the calendar.

The bill also provides that, when a quorum of four Justices is not present, the court cannot agree on a decision, the parties to the action shall have a right to resubmit the case to the full court.

An opinion filed by the Attorney-General in which he holds that the County Commissioners have not the power to make an appropriation for preparing and making a bill in the Senate by Rands of Clark which authorizes County Commissioners to assess a four-cent millage rate on the amount of one-half mill for each dollar of assessable property.

The Attorney-General's opinion was asked for by J. R. Euston, Prosecuting Attorney of Lewis County. Lewis County, among others in this state, desires to show its good-will toward the Fair and its belief in the gain to accrue from a good exhibit by providing a display of its own products. The opinion of the Attorney-General is to the effect that the appropriation by the county cannot be made without a joint resolution of the Legislature. As there is no act at present sanctioning such appropriations, Senator Rands prepared and introduced bill No. 47 correcting the deficiency.

The Senate this morning acted upon the suggestion of the committee on printing and lost no time in passing the Tucker bill, repealing the newspaper libel law, which was reported by the committee on printing. It is believed that the bill will probably come up in the latter body tomorrow, and it is believed it will pass without serious opposition.

ROBBED BY PERSISTENT THIEF

Portland Man Kicks Burglar Out, but He Comes Back Over Transom.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—(Special).—H. Robinson, a recent arrival from Portland, Or., found a burglar under his bed in his room at the United States Hotel. Instead of turning the burglar out, Robinson pulled him out of his hiding place and kicked him out of the room. Now Robinson regrets the action, for the burglar came back. He climbed over the transom, entered the room, and for the night, secured a purse containing \$273 in cash, a valuable gold watch and chain, several diamond rings and some other small jewelry. This time, the burglar made his exit from the room without the assistance of the occupant, and the police are searching for him.

It was to Police Judge Morgan that Robinson told his story this morning, and the Police Judge declared that the robber was one John Kline, whom he had met earlier in the evening. He swore to a complaint charging Kline with the crime, and a warrant for his arrest is now in the hands of a detective.

MAY HAVE BEEN MURDER.

Coroner's Jury is Still Investigating the Death of Cruiser Rogers.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 17.—At a late hour this evening the Coroner's jury was still investigating the death of Jack Rogers, found dead here Monday morning with a bullet hole in his breast. The belief is growing that the case is not one of suicide. The bullet penetrated Rogers' right forearm before entering his body. This wound would be very difficult of self-infliction with his long Colt's revolver, only one chamber of which had been fired.

The only theory advanced is that Rogers knew too much about the alleged Oregon land frauds, but what this alleged knowledge consisted of is not known. Adherents of the suicide theory say Rogers acted queerly for several days past. The Coroner's jury is still taking testimony behind closed doors, and will not complete its work until tomorrow.

Packers Increase Capital Stock.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—At special meetings held this afternoon the stockholders of the Alaska Packers' Association, by more than a two-thirds majority vote, authorized the directors to increase the capital stock from its present amount of \$2,000,000, in \$2,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, to \$2,500,000, in 25,000 shares of the same par value, and then create a bonded indebtedness of \$2,000,000, as proposed in the plan of reorganization submitted sometime ago.

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