

# ONE DAY'S LIVELY DOINGS IN LEGISLATURES OF TWO STATES

## COST OF THE SESSION

**BILL IN THE HOUSE CALLS FOR \$50,000.**

Deficiencies of \$47,000 and \$35,000 for Scalp Bounties Are Also Included.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The first large appropriation bill appeared in the House today carrying \$133,147.42, of which \$47,000 is to cover deficiencies, \$50,000 the expense of the present legislative session and \$36,147.42 for meeting unpaid scalp bounties. The bill was introduced by Vawter, of Jackson, chairman of the committee on ways and means. The items are as follows:

Deficiencies, 1903-1904	47,000.00
For two-thirds of the bounty provided by the act of Feb. 28, 1891	25,841.31
For school for deaf-mutes	2,200.00
For State Insane Asylum	18,000.00
For State Penitentiary	4,500.00
For salaries of Judges of Circuit Courts and District Attorneys and deputies	2,566.11
For transportation of convicts to State Penitentiary	2,600.00
For publication of Executive proclamations	1,250.00
For public printing, including binding and purchase of paper, printing and binding election laws, constituting, printing and binding election laws, and purchase of election supplies	16,000.00
For expenses of legislative session	50,000.00
Total	\$133,147.42

To raise money for school libraries is the object of the bill introduced by Carter of Benton this afternoon. The code is amended so that a tax upon all property amounting to not less than 10 cents for each child of school age in the district, the tax to be levied and collected as are other taxes. The books to be purchased with this fund are to be selected by the School Board and County Superintendent.

The bill does not apply to Multnomah County.

The everlasting fight between local agricultural implement dealers and traveling implement salesmen has been brought into the House by a bill introduced by Kuncy of Clatsop, Sherman and Wheeler today. It provides that all salesmen bringing implements, fan and wind-mills, stoves, wagons and buggies into the state and selling them in the manner employed by all such salesmen shall pay into the County Treasury a license fee of \$50 for each year or part of a year.

The bill has been put in partly for the protection of the local dealer who dislikes to see a smooth salesman from St. Louis or Chicago sell more goods in a week than he has sold in a month and then leave the country without paying a cent of license. It is also for the protection of the farmer who is often overcome by the salesman's persuasions and buys a plow or buggy, thinking he has a bargain straight from the wholesalers, only



OR HARE MANAGER OF THE JUNE BOOM

discover in a few weeks that varnish hides many defects of cheap construction.

The House had its first debate this morning over a bill to restore popular election of Road Supervisors. The present law provides that Supervisors shall be appointed by County Boards. The bill was adversely reported by the committee on roads and public highways and was indefinitely postponed.

The argument for the bill was that Supervisors are frequently appointed by County Boards for political purposes. The other argument was that inasmuch as County Boards are responsible for highways, they should have power of appointment and dismissal over those persons engaged in road improvement.

The bill was introduced by Mayor of Columbia, who defended the measure on the floor. Others who championed the bill were Smith of Josephine and Jagger of Clackamas. Those who argued against the bill were Hermann of Coos, chairman of the committee on roads and highways; Edwards of Lane; Cornett of Linn; Vawter of Jackson and West of Tillamook. The vote to postpone indefinitely was 47 yeas, 10 nays. The nays were: Bramhall, Burns of Curry, Cavender, Colwell, Holcomb, Hudson, Huntley, Jagger, Mayer, Smith of Josephine.

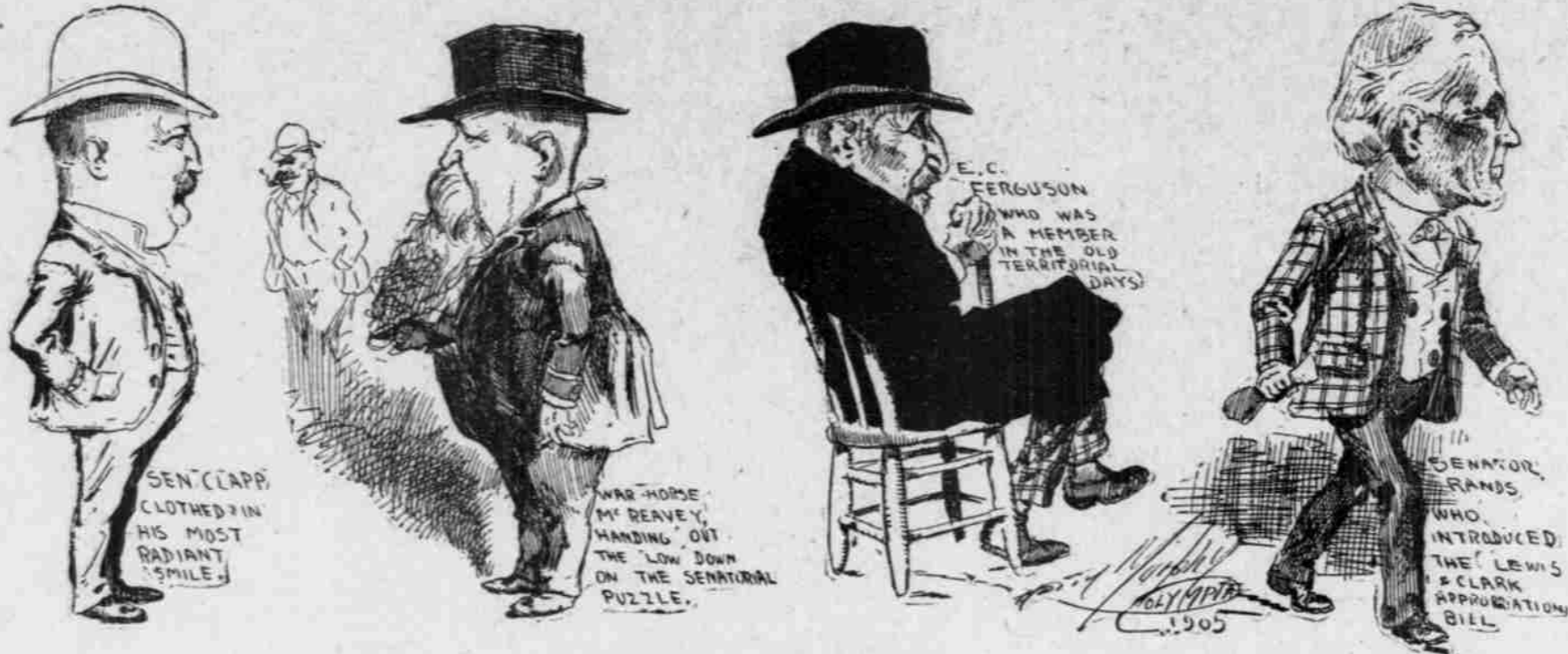
Smith was the most vigorous advocate of the bill. He declared that appointments by County Boards were frequently paroled out to comply with demands of political machines.

When Capron's joint resolution for a joint committee to inspect the Deaf Mute School came up in the House this morning, Smith of Josephine offered to amend by instructing the committee to investigate the practicability of using the building of that institution as an annex for girls to the Reform School, if the Deaf Mute School shall be moved from its present quarters. The resolution with the amendment went to the committee on resolutions.

The trustees of the Deaf Mute School desire to move that institution into Salem.

Representative Sonemann's joint resolution for more equitable rates in interstate railway traffic was adopted by the House this morning. The resolution calls on Congress for remedial legislation. Sonemann is chairman of the committee on railroads.

## TWO POPULAR STATE SENATORS AND TWO WARHORSES CAUGHT BY HARRY MURPHY AT OLYMPIA.



## SMITH OPENS BATTERIES

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES THE TARGET OF HIS WRATH.

Democratic Member From Josephine Declares Against Alleged Junketing Trips and Soft Berths.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The custom of appointing numerous joint committees to investigate state offices and institutions was scored in the House this morning by "Bob" Smith, of Josephine, Dem. The usually large number of resolutions have appeared in both houses for such committees. Heretofore it has been the usual rule for the Senator or Representative introducing the resolution to head the committee. The committees hired special clerks and stenographers, and enjoyed trips to the objects of their goal.

## BUILDING OF CELILO CANAL.

Washington Senate Measure Demands Continuing Contract.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The Senate this morning considered a concurrent resolution protesting against delay in the construction of the Celilo Canal around the Celilo rapids above The Dalles in the Columbia River. The resolution demands that the work shall be made a continuing contract carried in the river and harbor bill. Good faith with Oregon, the resolution declares, can only be kept by the construction of the canal.

Temporarily, the scale of wages paid Senate employes in 1902 was adopted. The following new Senate employes were elected: George Gregory, minute clerk; C. D. Wood, docket clerk; J. T. Jones, night messenger; A. T. Haynes, Robert Taylor, J. B. Hagins, janitors. Bills introduced were as follows:

S. R. 46, by Joint Judiciary Committee—Providing for an increase of the Supreme Court from five to seven members.

S. R. 50, by Tucker—Making the desertion of children by a parent a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$100, to which six months' imprisonment may be added.

S. R. 52, by Wilson—Making the following appropriations for the Agricultural College: Rebuilding and equipping college hall, \$40,000; enlarging mechanical building, \$15,000; purchase of farm land, \$5000.

S. R. 53, by Wilson—Making the name of the Agricultural College the "State College of Washington."

S. R. 54, by Palmer—Appropriating \$583.30 to pay the mileage of electors.

## Will Ask New Trial for Lauth.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—District Attorney Allen and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Schueler and Hon. G. B. Dimick, counsel for the defendant, go to Salem tomorrow to argue a motion for a new trial before the Supreme Court in the case of State vs. George W. Lauth. Lauth is the convicted murderer of Mrs. Leonard B. Jones, of this city, and is sentenced to be hanged at Salem, Friday, January 27. The convicted murderer now occupies the murderer's cell at the State Penitentiary. The murder was committed in this city last September.

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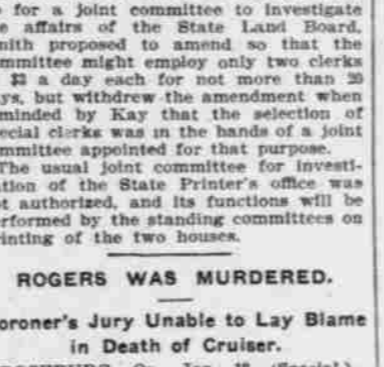
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## CROW FOR ONE JUSTICE

ROOT OR MORRIS WILL ALSO GO ON SUPREME BENCH.

Washington Legislature Passes Bill Providing for Increase to Seven Members in Higher Court.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The bill providing for an increase to seven in the membership of the Supreme Court passed both houses of the Legislature today. It will be enrolled and signed by the Lieutenant-Governor and Speaker tomorrow and transmitted to the Governor. It is given out at the office of Governor Mead that he would sign the bill immediately upon presentation. As the bill carries an emergency clause, the Governor will then be authorized to appoint two additional members to serve until the next general election.

The names of the two new Judges, it is expected, will be announced the latter part of the week. Governor Mead has already stated that one will come from Eastern Washington and the other from King County. It is known that the Eastern Washington man in mind is Herman D. Crow, of Spokane, and the appointment of a member of the bench from King County lies between Milo A. Root, a practicing lawyer of Seattle, and Judge George Morris, of the Superior Court of King County.

Judge Morris led the King County ticket in the last general election. Root was formerly Probate Judge in Olympia. He is a law partner of Senator E. B. Palmer, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee.

The bill providing for the increase appeared in the Senate today with the indorsement of the joint judiciary committee of the House and Senate. Under a suspension of the rules it was placed upon its final passage and was adopted by a vote of 37 to 3. Senators Baker, Brant and Sharp voted against the bill. The vote was preceded by a short explanation from Senator Moore, who insisted that the Supreme Court is so far behind in its work that unless additional help is given the cases now before the court cannot be written up within two years.

The bill was received by the House shortly before noon. It was taken up under suspension of rules and passed without discussion, receiving 86 yeas, Harper, Maloney, Ratcliffe and Weatherford voted "No." Benn, Blaker, Dickson and Clark, absent or not voting.

A substitute for the concurrent resolution submitted a few days ago concerning the Celilo Canal, was presented this morning in the Senate by Hands of Clark, and was adopted without opposition. The particular point in the resolution is the demand that the work

## ASSASSIN DELAYING ACTION

Tax Commission Bills Expected to Cover Several Important Subjects.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The Assessors of the state in convention assembled are avoiding action on several important subjects on the theory that they will be covered by the tax commission bills that will be considered by the Legislature now in session.

The only conclusion reached today was to instruct the legislative committee to work for laws increasing the salaries of Assessors and removing the term limit by constitutional amendment. No specific instruction was given the committee as to a schedule of salaries. The legislative committee had recommended that legislation be favored which would reduce the maximum tax levy, but the convention refused to instruct the committee to work to that end.

A change in the laws so that the taxes will be extended upon the rolls in the Assessor's office instead of the Auditor's office was disapproved by the convention on the ground that the Auditor's organization is opposed to the measure, and upon the further ground that the change would require a general overhauling of the revenue laws.

Noble, of Lincoln County, made a strong fight for favorable consideration by the convention of an amendment to the present law so that banks would be subject to penalties for evasion of the existing statutes relative to return of property for purposes of taxation. The convention voted to ask no change in the law on the subject.

The report of the committee on mines and mining, recommending that the last year's schedules be not changed, was adopted.

The matter of the Assessors taking the census in each county was left to the judgment of the legislative committee, so far as favoring such legislation.

Walla Walla was chosen as the next meeting-place, the convention to be called by the president for some date between January 19 and January 20, 1905. The convention will hold another session tomorrow and receive the report of the railroad and other committees. Schedules on livestock were adopted that are a slight reduction from those in vogue last year.

## POULTRY SHOW AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The third annual poultry show of the Central Willamette Poultry Association opened in Albany this morning. There are already more than 500 birds on exhibition and about 200 or 400 more are expected before tomorrow. The display of birds is the best ever collected in this city and the show bids fair to be a success.

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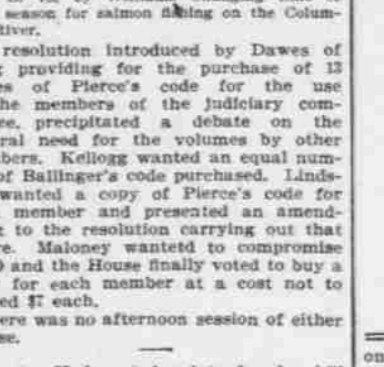
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