GOVERNOR IS JUDGE

Chamberlain the Arbiter in Local-Option Fight.

HIS VETO POWER THE ISSUE

Amendment in Present Shape Can Probably Be Enacted if He Will Consent, but Not if He Opposes.

Amendments of the local-option law have been held back since the Legislature met, but will be pressed forward this week and may be considered in joint assembly of the two houses, either Tuesday or Thursday.

That the Legislature favors changing the act so as to make it a precinct option law is plain and if this were the only issue involved the Jayne bill would undoubtedly be passed by a large majority. But one of the provisions of the bill, and perhaps two, will make the vote very close in the House when the measure has been introduced; first, the emergency clause, whereby the bill would be exempted from referendum, and second, the provision which would raise the percentage of electors needed on a petition for a prohibition election from 18 to 40 per cent of the voters registered in a precinct.

On these two points the opposition is centering all its vigor.

But even with those two provisions included in the bill, probabilities are that it can pass the House by a bare majority of the 60 members and that the measure will encounter less opposition in the Senate. The Governor's veto power is an enigma, however, which the revisionists have not yet solved. If the Governor is determined to veto the bill on account of the emergency clause, it cannot become a law, because a two-thirds majority of the two houses cannot be secured to pass it over the negative of the Governor.

Thus the success of the bill in its present shape rests with the decision of Governor Chamberlain. Should he oppose the measure the emergency clause will probably be lopped off and the Legislature will pass the bill and submit it to referendum next June at the same time that many of the counties will be voting on prohibition.

The bill is now in the hands of the House committee on revision of laws—Muir of Multnomah, Burns of Coos, and Vawter of Jackson—and will probably be favorably reported to the House early this week.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

BLANCHE BATES TONIGHT.

She Appears Tonight at the Grand in Belasco's Great Play.

At a late hour last night a telegram was received from the special "Darling of the Gods" train, in which it was stated that the company had safely arrived at each point on time. There is a certainty that the special will arrive at Portland Monday morning early.

Everything is in readiness at the Grand Theater. The stage has been, to a large extent, rebuilt to accommodate the special scenery necessary. A small army of extra stage hands has been engaged, who have been thoroughly rehearsed so that the mechanical part of the performance will be competently handled.

The play is one of the most intensely dramatic creations of the period and will arouse deep admiration and living human interest.

The story of "The Darling of the Gods" tells of the love of the Princess Yo-San, daughter of the Prince of Tosan, for one of the ten survivors of the two-sword men. Young Prince Kara, an outlaw, succeeded in saving the life of the Princess one tempestuous night on the top of the mountain, when she and her suite were exposed to an attack of a ruffian band of highwaymen.

In return, Yo-San saves Prince Kara from arrest and instant death at the hands of the War Minister, Zakkuri, who has been commanded by the Emperor to exterminate the band of two-sword men and take the Prince dead or alive. Yo-San conceals Prince Kara in her apartments, where he is finally captured and threatened with torture by Zakkuri. In the following act occurs the main situation of the play, in which Zakkuri makes Yo-San's personal surrender to himself the price of her lover's life.

The unwitting betrayal through Yo-San of the band of outlaws, of whom Kara is the leader, the annihilation, the death of the hero and heroine, and the reunion in the spiritland, brings the play to a close. During the play one beholds a number of interesting Oriental pictures, the most characteristic being the one in the first act, showing the Feast of the Thousand Welcomes. Other pictures represent the Kanzashi Forks at the Hour of the Ox; the shoji of Yo-San among the moonflowers; the old swordroom, being the Cabinet of the Minister of War; the meeting-place at the ruined shrine of the Goddess Kwannon; the red bamboo forest; the Mountain of Shinto; the brink of the River of Souls, and the first celestial heaven over the clouds.

During her portrayal of the role of the Princess Yo-San, Miss Blanche Bates has opportunity to demonstrate her marvelous power for depicting emotion as well as her ability to depict winsome innocence and delicious comedy.

Tickets will be on sale all day at the lobby of the Grand Theater. The sale thus far has been a perfect and gratifying success.

Advance Sale "The Silver Slipper."

The advance sale of seats will open next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for John C. Fisher's big musical production, "The Silver Slipper," which comes to The Marquam Grand Theater next Friday and Saturday nights, with a special-price matinee Saturday. The musical hits of "The Silver Slipper" are said to be "At the Seaside," "Four and Twenty Little Men," "The Girl You Love," "Two Eyes of Blue," "Tessie," "There's a Girl Wanted There," "Zanzibar," and "Come, Little Girl," sextet.

Lewis Morrison in "Faust."

Seats are now selling for Lewis Morrison, who comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Tuesday and Wednesday nights in "Faust."

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

"Our New Tutor."

The success of a decade! That is the current comment on the work of the Bijou Stock Company, which last week won a happy home for itself in the hearts of Portland's theatergoers. The offering for this week will deepen the already lasting impression made by that splendid organization of talented players. The bill is "Our New Tutor," one of the most hilariously funny farce-comedies ever written. It ran for a solid year in London and has enjoyed long runs in the principal cities of this country. This will be the first time it has been seen here and wise show-shoppers will not neglect this chance to see it. First performance this afternoon.

Another Week of Venita.

The greatest sensation of the season is the marvelous spectacular dancing of Mlle. Venita, the famous French dancer, who has been secured for another week at the Baker. No attraction ever offered by a local vaudeville house has attracted such wide attention as this, and all over the city Venita's name is on everybody's lips. Many people were turned away last week because they were unable to gain admission to the theater, and in response to general requests, Mlle. Venita was finally induced to contract for another week at the enormous salary of $500 for the seven days' engagement. The world-renowned "jewel dance" will be her specialty this week. Nine other great acts compose the bill, which goes on this afternoon.

Special Attractions at the Star.

The Star Theater, always the home of vaudeville novelties, for the new bill opening at 2 P. M. today, offers special attractions: Belasco and Company, brother of David Belasco, in a refined dramatic sketch; Edwards and Edwards, the world's greatest trapeze artists; the Laurelis, in a magnificent spectacular electrical act, entitled, "La Cell"; Millar Brothers, singers, dancers and musicians, in a merry melange; Daisy Vernon, Portland's favorite balladist; Nat Carr, the famous Hebrew impersonator, and Edison's projectoscope with new moving pictures.

"The Picknickers" at the Lyric.

Commencing this afternoon, the second week of the Lyric Stock Company season will be inaugurated with the famous three-act farcial comedy, "The Picknickers." This piece has made a number of long runs in the leading Eastern theaters and is considered one of the best light-comedy vehicles on the present-day stage, but it has not heretofore been presented in Portland. The company has demonstrated its splendid ability, and no more popular organization has ever appeared in this city. The new bill is a corker. See it today.

New Bill at the Arcade.

The new bill at the Arcade Theater opens at 2 P. M. today with Richard Burton, the Australian descriptive vocalist, the greatest illustrated singer of the Pacific Coast. George Trump, the legless wonder; Lansing, musical juggler and expert musician; Brown and Wilson, farfamed singers, dancers and ragtime musicians; Tsed and Lazelle, the inimitable comedy sketch artists, and the American bioscope presenting the great film, "The Suburbanites."

Spilled the Chop Suey

How a Bad Small Boy Caused a Chinaman a Few Minutes of Anguish.

WONG SING was doing the great balancing act. He trotted along Second street with a huge tray on his head, and the clatter of his shoes sounded in rhythm with the heathen chant with which he evinced his good feeling.

Whack!

Clitter! clatter! splash! slop!

Bert McAtee stood and laughed. He had done the funniest thing that had entered his whimsical mind since he was last drunk.

The gladness died in Wong Sing's heart as he looked at the noodles and chop-suey and other slobbery things lying messed up in the gutter.

"Dam Melican; dam, you dam!"

Bert was drunk, or he would have known better than to do it in Chinatown.

He got what is coming to, but never quite reaches, the fleet-footed small boy who shies stones at harmless "Chinks."

Officer Hawley was headed toward the police station, and thought the Chinamen were squabbling over an extra large order of chop-suey, but it was only Bert. He took Bert with him, and the Chinamen came of their own accord to file complaint for assault and battery.

Honors for Portland Freshman.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—George C. Coe, from Portland, Or., has been chosen vice-president of the freshman class for this semester. Coe is a graduate of Portland Academy and played center in the freshman football team.

CHURCHES VOTE NO

Oppose Amendment of Local Option Law

AND CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION

Proposed Constitutional Convention Is Denounced as Scheme of Professional Politicians to Abolish Referendum Law.

Many congregations of Portland churches yesterday passed resolutions denouncing the Jayne's amendments to the local option law, and also opposing the proposed constitutional convention. The following resolutions, adopted by the Calvary Presbyterian and Grace Methodist Churches, are representative of the sentiments of the congregations of the Epworth M. E. Church, 325 members of the Portland Y. M. C. A., and First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which passed similar resolutions:

In view of the movement on foot in the the present session of the Legislature to call a State Constitutional Convention, and believing that the proposal emanates from professional politicians with the design of taking from the people the power which they now hold under the initiative and referendum, be it

Resolved, That this meeting does hereby protest against the calling of such convention for the following reasons, namely,

First—That there is no urgent need.

Second—That the expense thereof would be a large and unnecessary burden upon the revenues of the state.

Third—That the alleged design would, if carried out, be an outrage upon the citizens of the state.

And whereas, a bill has been introduced to amend the local option liquor law; and,

Whereas, This law was enacted by the people, who possess the power to amend the same whenever in their judgment an amendment is necessary; and,

Whereas, The law has been applied less than a month and only in a few portions of the state, and therefore could not be wisely amended at this time; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we respectfully but strongly urge our representatives in both houses of the Legislature to oppose and vote against any amendment whatever during the present session.

DISCUSSES LOCAL OPTION.

Rev. F. Burgette Short Says the People Have Spoken.

At the Taylor-Street Methodist Church yesterday morning Rev. F. Burgette Short spoke on the possibility of the Legislature changing the local option law, and warned the minority against undoing what the majority had accomplished. He said in reference to this subject in the course of his sermon:

"Some people say our Legislature will change the present local option law. But will it? Will the minority dare undo what the majority has done? Will they override that principle of good government by virtue of which they are members of that distinguished body? To so do means to perpetrate upon the liberty-loving and lawabiding people of this state a specie of secession as flagrant and suicidal to a democratic form of government as was that undertaken years ago by some states of the Union.

"Does 'vox populi' mean nothing? and if so, shall the good people of this great commonwealth have no redress? Shall they be deprived of the beneficent principles and results of the initiative and referendum, and shall their works be trampled under unholy feet at the command of men whose interests are not for the moral uplift and dignity of the community? Ye men at Salem, consider well your contemplated doings, lest ye pull down upon yourselves the temple of an indignant and resentful people's wrath, for the people have spoken, and ye must listen.

"If you refuse to heed what they have said, they will speak again, and the thundering tones of their righteous indignation will not soon die out."

Denounced by Rev. E. N. Allen.

Rev. E. Nelson Allen, pastor of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, who has been in Salem working to defeat the amendments to the local option law, spoke as follows in his sermon yesterday morning:

"I want to say that, if the Jayne bill, amending the present local option law, is passed by the Legislature, it will be one of the blackest and most iniquitous pieces of legislation ever enacted in this state; and that, if the movement to call a constitutional convention succeeds, it will result in the rights of the people of this state being trampled on—a despotism more grinding than that found in Russia."

At the conclusion of the sermon, Mr. Allen read resolutions condemning the movement calling a constitutional convention, and also a petition to the Oregon Legislature protesting against amendment of the local option law. Both were adopted by a rising vote, as the sentiment of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Portland.

PIGIRON OUTPUT DECLINES.

Increase of 1,500,000 Tons in 1904, but Stocks Are Smaller.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—The Bulletin, the official organ of the American Iron & Steel Association, has published the complete statistics of the production of all kinds of pigiron in the United States in 1904. The total production was 16,497,033 gross tons, against 18,009,252 in 1903 and 17,821,307 tons in 1902.

The stocks of pigiron which were unsold in the hands of manufacturers at the close of 1904 and were not intended for their own consumption amounted to 408,792 tons, against 523,254 tons on June 30, 1904, and 591,308 tons on December 31, 1903.

The whole number of furnaces in blast on December 31, 1904, was 261, against 216 on June 30, 1904, and 182 on December 31, 1903.

NEW PRESIDENT FEDERATED TRADES COUNCIL.

M. P. Cannon.

M. P. Cannon, who was elected president of the Federated Trades Council, Friday night, is a member of the Longshoremen's Union, Local No. 265. He has been identified with unionism for 15 years, and has been prominent in labor circles in Cleveland, O., and Ashland, Wis. He has acted several times as delegate to the International Longshoremen's Convention. Since coming to Portland, three years ago, he has taken active interest in local labor matters.

Mr. Cannon is broad and liberal in his views, and leans to arbitration in labor difficulties, rather than to forcible means of accomplishing the results sought. Union men feel that a wise selection has been made in the election of Mr. Cannon to the presidency of the Federated Trades Council.

Oregon Apples for California.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—California buyers are now in La Grande in quest of Oregon apples, and expect to get 75 cars of the choicest apples grown in the Grand Ronde for the Oakland and other markets in that state. Apples are in excellent condition this season, and a great many of the Winter apples are being shipped out in all directions.

ARE NOT APPROVED

Recommendations of Fish Committee Discussed.

MANY OPPOSED TO REPORT

Upper-River Cannerymen Say Recommendations Were Fathered by Lower-River Interests, and Those Alone Get Benefit.

The recommendations made by the joint committee of the Oregon and Washington legislative committees on the fishing industry do not meet with full approval, and indications are that when the matter comes up in Salem this week a strong fight will occur. The upper-river cannerymen feel that the recommendations which practically extend the open season 25 days were fathered by the lower-river interests and that such an extension would only benefit such interests and prove a detriment to the industry.

F. A. Seufert, of The Dalles, and a principal of the Seufert Bros. Company, is very emphatic in his views on this proposed legislation and says:

"It is plainly to be seen that at the conference just held between the Oregon and Washington legislative committees on fisheries, the Oregon delegation not only listened to 'its master's voice,' but did do the bidding of the down-river cannerymen and cold-storage operators. Should their recommendations take the form of a law, it seems to me that any money spent by the state on hatcheries would simply be an extravagant waste. Allow the month of August to be open to fishmen and the hatcheries will be dry. Of course, such a method would result in a few people getting a good salary, but it would hardly be a paying investment for the State of Oregon. With an open season such as recommended, the eggs taken and cared for would cost more than could ever possibly be realized from the fish returned from such work. The future of the salmon in the Columbia River depends entirely upon the number of fish allowed to reach their natural spawning-grounds and the quantity of eggs taken into the hatcheries. An extension of the present open season simply means a greater opportunity for the lower-river canneries, but at the same time a further depletion in both natural and artificial propagation of salmon. The state cannot well afford to maintain hatcheries if there are no eggs available, and this is equally true of the Government hatcheries as well.

"As an example of what an extended open season means, it is only necessary to refer to the White Salmon hatchery. This hatchery was established in 1896 and turned out from 12,000,000 to 39,000,000 of fry annually until last year, when, although against the law, there was no semblance of a closed season, and the output of the plant was less than 3,000,000. At the Ontario hatchery in 1903 there were sufficient fish to yield 60,000,000 eggs; in 1904 the take was less than 4,000,000, and this entirely as a result of the fish not being allowed to proceed up the river.

"The Fish Warden's report shows that in 1903 the Columbia River hatcheries turned out 70,000,000 of fry, but in 1904 the output was 16,000,000, and I do not hesitate to say that there was a good deal of stretching necessary to make this latter figure. On top of this, however, the Warden still recommends the abolition of the closed season.

"Abolish the closed season and in a few years you will have no need for hatcheries or for canneries, either.

Closed Season a Necessity.

"A closed season is an absolute necessity and the future of the salmon is entirely dependent upon the length of the closed season.

"I understand that there is also a bill introduced which will have the effect of extending the fishing time another five days. This is the bill which allows a cannery five days in which to clean up its stock of fish after the close of the season. There isn't a cannery on the river that requires more than one day to pack the fish on hand, and I doubt if you could find a canneryman that would admit that he packs fish five days old. It is only a ruse to give the lower-river canneries a chance to pack during the entire chinook run. The chinooks usually stop running by August 25, when the silversides begin. To extend the fishing season, as recommended by the committee, and this further five days, would mean that the chinooks would not have a single day in which to get up the river past the fishermen.

"I am against any movement which will lengthen the open season. We should protect the salmon in every way possible if we expect to take a share in the markets in the future."

The Oregon committee returned to Portland yesterday morning. Representative Cooper when interviewed last night said:

"There is nothing I can say aside from what was published in the account of our proceedings in Olympia. I think we have accomplished a great deal in the way of more uniform legislation between the two states. I have been told since my return that should our recommendations go into effect the results will certainly be beneficial. I understand that there is some objection to extending the open season, but you know how hard it is to please every one. We have, however, made our recommendations only after a full consideration of the subject."

PILE OF BONES TOLD THE TALE

J. W. Stanturff Perished in the Coast Range Eleven Years Ago.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A disappearance that has been a mystery for more than 11 years was solved yesterday, when a Coroner's jury, in a lonely forest on the headwaters of the Alsea River, 25 miles southwest of Corvallis, indentified a pile of human bones as the remains of John Wesley Stanturff, who disappeared from his home January 17, 1894.

Stanturff was 29 years of age, and resided near Bellefountain. He left home to hunt on the date mentioned, and never returned. Though there was a heavy snowfall on the ground, which heightened the probability that he had been lost in the mountains, there were stories of foul play, and 11 years of mystery, until trappers came across a pile of human bones in the forest a few days ago.

Bones of the feet and legs were still in the long-legged gum boots Stanturff wore when he went away. A whetstone, a buckhorn toothpick and some of the clothing made identification easy and complete. The gun was not found, but there were a number of cartridges about the find. The gun was probably dropped while the lost man wandered about in a bewildered condition.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS AT OMAHA

Valuable Goods Destroyed in the Burning of a Half Block.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 29.—The fire which started last midnight in the wholesale district was the most destructive in the history of Omaha. The total loss will exceed $500,000. The flames continued to menace adjoining buildings until after 4 o'clock this morning, and all day Sunday a number of streams were kept pouring on the ruins. With zero temperature, the water was quickly frozen, and tonight the walls of the burned buildings resemble a huge ice castle.

A half-block was burned over, but the immense buildings contained great stocks, which are responsible for the enormous loss. The buildings themselves were valued at not to exceed $200,000, and were owned respectively by the Mercer and Millard estates.

The principal losses are as follows:

S. D. Mercer, on building	$123,000
E. P. Kirkendall, shoe company, on stock	125,000
M. E. Smith & Co., on stock	150,000

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Jan. 29.—Arrived at 8 A. M. and left up at 10 A. M.—Steamer Aurelia, from San Francisco. Arrived down at 8:50 A. M.—Steamer Prentiss. Arrived down at daylight and anchored at Tongue Point—German ship Anna. Arrived at 12:30 P. M. and left up at 2:30 P. M.—Steamer Aberdeen, from San Francisco. Arrived at 4 P. M. and left up at 6:40 P. M.—Steamer Costa Rica, from San Francisco. Arrived down at 5 P. M.—British ship Fairport.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Arrived—Schooners Beulah and Joseph Russ, from Portland. Arrived at 10 A. M.—Steamer Columbia, from Portland. Sailed—South Bay, for Portland. Arrived—Bayonne, from Dunkirk, via Montevideo; bark General Foy, from Swansea; schooner Volunteer, from Willapa; schooner Henry Wilson, from Gray's Harbor; schooner Sophia Christensen, from Gray's Harbor; schooner Oceanic Vance, from Gray's Harbor; steamer Grace Dollar, from Mukilteo. Sailed—Schooner John F. Miller, for Portland; steamer Roanoke, for Portland. Cleared—Bark Canrobert, for Queenstown.

A GLIMPSE OF HENRY E. ANKENY, SENATOR CROISAN AND REPRESENTATIVE KUNEY