

MAKES A GOOD CASE

Malheur Water-Users' Attorney Convinces House Committee.

MEETS OBJECTIONS QUICKLY

Oregon Senate Has Already Passed Bill Authorizing Bonding of District to Give Government Clear Title for Irrigation Work.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The House irrigation committee tonight decided to report favorably on the Malheur irrigation district bill, thus practically insuring its passage and making certain the Government will undertake the Malheur project, provided Senator Fulton at Washington can secure passage through Congress of his bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to condemn wagon roads lands, which comprise one-third of the irrigable area.

LAUGH KILLS MAYGER'S BILL Measure Specified a Certain Size of Hook for Fishing in Columbia.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—"Killed by ridicule" aptly describes the fate of Mayger's bill to regulate the sale of fishhooks, which measure was voted down in the Senate this forenoon. Senator Farrar, of Marion County, was the man who started the laugh on the provisions of the bill, and others put in a word or two until it was evident that the measure could not survive.

DRAIN TO BE SCAPEGOAT Abolition of Normal School There Will Be Recommended to House.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Abolition of the Drain Normal School will be recommended tomorrow by the House committee on public libraries, composed of Newell, of Washington, chairman, Yamhill and Jackson of Jackson. This committee has been considering a bill introduced by Caldwell to abolish the Normal School at Drain, and in the process of doing so has been led to the cutting out of Drain. The various elements in the Legislature that are demanding consolidation of the Normal Schools are rallying to the support of the anti-Drain movement, and there is sure to be a big fight.

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DAY'S WORK IN THE HOUSE.

Mayor of Portland is Given Courtesies of the Floor. SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The House was called to order at 10:15 by Speaker Mills. Prayer was offered by Dr. J. J. Huffman.

ECHO OF TRACY'S MURDERS.

Senate Passes Bills for Relief of Widows of Slain Prison Guards. SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Senate today passed Graham's House bill appropriating \$1000 each for the widows of the prison guards who were killed by Tracy and Merrill at the time of the outbreak three years ago.

INTENDED TO AID SMALL LINES

Big Railroads Are Fighting Hard on Interchange of Freight-Cars. SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The railroads are pulling against Representative Killingsworth's bill to require railroad companies to interchange freight cars. The O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific are fighting the measure, and argue that the effect of the measure would be to divert to Puget Sound lines traffic which would otherwise gravitate to Portland.

Chinese Merchant is Acquitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The jury in the case of the United States vs. Lee Toy and Da Silva, indicted for importing Chinese women into the United States for immoral purposes, has returned a verdict of not guilty in the United States District Court. The man, who is a wealthy merchant of Philadelphia, had a Chinese concubine at the St. Louis Exposition.

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NO STRUGGLE IN THE HOUSE

Dominating Political Influences in Multnomah and the State Would Divide Wasco County's Political Force in This Manner.

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