

BEER IN SHADE

Weir Roasts Method of Roadmaking.

PICNICS BY THE WAYSIDE

Reid Quells Rising Storm of Protests From Members.

WASHINGTON AT THE FAIR

Senate Introduces Concurrent Resolution Providing for Legislative Committee, Headed by Governor to Represent State.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—Almost the entire morning was expended by the House in discussing a House bill amending the existing road law so that the supervision system is again adopted, and the discussion at times grew acrimonious. The bill is a compromise measure, resulting from the intense dissatisfaction with the present law existing in Eastern Washington, and party pledges to repeal it.

The present system was vigorously assailed, and strong exceptions were taken to the remarks by Weir, of King County, that the road work under the supervisor system generally resulted in a roadside picnic, with a keg of beer in the shade.

These statements were branded as false by Melcher of Lincoln County and Keener of Whitman, but Reid of Pierce parried a brewing storm by saying that Weir was right as to much of the work done in Western Washington, but wrong as to Eastern Washington.

The discussion was in committee of the whole, and Reid tried to put the bill to sleep by securing the adoption of a motion that the committee rise and report progress. The friends of the bill voted for the motion, and then discovered that they had left the bill in committee by so doing. They promptly moved to go back into committee and, although the vote was doubtful, the Speaker was with them and permitted them to rescue the bill from its threatened grave.

In the evening session the rules were suspended and the bill was passed, yeas 50, nays 3.

Commission on School Lands.
The House passed Roth's bill creating a commission to serve without pay, and to report two years hence on the condition of the state school and granted lands and submit recommendations for needed changes in the land laws. The reservation feature prohibiting the sale of lands for two years is contained in a companion bill which was not acted on.

The Merger fisheries bill, drawn to conform to the agreement between the Oregon and Washington conferences, passed the Senate today and is ready for the signature of the Governor.

more than 10 per cent in excess of the paid-up capital stock of such bank. An attempt was made by Vitas to amend by allowing deposits of 10 per cent in excess of the capital stock, surplus and undivided profits, but he was the only member to vote for the amendment. In the vote on final passage there were only two votes cast against the bill, and it was ordered immediately transmitted to the Senate.

The Senate also took cognizance of the banking question this morning by adopting a resolution similar to that passed by the House, calling upon the State Treasurer for information as to the money on hand, the names of depositories and the amount of interest, if any, paid to the state.

WHERE STATE FUNDS GO.
Treasurer Mills Replies to Resolution Passed by the House.
OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—Treasurer George G. Mills today prepared his reply to the House resolution passed yesterday. It follows: To the House of Representatives: In compliance with your request for certain information regarding the state funds, I have the honor to report as follows: The total amount of cash in the hands of the State Treasurer at the end of each quarter year during the last two years was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Rows include March 31, 1903; June 30, 1903; September 30, 1903; December 31, 1903; March 31, 1904; June 30, 1904; September 30, 1904; December 31, 1904; March 31, 1905.

There is no standing appropriation for the asylum, penitentiary, reform, mute and blind schools, and other institutions, and the appropriations for these institutions cannot be expended if the appropriation bill is referred to a vote of the people, unless the people vote in favor of the appropriations.

Licenses for Washington Hunters.
OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The game license bill has passed the Legislature today. The bill creates a state license for 30 for resident hunters, \$10 for non-resident hunters who are not aliens and \$10 for non-resident hunters. A game and game fish fund is created which is derived from these licenses.

Provides for Highway Commissioner.
OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The House passed the bill creating the office of Highway Commissioner, to be paid out of the highway fund, as provided for in the bill, and providing also an appropriation out of the same fund of \$24,000 for the State Creek road and \$10,000 for the Methow-Harron state road.

Appointed by the Governor.
OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The Governor has appointed the following new members on the State Board of Education: Thomas A. Stiger, Everett J. W. Shepherd, Walla Walla; P. A. Williams, Montesano; James A. Torney, Spokane.

Governor Signs Commission Bill.
OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—Governor Sumner today signed the railroad commission bill.

SPRING SURPRISE ON MACHINE.
Minority in Salem City Council Defeat Salary Ordinance.
SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—The City Council, organization of the City Council was caught by surprise last evening with the result that a proposed ordinance designed to raise the salaries of the City Marshal and City Recorder from \$100 to \$125 each per annum was called up and defeated by the minority by only one vote.

CUTS OFF STATE SECRETARY'S

State Secretary Would Refuse to Audit Such Bills

WERE REFERENDUM CARRIED

Sums for Improvements and Additional Maintenance at State University and Other Institutions Cannot Be Drawn.

SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—If the referendum should be demanded upon the \$1,000,000 appropriation bill passed by the last Legislature, Secretary of State Dunbar will nevertheless be required to audit claims for the maintenance of institutions for which \$770,000 was appropriated. He will refuse to audit claims for purposes for which \$230,000 was appropriated by the bill against which a fight is being waged.

The claims the Secretary of State will audit are those which existing laws authorize to be incurred. Those he will not audit are for expenditures which have no authority of law other than the appropriation itself.

Should the appropriation bill be held up by a referendum petition, the asylum, penitentiary, reform school, University of Oregon, Agricultural College and Soldiers' Home will continue in operation as they have in the past. The university, Agricultural College and Soldiers' Home have standing appropriations, which can be in no way affected by any referendum movement. But the additional appropriations made for these institutions cannot be expended if the appropriation bill is referred to a vote of the people, unless the people vote in favor of the appropriations.

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The policy thus stated was expressed by Secretary of State Dunbar today, and his position regarding the effect of demanding a referendum upon the appropriation bill is plain. In his view of the matter the people have the power by demanding the referendum to prevent the expenditure of money for the maintenance of the asylum, prison, reform, mute and blind schools, university, Agricultural College and Soldiers' Home, and other institutions, if the referendum upon the appropriation bill for these institutions do not depend upon the appropriation bill for their right to incur expenses.

So far as these institutions are concerned, the effect of the filing of a referendum petition would be to prevent the issue of warrants to cut off the additional appropriations.

There having been various statements made regarding what the Secretary of State will do in case the referendum petition should be filed, the question was asked him today, and he replied that he will not audit claims under the following appropriations:

Asylum, improvements, \$7,200; Reform School, improvements, \$5,000; Agricultural College, improvements, \$5,000; Soldiers' Home, improvements, \$5,000; State University, additional maintenance, \$2,000; Experimental Station at Union, \$15,000; Agricultural Experiment Station, \$15,000; Moslem Normal maintenance, \$15,000; Agricultural College, maintenance, \$15,000; Soldiers' Home, maintenance, \$15,000; State University, maintenance, \$15,000; State University, improvements, \$15,000; State University, expenses, \$15,000.

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An act the purpose of which can be easily understood, and which will arouse no discussion as to its terms, but will give the people an opportunity to express their opinions in definite form, is favored by advocates of the initiative plan of getting at a troublesome question.

To repeal the sections of the law creating the Drain and Ashland Normal Schools, the leading one in Western Oregon and one in Eastern Oregon, is the plan most generally suggested, and this could be accomplished by passing a bill repealing the sections of the law, and repealing all laws establishing normal schools other than those designated.

Those who have examined the law upon the subject say that the people can amend or repeal any law now existing upon the subject of normal schools, or can enact one entirely new law governing these institutions.

Under the initiative and referendum amendment the people may propose a constitutional amendment by initiative and have it submitted to the voters as an initiative law is submitted. Under this power a constitutional amendment may be adopted making it the duty of the Legislature to provide for one normal school, and only one, and the location of this one could be named in the amendment.

The demands of the normal schools at the last session of the Legislature for \$100,000 for new buildings has been of great influence in arousing sentiment in favor of cutting down the number of normal schools. Thus far the state has made but one appropriation for a normal school building, that at Weston. If the state has therefore nothing to lose in the way of buildings by abolishing any of the schools except that at Weston.

MASS MEETING IN YAMHILL.
Efforts to Be Made Toward a Non-partisan Campaign.
YAMHILL, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—The referendum committee at this place is tireless in its efforts to get the signature of every voter in the county on a petition for a referendum. It is estimated that 300 signers will be secured in Yamhill County alone. A call has been issued to the citizens of the county for a mass meeting to be held at Weston, the purpose of organizing a referendum movement in each precinct of the county.

It has been hinted that at this meeting an organization will be effected for the purpose of carrying on a non-partisan campaign to elect members to the State Legislature who will carry out a program of reform. It is estimated that 300 signers will be secured in Yamhill County alone. A call has been issued to the citizens of the county for a mass meeting to be held at Weston, the purpose of organizing a referendum movement in each precinct of the county.

A man who watched closely the appropriations made by the last Legislature stated that \$1,000,000 could be saved to the state, if the grants could be eliminated.



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Patents at Roseburg Office.
ROSEBURG, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Cash patents have been received at the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Or., as follows: Certificate No. 8,234, John M. Wagner; 11,124, Anna Johnson; 11,474, John C. Grant; 11,632, Phalle Wood; 11,686, Martha R. Mitchell; 11,748, William M. Moore; 11,749, Eugene C. Sanderson; 11,750, David C. Kellens; 11,750, Corwin Chelberg; 12,487, William D. Stewart; 12,508, Homer L. Wilcox; 12,509, Michael R. Moloney; 12,512, Lizzie L. Gross; 12,517, Othar T. Green; 12,521, Otto F. Witt; 12,524, Thomas C. Green; 12,526, Henning Lindner; 12,528, Albert Larson.

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WOODMEN MEET AT ABERDEEN.
ABERDEEN, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The state convention of the Woodmen of the World was held here today. Twenty-five candidates for membership were initiated by the honor degree of Seattle. Preceding the initiation there was a torch-light procession of all delegates from West Washington and members of the order on Gray's Harbor.

Fight With Owners of Shacks.
ABERDEEN, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—A fight is in prospect between the members of the Council and the owners of shacks built after the con-