

LET THEM FIGHT IT OUT ON FLOOR

Railroad Committee Will Report Two Bills for Reciprocal Demurrage.

ONE BILL BY LUMBERMEN

Belief Is Expressed That If Their Measure Carries It Will Give Them Favors Over Farmers When Cars Are Short.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—At a meeting of the joint railroad committees of the House and Senate this afternoon, the Railroad Commissioners announced they would not oppose the passage of the reciprocal demurrage bill proposed by the lumbermen, though contending that their own bill gives greater power to the Commission, is probably the better. The committees decided, however, that both bills will be reported for passage, and let the settlement of which is to become law be fought out on the floor of each House.

As was stated yesterday, the lumber interests' bill, which specifically defines and sets out the powers of the Commissioners, and there is a well-defined suspicion that the bill is framed so that the lumber interests, under its provisions, will be given an advantage over the wheat shippers in car shortage instances where the rule book does not operate, that is the explanation of the lumbermen's opposition to the general-power bill the Commission favors, or else the lumbermen fear the Commission might, under the Commission plan, give the wheat-shippers the better of it.

Committees Behind in Work.

This was the most important of today's committee meetings. Both House and Senate held short morning sessions, and adjourned before noon, to permit the committees to take up accumulated work.

The committees are far behind in all their work, and the whole legislative proceedings are being delayed because less than half the bills have been printed so far this year, and the reports of the officers are late, and many of the largest did not reach the Legislature until after the session began. On top of this the two houses introduced about twice the number of bills in the first three weeks, even introduced in a joint session, and naturally the printers had got away behind.

There were four House bills today—one of the most important being that by Bradbury that no person can be convicted of assault on a female on the uncorroborated testimony of the woman.

Senate Has Busy Day.

In the Senate, one bill alone was introduced, which allows surety companies to do business when the stock is subscribed and before it has been paid in.

Six bills were passed by the Senate after considerable debate.

These include the following:

McGregor—Exempting sheep from stray laws.

Booth—Repealing law requiring authority of owner to permit broker to sell real estate: 22 to 17. Allen gave notice of intention to reconsider.

Ruth—Deeding lands at Olympia to the state for public purposes.

Jones—Authorizing sale of leasehold estates in state lands to satisfy special improvement taxes, where state lands lie within city improvement districts.

McCormick—Tithes, about Point Defiance Park to City of Tacoma.

Committee on Horticulture—Requiring \$500 bond from commission merchants.

Consume Time in Talk.

Although nearly all of the committee work has been done, most of the sessions were given up to discussions, and no definite action was accomplished on any important bill.

The committee of House and Senate, named on motion of Bassett, is to meet tomorrow and take up its work of investigating the system of bookkeeping in all the state departments.

Business is still under the weather, so the committee of which he is a member did not meet to investigate the work of the Land Commissioner's office.

Representative Weber, of Walla Walla County, was in his seat at the morning session of the House. There has been no change for the worse in his medical condition. His friends have told him to send him under the care of a physician, but he turns a deaf ear to all suggestions, and more robust broads at his desk.

SOLONS HEAR TALK ON ROADS

Address Made Before Informal Session by Good Roads Expert.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—S. C. Lancaster, a good roads expert and consulting engineer of the Department of Agriculture, delivered a good roads address tonight at a joint informal meeting of the House and Senate. A large number of townsmen were also present. The address was illustrated by colored slides.

The \$400 silver service, to be presented by the state, was on exhibit at the Capitol today in charge of Colonel N. E. Linsley, of Spokane, chairman of the committee to make the purchase. The service was manufactured by Spokane jewelers and won glowing commendation.

At this evening's meeting of the House committee on revenue and taxation, the committee acted favorably on the tax commission bill to give that state body full charge of the taxation of railroads, property, taking this work from County Assessors. In addition, the committee backed an amendment to include street railways.

The tax commission urges that the present county assessment plan gets but a part of the value of the railway property on the rails, while with one vote more the committee could get all there will be a fair chance to determine the value of franchises and other intangibles property and see that it is assessed and proportioned among the counties.

This committee also reported favorably on the bill to require all state officers to make daily deposits of state funds collected, instead of present monthly and semi-occasionally systems.

The joint committee on military affairs reported favorably the Adjutant-General's bill providing for armories at Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle, and turned down Bellingham's request for one.

Chenahs people are here making a fight against a proposed division of the State Reform School, which will

leave that exclusively a school for boys and move the girls to some Eastern Washington point. Superintendent Reed has urged the separation of the sexes, and some of the investigating committees which recently visited that institution recommended the same.

Senator Veness, chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations, comes from Lewis County, and may be counted upon to prevent any such plan, although Chairman Thompson of the House committee favors it. The board of control has made no recommendation for the removal, but has agreed to submit a bill to the end of removal and the construction of a new girl school at the request of Thompson.

The 16-hour labor limit for railroad employees was acted on favorably tonight by the joint railroad committee, and the committee on labor voted a hard fight decided by majority vote to report for passing the bill limiting to eight hours the employment of women.

TO FIGHT COUNTY DIVISION

Montesano Will Oppose Any Cut-Off for Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—Most of the people along the coast of the county seat to Gray's Harbor will make a fight against the proposed division of the county, and has sent a committee to Olympia to oppose the plan. The people of Montesano, after the defeat of the county seat removal, attempted to secure from the County Com-

SNOW AND SLIDES BLOCK ALL TRAINS

Service on Northern Pacific Is Interrupted and No Eastern Trains Reach Tacoma.

CHINOOK THREATENS FLOOD

Unless Cold Weather Sets in, Puget Sound Country Will Suffer Heavily—Snow Eight Feet Deep in the Mountains.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—Following the heavy snow which fell Saturday night, the cold weather moderated

—This city has received no mail from the outside world since last Thursday, owing to a washout on the Columbia Southern at Hay Creek Canyon. A message received from Shaniko this morning says Prineville may also experience a similar trouble in a few days. The roads between this city and Shaniko are covered with snow, at most places a foot deep, and are almost impassable.

Rapid Rise in the Cowlitz.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—The Cowlitz River is again on the rampage, having risen eight feet yesterday. A warm Chinook wind is blowing and the rain has been falling in torrents, which is fast melting the snow in the mountains. The Robin Shingle Company has just filled its new boom with shingle bolts, preparatory to resuming operations at once, but there is no telling what will happen if it will be carried away if the water continues to rise. The river is now rising about half an inch per hour.

Insures Water Next Summer.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—Heavy snow and rainfall during the last few weeks insures plenty of water for irrigation purposes next summer. Snow on the hills is deeper than any time in several years, and ranchmen are generally jubilant over prospects. The range outlook is good and the storm has done no damage.

Melting Fast at Arlington.

ARLINGTON, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—A warm wave struck here this morning and the snow is going rapidly. If the Chinook continues, a flood is feared. There have been no west or eastbound trains in the past 24 hours.

HARDWARE MEN WILL MEET

CONVENTION OF RETAILERS IN THIS CITY, FEBRUARY 13-14.

President Henry J. Altnow, of Woodburn, Assured of Big Attendance. Spokane Charters Special Car.

WOODBURN, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—President Henry J. Altnow, president of tall Hardware & Implement Dealers Association, has received assurance of a large attendance at the convention to be held in Portland, February 13-14. There will be present from 200 to 250 retail hardware and implement dealers, and they will be there principally for business of interest to every dealer in these two lines in the state.

President Altnow and the officers are working to have every house represented, even dealers having been earnestly requested to be present. The program as mapped out promises to be educational, highly entertaining and lively in all parts. Among the subjects for debate will be: "Organization and Co-operation," "Mutual Insurance," "Railroad Rates," "Live and Successful Salesmen," "Live and Successful Salesmen," and mail-order houses, among others, will receive due attention. The association will be banqueted by the manufacturers and jobbers of Portland on the evening of the 13th.

At the conclusion of the convention there will be held at the Chamber of Commerce an other and very important one. A call has been issued for all of the Pacific Coast associations to meet in Portland, February 11-12, and the associations of the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah and Nevada will be represented.

Spokane has chartered a car and will come in force. The delegations will be the guests of the Oregon Association.

The object is to form a federation of the associations in these seven states, the same as the National association in the East.

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MAY TRY THOMPSON AGAIN

MUST ANSWER TO CHARGE HE IS DANGEROUS PERSON.

State's Attorney Determined Slayer of Judge Emory Shall Be Sent to the Penitentiary.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—Kenneth Mackintosh, prosecuting attorney for King County, this afternoon filed an information charging Chester Thompson, the accused slayer of Judge Emory, with being a dangerous person, and asked for his detention as such, in the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, for an indefinite period. Mackintosh says:

"The state will now withdraw from its stand of insanity, and simply ask the detention of Thompson as a dangerous person."

This move will be vigorously opposed and advocated by Mr. Thompson, who will fight for the boy's treatment, care and confinement in an institution for the insane.

At 3 o'clock Chester Thompson was brought into court to hear the reading of the information. Judge Thompson asked that he remain in the courtroom morning and evening, pleading to the charge. The defense was granted. Judge Thompson will file a demur to the charge, and if that fails he will make his reply to the charge.

These proceedings may result in another trial to determine whether the boy is a dangerous person. Much evidence will be adduced in the case, and the whole question as to Chester's insanity would again be brought up.

RURAL MAIL SERVICE HAMPERED

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—There has been a change of carriers already on the new rural mail delivery line of this city, Howard Huntington having resigned and been succeeded by Chauncey Davis. Since the recent floods considerable difficulty has been experienced in getting mail sent on this route, as the terms below town were carried away and are being floated by the storm. Very few Puget Sound boats were sent out on their regular run on account of the storm.

HEAVY GALE AT SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—With a 65-mile gale blowing since 4 o'clock this morning, great damage has been done to water-front property and vessels. The dock at South Alki collapsed from high winds and waves, and the marine wharf at Alki went adrift in the harbor, threatening to dash an oil craft.

The French bark Marie tore from her moorings and fouled the Galbraith dock, while a fishing schooner collided with the Great Northern docks trestle and stopped there.

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SHIPS SET ADRIFT AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN THE HARBOR.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—John Noble, George McClinton and L. Vancouver were arrested Sunday night for gambling. They were playing cards in rear of a saloon. These are the first arrests made for gambling in several weeks.

PRINEVILLE GETS NO MAIL FOR WEEK.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—Radway's Pills regulate all the internal organs. Cure all female irregularities.

FLEE BEFORE SLIDE

Farmer's Family Escapes Clad Only in Night Clothes.

HOUSE THEN TAKES FIRE

Barn Is Also Consumed and Six Cows and Ten Sheep Perish in Flames—Toledo, Or., Scene of Destructive Landslide.

TOLEDO, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—The residence of C. F. Altree, one and one-half miles west of Toledo, was demolished by a landslide at 10:30 o'clock last night, and afterward totally destroyed by fire. The family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Altree and five children and the mother of Mrs. Altree, narrowly escaped with their lives.

The slide started at a point on a high timbered ridge behind him one-half mile south of the house, and the warning was given by the elder Mrs. Altree, who had arisen to get a drink of water, and heard the first crash and rumble of the huge mass of earth, stone and trees. The members of the family, dressed only in their night clothes, ran through the darkness with it was struck by the slide. Running before the still moving mass about 200 feet and then a short distance to a higher point, they reached a place of safety just as the slide bearing their wrecked home crashed into the barn and stopped.

Here the ruin was completed. Fire followed the slide, and a lamp started a blaze which rapidly spread through the barn and the contents of each. There were six cows and ten sheep in the barn. Two of the cows and all the sheep were burned to death, and the other cows badly injured, two being slain to end their suffering.

The slide passed over comparatively level ground and did not move very rapidly. The site of the Altree home and about six acres surrounding it are buried under about 25 feet of earth, stone and trees, many of the latter from two or three feet in diameter.

The slide was caused by the heavy rains which have fallen steadily in this section since February 2.

BIG SAWMILL AT TOLEDO.

Portland Capital Assisting in Extensive Enterprise There.

TOLEDO, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—The Fir and Spruce Lumber Company began this morning the work of repairing and remodeling the Toledo sawmill, recently purchased by G. L. Gray, F. R. Stokes, of Portland, and Frank Holbrook, secretary of the company, and H. C. Jorgenson, treasurer. The latter has been associated with the Eastern & Western Lumber Company of Portland, but is now a resident of Toledo. The board of directors consists of F. R. Stokes, of Portland; Martin Foard, of Astoria; G. L. Jorgenson, of Toledo, and C. H. Williams and P. H. Johnson, of San Francisco.

The initial additions to the mill will be a machine shop, blacksmith shop and boiler room. A lathe mill will be put in later. When completed the mill will have a capacity of 50,000 feet every ten hours, employing 120 men in the mill and logging camp.

The company will soon begin the construction of a logging railroad from the head of tide on Depot Slough, about three miles above Toledo, into a body of fine timber which it recently purchased. The company has secured enough timber to keep the mill in operation several years, and it is negotiating for more.

Hold to the Circuit Court.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—The preliminary examination of Frank Holbrook, an informer, charged him with assault with a dangerous weapon, was held in Justice Goodman's Court this afternoon, and the defendant was committed to the county jail to await the action of the Circuit Court. Holbrook is an 18-year-old boy, who resides

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