

STAKES AT THE GAS OCTOPUS Coffey Introduces Measure Repealing Monopoly's Perpetual Franchises.

GRANTED BY TERRITORY Members of Multnomah Delegation Are Bound by Pledges to Aid Legislation, but Fight Will Be Very Bitter.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Termination of the perpetual street franchise of the Portland Gas Company, by repeal of the acts of 1855 and 1874, which conferred these franchises, is proposed by a bill introduced this afternoon by Representative Coffey, of Multnomah County. The bill will be considered tomorrow morning by the Multnomah delegation, whose members are bound by ante-election promises to work for the repeal of all perpetual franchises.

GLASH OVER OSTEOPATHY SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBSTITUTE BILL.

Nottingham Resents Alleged Attempt to Throttle His Pet Measure. Made a Special Order. SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Senate committee on medicine and pharmacy today reported a substitute bill for that of Senator Nottingham's, for the examination of osteopaths and issuance of certificates permitting them to practice in this state.

OBJECT TO BANKING BILL. Bankers Speak Against Measure of Senator Haines.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The joint committee on banking today reported a bill to amend the laws relating to the incorporation of banks in this state. The bill was introduced by Senator Haines, of Multnomah County.

GUARD TO SHOOT INTRUDERS. Order Thought to Be Connected With Steunenberg Case.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The captain in command at Boise Barracks announced tonight that acting under orders he would post a double guard about the quarters of the military guard, to be under order to shoot any who failed to halt on being challenged.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CUTS DOWN APPROPRIATION. Representative Settles Bill Appropriating \$100,000 for an Oregon Exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Representative Settler's bill appropriating \$100,000 for an Oregon exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was amended by the ways and means committee this afternoon and the sum reduced to \$100,000.

HOUSE KNOCKS OUT CORRUPT PRACTICES MEASURE. House Committee Reports Favorable Action on Measure.

RODGERS DELIVERS BLOW. House Committee Reports Favorable Action on Measure.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Huntley's corrupt practices bill, to regulate elections, was given a knock-out blow today in the House by indefinite postponement, on motion of Rodgers of Marion, who delivered one of the most sarcastic speeches ever rendered in the Oregon Legislature, holding his auditors in close attention for 10 minutes.

CONSTRUCTIVE SCHOOL LAWS. Superintendent Ackerman Issues Circular Letter to County Officials.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman has issued the following circular letter to the County School Superintendents of the state, in which he calls attention to a project decided by the Supreme Court last December in the case of Settelier vs. Keene.

LAW GRABBERS AT WORK DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT THEIR FRAUDS. Descend Upon Legislature to Demand Deeds on Bogus Sale Certificates and Other Relief.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Land grabbers have descended upon the legislature and are determined to have measures passed which will compel the state to issue deeds upon the fraudulent land certificates procured by fraud and working for the enactment of a law requiring the state to pay interest on the purchase price for the time applications made by the state to have a provision that effect inserted in the bill prepared by the State Land Department for the general revision of the land laws, but he failed.

HOW THE VOTE STOOD. Ayes—Adams, Barrett, of Unmatta, Barrett of Washington, Belmont, Blevins, Brice, Brix, Burns, Carter, Chapin, Chase, Driscoll, Eaton, Farrell, Freeman, Holt, Jewell, King, Knowles, Kubi, Meryman, Reynolds, Rodgers, Ross, S. B. 6, S. B. 7, S. B. 8, S. B. 9, S. B. 10, S. B. 11, S. B. 12, S. B. 13, S. B. 14, S. B. 15, S. B. 16, S. B. 17, S. B. 18, S. B. 19, S. B. 20, S. B. 21, S. B. 22, S. B. 23, S. B. 24, S. B. 25, S. B. 26, S. B. 27, S. B. 28, S. B. 29, S. B. 30, S. B. 31, S. B. 32, S. B. 33, S. B. 34, S. B. 35, S. B. 36, S. B. 37, S. B. 38, S. B. 39, S. B. 40, S. B. 41, S. B. 42, S. B. 43, S. B. 44, S. B. 45, S. B. 46, S. B. 47, S. B. 48, S. B. 49, S. B. 50, S. B. 51, S. B. 52, S. B. 53, S. B. 54, S. B. 55, S. B. 56, S. B. 57, S. B. 58, S. B. 59, S. B. 60, S. B. 61, S. B. 62, S. B. 63, S. B. 64, S. B. 65, S. B. 66, S. B. 67, S. B. 68, S. B. 69, S. B. 70, S. B. 71, S. B. 72, S. B. 73, S. B. 74, S. B. 75, S. B. 76, S. B. 77, S. B. 78, S. B. 79, S. B. 80, S. B. 81, S. B. 82, S. B. 83, S. B. 84, S. B. 85, S. B. 86, S. B. 87, S. B. 88, S. B. 89, S. B. 90, S. B. 91, S. B. 92, S. B. 93, S. B. 94, S. B. 95, S. B. 96, S. B. 97, S. B. 98, S. B. 99, S. B. 100.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEES. House Bodies Take Favorable Action on Many Measures.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Among the bills favorably reported in the House today by committees were: H. B. 28, by E. B. Smith, amending timber lands on basis of cruised timber; H. B. 29, by E. B. Smith, permanent record of elections in each county; H. B. 30, by E. B. Smith, providing for the holding of American flag on school buildings; H. B. 31, by E. B. Smith, for convention of district school boards; H. B. 32, by E. B. Smith, authorizing compulsory education of children; H. B. 33, by E. B. Smith, authorizing school districts to purchase text-books.

NEW BILLS IN THE SENATE. Bills Introduced in the Senate Today as follows:

S. B. 190, substitute for S. B. 13, judiciary committee; providing for payment of interest on county farms; H. B. 34, by E. B. Smith, substitute for S. B. 37, committee on revision of laws—Providing for plans in favor of laborers in mines.

ORATORS AT SALEM. Latent Talent Only Awaiting Opportunity to Be Heard. SENATE HAS WARHORSES. Members of the House Are for the Most Part Men of Smaller Experience—No Brilliant Speeches Thus Far.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Because the sessions of the Legislature thus far have been devoted chiefly to the formal reading of bills and referring them to committees, with little consideration of measures upon their merits, there has been little opportunity for the display of oratorical powers in either the House or the Senate. The Oregon City locks bill and the normal school resolution gave occasion for a few outbursts of eloquence in the Senate, but there has been nothing in the Senate that would stir the souls of the members of that branch of the lawmaking body.

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WARHORSES IN THE SENATE. Rodgers' Mettle is Proved. Hasting to Salem to Defend His Land Monopoly.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—To protect his Coos County land from any attempt of the Legislature to compel its sale in 160-acre tracts at \$250 an acre, Senator Malarkey has hastened to Salem to defend his land monopoly.

ORATORS IN THE HOUSE. Opportunity has been offered for the display of oratorical ability by its members.

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