

THREATENED TO BOLT

Three Members of Joint Railroad Committee Angry.

CHAPIN BILL IN DANGER

Entire Commission Question Put Up Into Air by Wavering of Majority on Matter of Appointment of Commissioners.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special).—The joint railroad committee of the two houses yesterday afternoon... The Chapin bill for a Railroad Commission, and resolved on the changes it would recommend...

Today's outcome was opposed in the joint committee by Senators Wright, Nottingham, Bingham and Miller, and Representatives Coffey and Edwards, making six in all...

The four minority members of the committee yesterday were Bingham, Coffey, Nottingham and Bowerman, the last named of whom is a member of the railroad question making a battle on the floor of both houses.

Today's developments are a fair sample of the wavering to which the joint committee has been subjected. First it appeared to favor appointment by a state board and election by the people in 1908...

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NEW BILLS IN THE HOUSE

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- H. B. 391, Umpney, by request—Prohibiting carrying liquors into prohibition counties and districts.
H. B. 391, Rackleff—Providing a salary of \$125 per annum for the County Commissioner of Curry County.
H. B. 392, Reiman—Repealing all perpetual franchises.
H. B. 393, Northup—Limiting to 1500 the number of names allowed on the jury list, with a minimum of 1000, in Multnomah County.
H. B. 394, Northup—Amending insurance law by requiring all life insurance companies to file reports with Insurance Commissioner by March 1 annually, showing value of all policies in effect December 31 preceding in same manner as fire insurance companies.
H. B. 395, Farrell, Chapin, Beals and Newhall—Provision for feeble-minded, epileptic and insane persons and prisoners in the state penitentiary.
H. B. 396, Simmons, by request—Making judgment lien creditors prior to all other liens, except prior mortgage liens, whose judgment debt is for improvements that have enhanced the value of the property.
H. B. 397, Beals—Repealing article 1, chapter 11, article 29, relating to lease by County of its leasing toll roads.
H. B. 398, Jackson, by request—Dividing state into ten mineral districts, creating offices of State Mineralogist at \$2000 per annum and District Director at \$600 per annum.
H. B. 399, Burns—Amending law as to sale of foods and drinks so as to apply to firms and corporations as well as to individuals.
H. B. 400, Knowles—Extending closed season for salmon fishing to cover the following periods: March 15, noon, to April 20, noon, and August 20, noon, to September 10, noon, in the Willamette River, Saturday and P. M. Sunday, in any week between April 20 and August 20. (This bill was recommended by joint committee on fisheries of Oregon and Washington.)
H. B. 401, Jones of Polk and Lincoln—Placing natural oyster beds under control and regulation by the State Board of Fish Commissioners.
H. B. 402, Gray of Jackson—Authorizing County Judge and Commissioners of Douglas County to transfer certain land to John Nachter.

NEW BILLS IN THE SENATE

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special).—Bills were introduced in the Senate today as follows:

- H. B. 184, Malarky—Authorizing formation of religious corporations.
H. B. 195, Beach—Governor appeals to the Supreme Court.
H. B. 196, Coshaw—Fixing boundaries between Coos and Douglas Counties.
H. B. 197, Hodson—To regulate ballment of grain for hire.
H. B. 198, McDonald—Appropriating \$2000 for First Eastern Oregon Agricultural Society.
H. B. 199, McDonald—Fix salary of Treasurer of Union County.
H. B. 200, Laughery—To fix penalty for forgery of public documents.
H. B. 201, Laughery—Increasing salary of County Judge of Polk County.
H. B. 202, revision of laws committee—Substitute for S. B. 155, to regulate the insurance and payment of time-checks.

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- S. B. 61, Wheaton—Amending law and providing that unused balances of appropriation of school funds be returned to general fund of county.
S. B. 1, Miller of Linn—Changing time of meeting of State Board of Textbook Commissioners.
H. B. 33 (substitute by committee on revision of laws)—For recording conditional sales of engines and other machinery and on fixtures and other personal property, ready to which attached until they are paid for—37 years, 19 years, 4 absent.

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WOMEN DEMAND THE BALLOT

Mrs. Dunniway Again Carries Suffrage Fight Into Legislature.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special).—Ballots for women will again be made an issue in the June election, 1908, if a constitutional amendment proposed by Representative Jones, of Polk, shall be adopted by the Legislature and submitted to the voters in the June election, 1908. If the amendment has been drafted by Attorney-General Crawford.

Mrs. Dunniway says that the lawmakers who are not bold enough to go on record as favoring the amendment on its merits seem quite favorably disposed toward a resolution to expedite the labors of the women as a matter of courtesy.

AGAINST THE POLL TAX

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special).—The House today accepted a favorable report of the committee on assessment and taxation on Representative Newell's bill for repeal of the \$1 a year poll tax.

PHOTO POST CARDS—SCENERY

Kiser Co.—Lobby Imperial Hotel. Substantial comfort, good tea and coffee. Schilling's Best.

65 PERPETUAL GAS FRANCHISES

(Continued From First Page.)

question, I hold that the substitute bill is not proper, and cannot be so adopted. Freeman—in the City of Portland there are a number of perpetual franchisees...

DAVEY ASKS INFORMATION

Speaker Davey—Was the Portland General Electric Company an original franchisee from the State of Oregon, or from the City of Portland alone?

Freeman—From the State of Oregon. Driscoll—For the City of Portland only. Davey—I would like to know what the question before the House is. Speaker Davey—Shall the report of the committee be adopted?

FREEMAN'S FINAL STAND

Freeman—The question is whether or not this House going to adopt it? If it were some local measure, such as the payment of County Judge, or the payment of some other local matter which might come up here, and the majority were in favor of it, I would not object to its adoption...

STORMY SCENES IN COMMITTEE

Representative Driscoll, chairman of the delegation, presided at the meeting at which the majority and minority reports were framed. It proved chaotic in the extreme, as many as half a dozen signatures were given to the report...

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Gentlemen, we beg leave to call your attention, respectfully, to the subject of perpetual franchises in the City of Portland, which was an issue in the primary election last April and in the legislative election last June. Each one of you then nominated and elected announced yourselves in favor of repealing perpetual franchises...

FORBIDDEN BY CONSTITUTION

And the Legislature would seem to be further restrained by the following constitutional amendment adopted at the same time, after section 2 of article 11, containing the following:

The initiative and referendum powers reserved to the people by this constitution, are hereby further reserved to the legal voters of every municipality and district, so as to all local special and municipal legislation, of every character, in or for their respective municipalities and districts.

The City of Portland has granted railroad franchises on Fourth and East Second streets, under an act of 1862, empowering cities to make such grants, and has granted railroad franchises on other streets. It has granted franchises for electric light and power wires, now owned by the Portland General Electric Company...

But two other franchises for gas, besides the one cited for East Portland, have been granted by the Legislature, and no other in 1874; the Legislature evidently can revoke.

The people of Portland are demanding that all perpetual franchises be revoked, and that the grants for the use of the public streets, made years ago, shall be supplemented with new ones giving the city power to collect compensation commensurate with the privileges allowed and to regulate price and quality of service.

REPRESENTATIVES SHOW HANDS

Representative Coffey's bill proposing the repeal of the franchise of the Portland Gas Company was read and then the members of the delegation began to show their hands. Representative Freeman led off as chief spokesman for the opposition to the Coffey bill.

Freeman then explained why he thought the repeal of the franchise of the Portland Gas Company should not be undertaken to recognize the franchise of the gas company, and that he would support the repeal of all perpetual franchises heretofore granted is called for and limiting to a term of 15 years all such franchises...

THINKS PLEDGE IS GENERAL

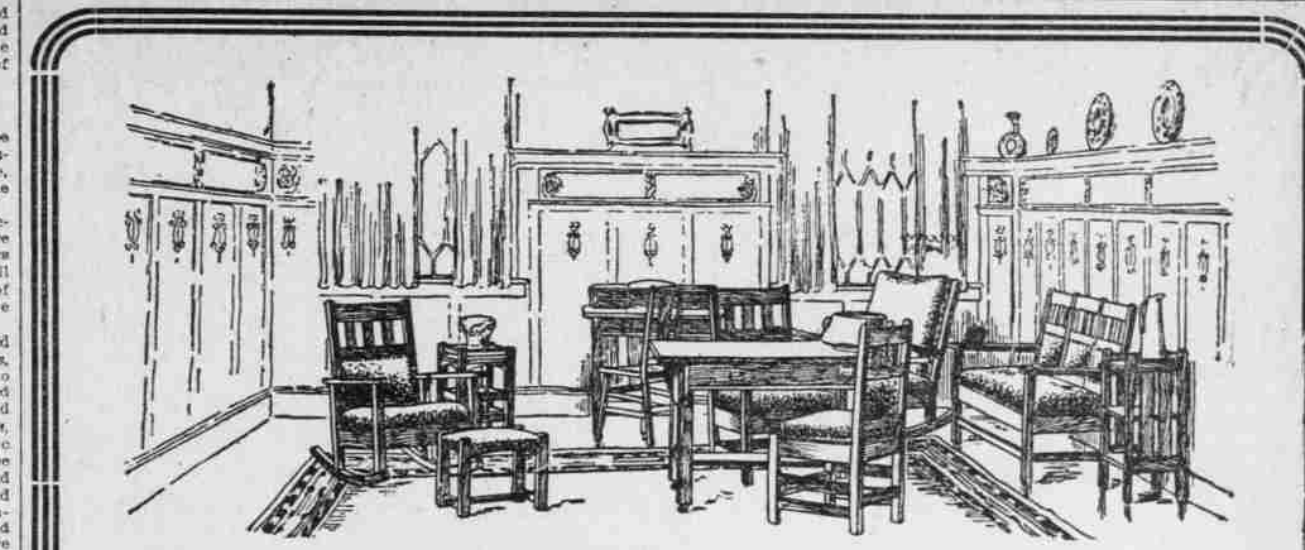
Freeman insisted that the nature of the pledge to which the members of the Multnomah County delegation subscribed last Spring was such as to bind them to a cancellation of all perpetual franchises.

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Quaint Furniture

The "quaint" or "craftsman" designs are the direct outgrowth of the demand for furniture that combines in its construction simplicity, durability, comfort and attractiveness. Its strong and simple character is further enhanced by the method of finishing, which is most practical and durable, making it most easy to take care of.

Our showing of "quaint furniture" embraces the most characteristic designs of the craftsman builders. Pieces for the living-room, library, dining-room, hall and den, in the popular fumed and weathered oak. "Schemes for Quaint Furniture," a booklet by the Stickley Bros. Co., of Grand Rapids, Mich., showing correct treatment in interior decoration, will be sent free on request to intending home-builders.

FULL & GIBBS COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS

YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD MAKE YOUR OWN TERMS. The original Coffey bill was Adams, Burns, Coffey and Driscoll. Protest Sent From Astoria. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special).—The County Court this afternoon made an order protesting against the passage of the proposed law creating the Port of Columbia as follows:

Woman's Nature

Is to love children, and no home can be completely happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass usually is so full of suffering, danger and fear that she looks forward to the critical hour with apprehension and dread. Mother's Friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness, and all unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system for the ordeal that she passes through the event safely and with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold." \$1.00 per bottle of druggists. Book containing valuable information mailed free.

WE CURE MEN

OUR FEE \$10 In Any Uncomplicated Case. No Pay Unless Cured CONSULTATION FREE. There are so many men suffering from chronic pelvic diseases, and the greater number of these victims are still more unfortunate in treating with doctors who know only enough to produce temporary results, or a false cure, if they succeed in benefiting the sufferer at all. There is no such thing as a partial cure of a disease, and the physician whose method does not eradicate every vestige cannot rightfully claim to do more than relieve.

Advertisement for Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, including text: 'When You Take Cold', 'One way is to pay no attention to it; at least, not until it develops into pneumonia, or bronchitis, or pleurisy. Another way is to ask your doctor about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral', 'The new kind contains no alcohol', 'We have no secrets to hide! We publish the formulas of all our medicines.', 'J. C. AYER CO., Manufacturing Chemists, Lowell, Mass.'