

LOBBYISTS BUSY PLACING HANDS ON LEGISLATION

Olympia Committees Hold
Long Sessions to Listen to
Various Complaints.

BILLS GIVEN DEATH BLOWS

Fire Insurance Men, Brewery Representatives, Sportsmen and Labor Leaders All Kept Busy During Yesterday's Holiday.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Although no session of the Legislature was held today, many of the committees held long and important meetings. For instance, the House Judiciary committee held a session lasting about four hours, during which it recommended 14 bills for passage and noted seven others for slaughter by indefinite postponement. It was a great day also for the lobbyists and legislative aid visitors. Of these the delegations from Chehalis County, working for and against county division, were the more numerous and few indeed were the legislators who escaped being button-holed to listen to long arguments on both sides of this question.

The fire insurance men who are fighting the increased tax on insurance companies, the brewery representatives who are concerned in the provisions of the proposed local option bill, and the sportsmen who change made in the game laws that allow running down deer with dogs, officers of the direct primary league who want the league bill to go through without amendment, representatives of labor organizations and many others were busy as bees.

Megler's Committee Divided.

Megler's House committee on Congressional apportionment split on the methods of dividing the state into Congressional districts. Chairman Megler, Henderson, Fancher, Blackmore, Lambert, Dillness and Cameron voted to recommend a bill which will place Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania and all of the east side counties in one district, the west side counties in a second district, and for the election of the third Congressional at-large. Such a scheme would put Grant and Taylor in the same Congressional district and would start many things. Stronberg, Glen Byerly, Hattenman, Connell and Gregg voted to pass Megler's bill, which places the east side counties in one district and makes two west side districts, with Seattle and the northwest in one and Tacoma and the southwest in the other. Weir, of King County, did not vote. The reports will come into the House tomorrow, which will likely adopt the Gregg measure.

Tomorrow night W. W. Cotton, of the O. R. & N., B. S. Groscup, of the Northern Pacific, and L. C. Gillman, of the Great Northern, will be here, according to telegrams received, to discuss the joint railroad committee on pending railroad legislation, particularly the reciprocal demurrage bill.

Costly Boundary Commission.

Short sessions were held today by both the House and Senate appropriations committees. Paulman, of the Senate committee, gave notice that he intended to investigate the expenditures made by Assistant Attorney-General McDonald in the suit against Oregon regarding the Columbia River boundary, and that he thought it would be well to spend extravagantly. Piper of King County defended the attorney. The matter came up on a request for \$10,000 additional appropriation to complete the suit.

The Senate committee received a bill from Pierce County for \$600 for rent of a room in the court house occupied by the State Horticulturist. The committee instructed Senator Jones of Pierce to inform the commissioners the committee will pay the bill if demanded, but if payment is exacted, it will introduce a bill moving the office of Horticulturist to Olympia, where free rooms may be secured in the Capitol. The committee, later in its session, heard Land Commissioner B. W. Rice explain his estimate for increased salaries and more clerks in his office.

The House appropriations committee recommended for passage the State Bank Examiner bill, which carries \$30,000 appropriation, and heard arguments of Senator Stevenson and others favoring purchase by this state and Idaho of the bridge connecting Lewiston and Astoria. No final action was taken by the committee.

Check on Debt Limit.

The Senate Judiciary committee decided to recommend indefinite postponement of a bill passed by the House allowing cities and towns to validate debts incurred in excess of the debt limit. This committee will send to the general file without recommendation a bill introduced by Piper punishing the use of a play on a city with the debt limit. The bill was introduced by the owner of a measure the American Dramatists' Club is urging. The committee recommended for passage a bill providing submission of a constitutional amendment which will permit carrying out the tax commission plan to make railroads and public service corporations pay all state taxes and to exempt such corporations from local taxation.

The House Judiciary committee recommended for indefinite postponement bills respectively providing that no Superior Judge should draw a salary if he had not decided all the cases submitted within 90 days past; that no wires should be strung across railway tracks without permit from County Commissioners; making with desertion a felony; providing for support of illegitimate children; and a bill proposing a graduated fee for corporations based on stock value.

JANUARY LUMBER SHIPMENTS

Record Goes This Time to Hoquiam Lumber & Shingle Company.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Cargo shipments of lumber from Gray's Harbor for January aggregated 31,241,125 feet, while shipments of lath aggregated 14,289,900 pieces, and of shingles 4,472,000 pieces. Reduced to lumber measurement, lath and shingle shipments aggregated 2,329,840 feet, or a grand total of lumber, lath and shingle shipments of 34,069,975. The month came up to the average. Storms prevailing along the coast delayed lumber vessels, thereby reducing the tonnage available at this port. As late shipments would have exceeded 35,000,000 feet.

For the first time in many months, the Slade Mills did not hold the lead in lumber shipments by water. First place for January goes to the Hoquiam Lumber & Shingle Company. Ordinarily the Slade Mills send away in excess of 5,000,000 feet per month, but in January, on account of delay to tonnage, shipments totaled but 2,324,828 feet.

ABERDEEN LAD DISAPPEARS

Raymond Olden Has Not Been Seen Since He Crossed Bay to Hoquiam.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Raymond Olden has disappeared and fear is entertained that he may have drowned. Saturday afternoon, with William Lightfoot and Eddie Doyle, young Olden went to Hoquiam in a rowboat. The boys landed at the dock of the Northwestern Lumber Company, where Olden is said by his companions to have remained while the others went on over. When they returned Olden had disappeared. Some of the tugboat men about the dock declare they saw but two boys on the wharf that day, and this has created the belief that perhaps young Olden may have run away. His father, who is in the employ of the Gray's Harbor Gas Company, has notified the police, and diligent search is being made. Olden was a member of the high school.

Condon Funeral This Afternoon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The funeral of Dr. Thomas Condon will be held in Villard Hall at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and the interment will be in the Masonic Cemetery. Rev. P. S. Knight, of Portland, for 40 years a friend and companion of the deceased, will conduct the services, assisted by the Rev. H. L. Bates, of Forest Grove, and the Rev. Mr. Brooks, of the Congregational Church, both of whom are former pastors of Dr. Condon. The Rev. Mr. Bates is preparing special music for the funeral, and the business houses will probably close for the afternoon.

The student body of the University of Oregon met this morning and passed resolutions of condolence and appointed special decorating committees for Villard Hall. The senior class, the literary societies, engineers and other student organizations have held informal meetings to decide on flowers and other tokens of respect.

Members of the faculty, alumni and students will follow the funeral cortege from Villard Hall to the cemetery.

EXPORT TRADE CUT SHORT

PUGET SOUND CANNOT GET WHEAT FOR MILLING.

Failure of Railroads to Deliver Grain Has Meant Heavy Financial Loss—Mills Run Half Time.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Failure on the part of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific to deliver more than 25 per cent of the wheat crop of Eastern Washington counties has caused a loss in exports of flour of \$750,000 to the mills of Seattle and Tacoma. The financial loss to the mills of Puget Sound is heavy and most of them are running on half-time or not at all. Conditions existing at present are without parallel in the four mill history of the coast. No hope appears and flour has advanced 25 cents over a week ago, while the miller's advance is added to by the jobbers. Moreover, Western wheat could be sold today at from 72 to 74 cents per bushel, while two weeks ago the average price was 67¢.

F. H. Luce, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Washington, said today that not 25 per cent of the wheat crop of Lincoln County had been moved as yet. The farmers have sold a great portion and it is being held in the warehouses by buyers, who have to pay heavy interest charges to the banks on their loans.

In Seattle the flour export business has dropped to practically nothing. There is a big demand in the Orient for American flour, but necessarily orders must be turned down.

GRADUATE FROM THE NORMAL

Class of 14 Receive Diplomas From State School at Monmouth.

MONMOUTH, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The graduating exercises of the February class of the Oregon State Normal School occurred in the Normal school building at Monmouth. About 600 people were present. The graduating class numbered 14. Orations were delivered as follows:

Salutatory, Rube E. Shearer, Portland; "Education in Elementary Agriculture," Ellen A. Laurence, Prairie City; "Education in Manual Training," Freda Gist, North Yamhill; valedictory, Nellie B. Bennett, Portland.

The class address was delivered by Joseph Schafer, of the University of Oregon. Mrs. Mary Bowden Habbitt was accompanied by her husband, pianist solo. President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, spoke extemporaneously for a few minutes. President Campbell holds the esteem and confidence of the people of Monmouth to a very large extent, and he was greeted very warmly. Both the girls' chorus and the Normal Glee Club furnished the music. The diplomas were presented by President E. D. Ressler, who conducted the exercises in a very pleasing manner.

The second day of the school year opens on February 18. Every indication points to a large attendance, as many new students are expected. The June graduating class also promises to be large, as there are 35 candidates for graduation now in school.

ASTORIA CLOSES DANCE HALLS

Sentiment Against Such Places Since Death of Blanche Day.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—After running unmolested for over a year, all the dance halls in the city were closed last night by their managers, while a meeting between the police commissioners, Mayor and members of the health and police committees were in session to take steps to shut them down. The death of Blanche Day, the Seattle girl, who was alleged to have committed suicide in the Waldorf dance hall, has raised a popular sentiment against these places, and they will probably not be permitted to reopen.

Fisher Bros. Elect Officers.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fisher Bros. Company was held today and officers were re-elected as follows: Asmus Brax, president; J. E. Ferguson, vice-president; F. J. Carney, secretary and manager.

Town Short of Groceries.

MYRTLE POINT, Or., Feb. 12.—Myrtle Point is nearing a food shortage, and unless the C. E. R. & E. R. & N. Co. can get a train through in the very near future the town will be without staple groceries.

KISER FOR SOUVENIR PHOTOS.

Northwest Scenery—Lobby Imperial.

ORDERS NEW VENIRE

Jury Panel in Adams' Case Exhausted Second Day.

SAYS SHERIFF IS BIASED

Defense Requests That Special Commission Be Appointed to Summon Venire—Argue Matter at Night Session of the Court.

WALLACE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—At the close of the second day of the trial of Steve Adams for the murder of Fred Tyler, 24 talesmen had been examined, exhausting the panel and the court had ordered the summoning of new venire. Eleven jurors remained in the jury box and the defense still retains the right to four peremptory challenges and the state one.

When the court ordered a new venire Attorney E. F. Richardson, counsel for the defense, made an affidavit that the Sheriff is biased, and asked that a special commission be appointed to summon the venire. In his affidavit it is alleged that Angus Sutherland, whose term as Sheriff expired last month, and by conducting a strike during the labor troubles by the Mine Owners' Association, and that as Sheriff he cannot serve two consecutive terms. The present Sheriff, William Bailey, was nominated with the understanding that Sutherland should still be in complete control under the direction of the corporation hostile to the Western Federation of Miners.

Sutherland is alleged to have referred to all members of the Western Federation of Miners as "blackguards and dynamiters" and it is his purpose to run "every dynamiter out of the country." A night session is being held to argue this matter.

Placed President Hendrickson, of the Mulholland, Idaho, Miners' Union, upon the stand to furnish proof that the Miners' Federation had raised large sums of money to defend the prisoner.

Hendrickson said the different Miners' Unions had raised the money, both by per cent of the wages and by subscription, to the headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners, at Denver, and that he had an idea for what the money was to be used.

TEXAS UNIONS MAKE PROTEST

Declare That Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone Are Illegally Detained.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 12.—Mass meetings are being called by the labor councils, embodying all labor unions in the various cities of the state, to protest against the imprisonment of Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone, who have been in prison a year in Idaho, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Steiwer of Idaho.

Union men here allege that the men are being illegally restrained of their liberty and that a conspiracy exists to keep them from having a trial.

WHAT HE GAVE TO SCIENCE

Some Fossil Discoveries Made by the Late Dr. Condon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. Thomas Condon, who died yesterday, was born in Ireland in 1832. He came to America with his parents in 1852, receiving his early education in New York. He graduated from a Methodist college at Canastota, N. Y., in 1858.

In the same year he married Miss Cornelia Holt and both started for San Francisco with a band of missionaries, by way of Cape Horn. The trip was made with considerable hardships, during the voyage a smoldering fire burned in the cargo of the vessel for three days.

Professor and Mrs. Condon arrived in Western Oregon in the Fall of 1852, and in 1862 removed to The Dalles, where they opened a mission and carried on religious work among the pioneers of that section.

At this time Dr. Condon began to devote special attention to the fossils of the region. He discovered a branch of science in the fossils of the Pacific coast, and he was the first to identify a bone fossil exhumed from a well between Walla Walla and Colville, as a portion of the humerus of a horse. The American Museum of Natural History, New York, purchased the fossil, and it is now in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

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STORES ARE OUT OF FOOD

Conditions in Idaho Mining Town Growing Serious.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—T. W. Thompson arrived in Grangeville today, having traveled 123 miles on snowshoes.

Bacon, rice and flour stocks in the stores at Warren are gone, but the miners have sufficient food in their cabins to last until more can be brought in, though butter and eggs are gone. About 100 persons reside in Warren and vicinity. Very little newspaper mail has reached there for some weeks. The stage got stuck and the stage driver cached the papers and took the letter mail in on his back.

IDAHO FACTIONS WILL UNITE

Arrangements Made for Conference Between Two Wings of Party.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—There are indications tonight that the split between the two Republican factions in the House will be held up soon. Both sides have agreed to appoint committees for conference. The insurgents tonight named Frank T. Wyman, C. C. Cavanaugh and S. D. Taylor to serve in that capacity. The Stewarts were in caucus on the subject, but did not decide upon the men to represent them. Their committee will be named tomorrow.

Postpone Condemnation Suits.

NORTH YAKIMA, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The North Coast condemnation cases against the Northern Pacific for a right of way at Parker Sliding, at Union Gap and over 20 acres of land south of Selah street, this city, have been postponed to March 1, pending the preparation of material to be submitted relative to a change in the county road through Union Gap.

The North Coast and the Northern Pacific have reached a settlement as to the right of way over the head of the canal of the Northern Pacific Irrigation Company, near Kiona. When work on the grading of the North Coast was commenced here an injunction was procured by the canal company and the work was stopped. This last December. At present the North Coast has been graded throughout the entire lower valley, and about 43 miles of the roadbed have been graded. As soon as the rights of way are justified here, work will be commenced.

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DECIDE BY A DISAGREEMENT

Supreme Court Judge Then Concludes to Let Judgment Stand.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Chief Justice Alshie and Justice Sullivan, who are holding Supreme Court in absence of Justice Stewart, ran against their first disagreement today. It came up in a Boies case involving the right of a husband to check his wife's money out of a bank. The bank won the case in a lower court, and the Justices decided that in view of their disagreement, they would affirm the judgment. The point was whether the statute, as it stood in 1903, at the time of the transaction, should govern. Judge Stewart is still in Portland and is reported on the way to recovery.

Arlington Streets Washed Out.

ARLINGTON, Or., Feb. 12.—The chinook winds of the past few days have caused every creek in Gilliam County to well, and much damage has been done by the water. A small ditch runs through Arlington. The water has come down in such force the past few days that it has cut this ditch at least 20 feet deep and over 100 feet wide in places, especially across the main street of the town, and it will take hundreds of dollars to repair the damage. One store building and a barn belonging to Mr. Irvine were washed away. The ditch was washed out to a depth of 15 feet around one side and one end of O. S. Ebb's confectionery store, and it is feared this building will go. Mr. Ebb has moved all of his goods to another building.

LaGrande Cases Postponed.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 12.—The trial of Counselmen E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardiner, charged with extorting money from two salaried men, was called in the Circuit Court today before Judge Smith, of Baker County, because Judge Crawford, of this district, is interested in the case, but later was postponed until the next term of court.

Tamper With Star Brewery Safe.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 12.—Evidence indicates that a gang of professional safebreakers paid Vancouver a visit last night. The safe in the office of the Star Brewery was the intended object of their work, in which they were, as far as can be ascertained, unsuccessful, or at least the amount of booty secured was insignificant.

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