DELEGATION TALKS OVER LEGISLATION

Proposed Bills Presented to Multnomah Legislators for Their Support.

CHANGE PILOTAGE SERVICE

Monopoly of Astoria Pilots to Be Broken if Bill Passes—Change in Insurance Law—More Deputy District Attorneys Desired.

For two hours last night the members of the Multnomah delegation at the Commercial Club assembly hall listened to the requests of their constituency for legislation. A bill, amendatory of the pilotage law on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, was adopted by the delegation, while numerous other measures, covering a variety of subjects, were received for consideration by the delegation at a subsequent meeting, to be called by the chairman, Senator J. B. Coffey.

Several important changes in the present law regulating the pilotage service on the Columbia and Willamette rivers are provided in the bill presented by the Chamber of Commerce. Principal among them is the provision which disorganizes the monopoly of pilot commissioners the city of Astoria enjoys. Under the present law it is provided that at least two of the three commissioners shall be residents of Astoria or Clatsop County. The amendment stipulates that there shall be one commissioner selected from Clatsop County, a second from Multnomah County, and the third from either of the two counties, as the Governor, who is charged with the appointment, shall elect. Another important amendment to this law is that which provides for the repeal of the compulsory pilotage law, through which, in many instances, a saving of between $500 and $600 a vessel will be effected through the improved pilotage service the Port of Portland will maintain.

Want More Careful Consideration.

When this bill was submitted, Senator Selling insisted that it should be read section by section that its provisions might be explained by President Swigert, Secretary Giltner and other representatives of the Chamber who were in attendance at the meeting. This was agreed to, and when the bill had been read it was adopted without a dissenting voice.

Senator Albee inquired what effect the adoption of the bill would have. Chairman Coffey explained that it involved the approval of the measure and its support by the delegation in the Legislature. Senators Albee and Selling and Representative Couch protested against such hasty proceedings. They did not wish to be understood as questioning the motives of the Chamber of Commerce as concerning other than the very best interests of Portland, but they did not favor railroading methods which did not give the members of the delegation sufficient time to consider the real purport of the legislation under consideration.

President Swigert replied that the Chamber of Commerce had no intention of having the delegation act hastily in its consideration of the bill. He volunteered to furnish each member of the delegation with a brief in which will be presented detailed information concerning the bill and the effect of the amendments requested, in order that each member may know how to vote intelligently when the measure comes up in the Legislature.

Philip Buehner, chairman of the insurance committee of the Chamber of Commerce, presented a bill providing for the repeal of that provision of the insurance law which requires all foreign insurance companies to deposit with the State Treasurer $50,000 in cash or approved securities before being permitted to engage in business in this state. He explained that the bill as amended would contain a provision that before any company could enter the state and do business it would be necessary to show an unimpaired capital of at least $200,000. Mr. Buehner contended that the repeal of the deposit law would undoubtedly afford the people of the state cheaper insurance. By such an amendment, he said, the state would be saved $500,000 annually.

Want Change in Law.

The discussion on this measure had assumed a considerable latitude when Representative McArthur reminded his colleagues that the insurance bill was one of state-wide application while it was understood that the conference was to be confined entirely to local legislation affecting Multnomah County. This terminated the discussion and the delegation turned its attention to other bills.

President Swigert said the Chamber of Commerce at a later date would present to the delegation an amendment to the Sailor Boarding-house law for a reduction from $30 to $20 in the statutory fee for shipping sailors.

Representative McArthur submitted a bill providing for two additional deputies in the office of District Attorney and increasing the salaries of all deputies. Mr. McArthur explained that he was not the author of the measure but had presented it "by request." The bill provides for six deputies in the District Attorney's office, one of whom shall receive an annual salary of $3000, while the other five shall be paid $2000 per annum. The services of two stenographers at $900 a year each also are provided while another provision of the measure contemplates that the taxpayers shall furnish the District Attorney and his deputies with a suite of rooms properly equipped for office purposes, including the necessary stationery.

More District Attorney Deputies.

D. N. Mosessohn, one of District Attorney Cameron's deputies, urged the favorable consideration of the bill by the delegation. He said the office was now supplied with only four deputies, one of whom was assigned to the Juvenile Court. The chief deputy, he said, receives a salary of $1800 a year while the other three are paid $1200. These four deputies, he contended, were overloaded with work, being required to look after the business of the district in four departments of the Circuit Court, two Justice Courts, Municipal Court, grand jury, County Court, Supreme Court, and Coroner's inquests, besides attending the various outlying Justice Courts of the county.

Otto J. Kraemer, representing the Oregon Humane Society, asked the delegation to support the society's request for an appropriation of $3000 for the biennial term, beginning next year. At the suggestion of the delegation Mr. Kraemer will prepare such a bill for presentation to the Legislature.

On the theory that the best way to reach a man's heart is through his stomach, J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, on behalf of the creamerymen of the state, invited the members of the delegation to take luncheon with the creamerymen when it was proposed to submit several bills of interest to the dairy industry. The invitation was accepted and Wednesday, January 6, was the time agreed upon for the luncheon, which will be given at the Commercial Club, the lawmakers being the guests of the creamerymen.

Better Treatment of Carmen.

J. D. Stevens urged the legislators to enact some legislation that would force the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to give their conductors and motormen sufficient time off duty and a place to eat their meals. He said that under the present system followed by this company these employes were obliged to eat some of their meals while on duty on their regular runs.

C. E. Lockwood, representing the Republican Club of this city, said that organization would ask the Legislature to pass a new reapportionment bill distributing the representation in the Legislature on the basis of the state's population as required in the state constitution.

"According to its population, Multnomah County is entitled to 17 Representatives instead of only 12 and one joint," said Mr. Lockwood. "Multnomah County pays one-third of the taxes of the state and represents one-fourth of the state's population, but it has less than one-fifth of the representation in the Legislature."

Mr. Lockwood reported that the club would propose two other bills, one an amendment to the Railroad Commission act, increasing the powers of the Commission. The other measure would propose a constitutional amendment providing for the consolidation of the governments of the county of Multnomah and the city of Portland.

Home for Museum.

Another measure that will be advocated by the Republican Club and which also has been indorsed by the State Grange, is a bill creating the state into representative districts for the election of legislators.

A letter from Secretary George H. Himes, of the Oregon Historical Society, requesting the support of the delegation for a bill asking for an appropriation for a permanent home for the society, was received and placed on file.

The five bills drafted by County Clerk Fields and already reviewed in The Oregonian, were also received for consideration by the delegation. They are: Requiring persons authorized to perform marriage certificates to file their credentials with the County Clerk; amending the registration law so as to permit the registration of electors other than at the office of the County Clerk; providing for inspectors of election; creating the office of State Auditor; and amending the law with regard to filing plats.

The following members of the delegation attended the meeting: Senators Coffey, Albee and Selling; Representatives Davis, Couch, Mahone, McArthur, Orton, Jaeger, Altman, Abbott, Bryant, McDonald and Farrell.

Several of the Statement members of the Multnomah County delegation, following the meeting at the Commercial Club last night, repaired to the room of Hal D. Patton, Representative-elect from Marion County, at the Imperial Hotel, and held a protracted conference, presumably respecting the fight for the organization of the House. Among those attending were Orton, Mahone, Jaeger, Altman and Couch. The conference was not restricted to members of the Legislature. J. Frank Sinnott also attended.

WILL TRY TO PROVE ALIBI

NIGHT RIDERS OPEN DEFENSE IN TENNESSEE.

Two of Accused Enter Denials—Defense Tries to Confine Evidence to Ranken Murder.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 29.—The sudden illness of Arthur Cloar, one of the defendants in the Night Rider cases, caused a suspension of the trial yesterday. The state had completed its testimony and had rested. "Bud" Morris and Sam Applewhite, both defendants, testified and denied any connection with the Night Riders. The defense laid the foundation for an alibi and proposes to put all the defendants on the stand and corroborate their testimony by members of their families. When asking for an adjournment on account of Cloar's illness, the defense promised to be ready to resume tomorrow.

In behalf of the state, Walter Holt, a fisherman from near Samburg, told of Tid Burton receiving a letter from the Night Riders telling him to attend a meeting that night or they would hang him. The Night Riders paid Holt a visit on the night of May 23 and he recognized Garrett Johnson as the leader.

Will Rogers, from near Clayton, was introduced to corroborate the story told by Fehringer, detailing the route taken by him in assembling the band for the Walnut Log raid.

After the state had rested the defense asked that the court withdraw all of the evidence from the jury pertaining to other raids than the killing of Captain Ranken. Judge Jones reserved his decision.

NIGHT RIDERS BURN BARN

Prevent Man From Selling Cotton in Their Usual Way.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 29.—After repeated notices served on him not to sell cotton below 10 cents, Night Riders last night destroyed the barn of W. C. Buck in Pottawatomie County.

THREE ROBBED FREIGHTCAR

Got Choice Assortment of Whisky and Underwear.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Guy Hubbard, John McGovern and Tom Moran found their way to the City Jail late last night. Employes in the Northern Pacific yards discovered that a box-car had been broken open and a quantity of whisky in quart bottles, and some underclothing, removed. The City Marshal's office was notified and Night Marshals Hill and Smith at once started to investigate. They soon found where some young men had been offering quart bottles of whisky for sale, and located the offenders on the street not far from the depot and took them into custody. The possession of seven bottles of the liquid proved their identity beyond a doubt. Complaint will undoubtedly be filed against them on charges of burglary and selling intoxicants without a license.

MAN ON SPREE SHOOTS

Officer Forced to Wound Him in Order to Save Own Life.

KELLOGG, Idaho, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Late this afternoon Jim Patterson, on a periodical spree, made so much trouble at home that his wife took refuge at the home of E. L. Adkinson, a neighbor. Patterson fired two shots through Adkinson's house, nearly hitting one of the people. City Marshal M. A. Cavanaugh was called and Patterson opened fire on him with his rifle. The Marshal dodged behind a tree, when several shots were exchanged, in which the officer wounded his man with a pistol to save his own life.

Patterson was shot through the leg and taken to the hospital. Several shots were fired into the tree.

WALL BURIES TEN

Gas Pours In on Imprisoned Men, Blocking Rescue.

VICTIMS HAVE NO CHANCE

Broken Beam on Steam Shovel Crushes in Concrete Wall and Workmen Are Caught Under Tons of Earth.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 29.—Ten men were killed and several injured by a cave-in at the furnace plant at Ensley last night. But two bodies have been recovered. Gas pouring into the excavation from the furnace makes rescue work difficult.

O. R. & N. WINS VICTORY

COMMISSION'S VALUES TOO LOW, IT IS FOUND.

Chance to Advance Rates Will Be Slight—Road Must Now Pay More Taxes.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The O. R. & N. has won a victory before the State Railway Commission, but it may prove unsatisfactory in the long run. Today the commission announced findings that it values the railway operating property in this state of that railway at $15,500,000. Months ago in tentative findings the commission valued this property at $3,000,000 less. Following the long investigation of the original cost of the road, the commission claimed much too low. Engineer Pope of the company spent weeks preparing data and later when this was checked up by commission engineers it was ascertained the commission had failed to carry the value of the right of way of the Pleasant Valley branch in its totals and had made some other omissions. Including this omitted property, the commission has fixed the cost of reproducing the road at $17,800,000. The difference between this latter amount and the $19,500,000, present value of the road found by the commission, represents the commission estimate of the value of the advantageous position of the railway which includes its water grade, downhill haul on the bulk of its traffic, and the further fact that physical obstacles prevent paralleling its line except at much greater expense than was incurred in building this line.

The road has won in securing higher valuation, but this higher valuation will not enable it appreciably to increase revenues on state business, while higher valuation on the Hill roads would have permitted profit to such roads. Of course, the commission's findings mean the road is entitled to earnings on state business to pay a reasonable return on such valuation. But the O. R. & N., with 40 per cent of its total mileage in Washington, does almost entirely an interstate business. The commission finds but about 8 per cent of the O. R. & N. business is strictly state traffic. In consequence, these findings will not help the road much toward larger revenues.

If any rates are to be increased under the findings, they will probably have to be the Spokane distributing branch into the Palouse country, and on the other hand, this higher valuation will probably be adopted by the State Tax Commission as a basis for fixing the taxes to be paid by the company, and the increased taxes by reason of this three million increased valuation may aid any possible enhanced revenue the road receives by increasing its rates.

NOT CALLING ON BANKERS

Monetary Commission Goes to New York to Meet Statisticians.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Senators Aldrich and Teller of the sub-committee of the National Monetary Commission, accompanied by Arthur B. Shelton, secretary of the commission, arrived last night from Washington and Congressman Vreeland, another member of the commission, is expected during the day. Mr. Shelton said today of the visit:

"There is no thought of a conference with New York bankers on this visit. There is not even to be any formal conference with the statisticians and writers engaged by the commission. The members of the sub-committee have taken advantage of the holidays to come here, which is a more central point than Washington, to pursue the routine work of the commission and to talk with the writers and statisticians who are here in the city or who may wish to come here to advise the committeemen. There are many men now writing articles and gathering statistics in regard to monetary conditions in the United States, and some of these can more conveniently see us here than in Washington. The work of these men deals exclusively with conditions in this country and had nothing to do with the work of the commission in England, France and Germany last Summer."

Neither Mr. Aldrich nor Mr. Teller could be seen today.

Pinchot Starts on Mission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Bearing invitations from President Roosevelt to President Diaz, of Mexico, and Premier Laurier and Lord Grey, of Canada, to appoint delegates to the National Conservation Congress to be held here February 18, Gifford Pinchot left today for Canada and Mexico.

RIGHT TO EXPEL DENIED

Tacoma Judge Quashes Writ Against School Board.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The writ of mandamus issued against the School Board directing the Board to expel from school all children not vaccinated was quashed today by Judge Chapman, who held that the writ was improper in that it directed the Board to expel the pupils not successfully vaccinated.

Judge Chapman held that the law provides that the School Board "shall require pupils to be successfully vaccinated" and that inasmuch as the Board has passed a rule "requiring" the children to be vaccinated according to the state law, he could not enforce the writ ordering the Board to expel the children.

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TRAVELERS HOLD JINKS

UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS HAVE ENTERTAINMENT.

Battle Royal Among Four Colored Fighters Is Event of Evening. Programme Is Success.

Portland lodge of the United Commercial Travelers held its annual jinks at the East Side Athletic Clubrooms Monday night, and the stunts pulled off were thoroughly enjoyed by the big crowd.

Chester A. Whitemore, who distinguished himself at the Travelers' Protective Association gathering Saturday, was again in evidence, and this time as chief factotum of the "doings." "Chet" was "announcer extraordinary and official springer of surprises," each of which succeeded in arousing the enthusiasm of the knights of the grip. The programme included musical, vocal, literary, and, incidentally, athletic exercises that gave the traveling men a touch of high life and its realism. The East Side Athletic Club auditorium and gymnasium was taxed to its utmost for when salesmen get together in festivities of this kind they need all the room in the immediate vicinity.

The programme opened with a monologue by Mr. Kissell, who might well be on the vaudeville stage, for he has 'em all outclassed in originality. He favored Harry McAllister, "Chet" Whitemore, Cal and Fred Zilly, "Brother" Frazer and a few more of the "peddlers" with some "slams," and told several stories that were well received.

Joe Hayes, who possesses much dramatic talent, entertained the "bunch" with some of his specialties. His interpretation of the ravings of the late John McCullough, and his "The Other One Was Booth," took the gathering by storm.

The Tuxedo Male Quartet, four young Portland boys who possess excellent voices, were the next on the programme, and their songs were received with enthusiastic demonstrations. The quartet was encored repeatedly.

Dr. Emil Enna, a pianist of talent, then entertained with piano solos of pleasing character. Dr. Enna was received with as much appreciation as were the other numbers.

After this number the guests adjourned to the gymnasium where two rattling good boxing bouts were produced. These were three-round affairs, where the youngsters went at it hammer and tongs, but in each instance wound up with honors even.

The climax of the evening, however, was a "battle royal" among four colored scrappers, which, literally speaking, brought down the house. Very few of those present had ever witnessed an event of this kind before. The four men, all in the ring at one time, went at each other with a vengeance; each trying to dispose of the other, and the manner in which they walloped each other around caused the greatest of hilarity on the part of the spectators. When the U. C. T. gives another smoker it is a safe bet that all present last night will be on hand again if they can. The event was a success from every point of view.

RECIPROCITY END IS UP

House Subcommittee Busy With Tariff Bill Daily.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The work of preparing the revised tariff bill was resumed by the subcommittee of the House ways and means committee today. Two meetings were held and there is every likelihood that the tariff framing committee, which consists of the Republican members of the full committee, will continue to hold daily meetings until the time comes to report the bill to Congress at the special session in March.

Judge E. H. Gary has returned the printed copy of his testimony with corrections. He does not change the substance of his testimony, but has made several corrections in the figures which he gave the committee.

The tariff framers are giving consideration to the maximum and minimum duty problem in connecton with the new tariff. Although the United States was the first to apply this method of securing favorable trade relations with other countries it has never applied the principle to more than a few articles, while several foreign countries have adopted the system to cover everything.

If a maximum and minimum tariff bill becomes a law it will be possible for the President to extend the benefits of the minimum tariff to those countries which give to this country the benefit of their differential rates of duty. Great Britain would secure the benefits of our minimum rates because it levies no duties on importations. Germany and France, each of which has a maximum and minimum tariff law, would probably prefer to grant to this country their schedule on duties if the same prvilege is extended to their importers.

The United States has treaties with France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland, granting a reduction in the duties on certain articles only.

Barrios Recovers From Injury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Senor Barrios, the Guatemalan minister of foreign affairs, who recently was seriously injured in an automobile accident, called at the White House today and will sail for home on December 29. A bandage across the face was the only trace of his injury.

Big Flotilla Nears Port.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The flotilla of lightships and lighthouse-tenders, which sailed from New York for California and Oregon river points, departed yesterday from Callao for its destination, according to a report to the lighthouse board's headquarters in New York.

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