

MULTNOMAH BENCH ALL HITS ROCKS

Rough Road Ahead of Measure for Increase of Number of Circuit Judges.

M'GINN'S ATTACKS TELLING

Alternative Measures to Lessen Work of Present Judges Without Increasing Expense to Taxpayers May Be Final Result.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Increase of circuit judgeships in Multnomah from four to six is bumping along a rock road in the Legislature, on account of the vigorous objections and exposures made by Henry E. McGinn, of Portland.

It is possible the outcome of the dispute will be: First, enactment of Bowerman's bill directing the Presiding Chief Justice to send outside Circuit Judges into Multnomah to relieve the congestion; second, transfer of the Juvenile Court from the Circuit Court to the County Court; third, separation of the County Judge from the County Board of Commissioners; fourth, creation of an office of third Commissioner and appointment by Governor Chamberlain.

This scheme has proceeded so far that the Governor has already considered the appointment of a certain man in Portland, as Commissioner, who is friendly to Senator Bailey, Chamberlain is said to have written Senator Bailey in this manner, on account of Bailey's vote on United States Senator.

The Multnomah delegation is split on the judge increase question, but majority of its members probably favor addition of one or two judges. Country members of the Legislature mostly oppose the plan, because of the added expense it would put on the state.

J. J. Fitzgerald, chief deputy to District Attorney Cameron, says he is willing to submit his resignation if the bill is passed. He says that \$1800 is too low for his heavy work and long hours. The delegation is aware of the fact that it is the ablest of the deputies. But for the Fitzgerald's quest would be easy.

Blow Aimed at Initiative.

Senator J. N. Smith, of Marion, has introduced a bill which he thinks will forever stop the issue of the initiative and referendum. His bill makes it a felony to pay for the circulation of initiative and referendum petitions.

Senator Smith believes that if this bill be passed there will be no return to the initiative or referendum except in the few cases where the movement has very strong public sentiment back of it and where large numbers of people are willing to volunteer their services in circulating petitions.

Plan to Cut Down Calendar.

Senator F. J. Miller, of Linn and Lane, today established a money-saving policy in the Senate. He called attention to the fact that a number of resolutions are being carried on the calendar every day, and that they have been with it indefinitely postponed. This entails a useless expense for printing and paper and also leads to confusion. He secured the adoption of a resolution that a permanent committee be organized to revise the calendar every day, striking out all dead matter.

To Regulate Berry Boxes.

Senator Nottingham this morning introduced S. B. 35 for the purpose of requiring that berry boxes be made for use in this state shall contain 32.46 cubic inches, inside. This is the size of the box now used by the Hood River berry-growers and the size most commonly used throughout the state, though there are a few growers and shippers using a smaller box. The bill requires that boxes, or halves, shall be made of 1/4 inch square outside and 1/8 inch square inside, and contain 32.46 cubic inches. Boxes already made may be used, but none hereafter made shall be used unless they conform to the size specified in the bill. The bill carries an emergency clause, but a smile that passed over the Senate when the bill was read indicates that the emergency clause will be cut off.

Keep Journal Posted Up.

President Bowerman today appointed Senators Miller, Alben and Gillet to the committee to revise the Senate Journal daily. A resolution was adopted authorizing the committee to employ a chief clerk and a stenographer and to report to the Senate Journal every evening and report it the following morning for approval. This is intended to make the Senate Journal complete when the Senate adjourns sine die.

PROTECT BANK DEPOSITORS

Plan to Make Stockholders Liable for All Indebtedness.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A radical change in the law relating to the liability of stockholders in corporations is proposed by Senator Bailey, who has introduced a resolution for a constitutional amendment upon that subject.

The amendment makes each stockholder in a bank liable for the full amount of the bank's indebtedness. Stockholders in other corporations are to be made liable in proportion to the amount of stock owned by them. The amendment is to section three of article 11.

NEW MEASURES IN SENATE

Nineteen New Bills Introduced at Yesterday's Session.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Bills introduced in the Senate today are as follows:

S. B. 85, Parrell—For appropriation of \$2000 annually for experiment station in eastern Oregon in co-operation with the government.

S. B. 86, Parrell—To appropriate \$7500 annually for premiums for fair at John Day.

S. B. 87, Wood—By which the Governor is authorized to issue warrants for examination, licensing and registration of embalmers and requiring payment of a license fee of \$5 and annual fee of \$1.

S. B. 88, Schofield—To amend the statute relative to service of summons so that any person competent to be witness and over 21 years of age may serve the summons.

S. B. 89, Kishner—To amend the law relating to the County of Neumath from portions of Lane and Douglas counties.

S. B. 90, Alben—To authorize the Governor to designate a New York bank as fiscal agent for redemption of each county, city and school district bonds.

S. B. 91, Kishner—To amend the law relative to allowance of costs in lawsuits.

S. B. 92, Kay—To punish the crime of

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NEW COUNTY BILL IS UP

American Falls People Anxious for Home Government.

VOTING MADE DIFFICULT

Idaho Proposes to Do Away With Party Tickets on Ballot.

TO BANQUET LEGISLATORS

Salem Board of Trade Names Committee for Function.

VOUCHERS TO BE REQUIRED

Measure to Estop Graft Rumors in Fair Fund Matters.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Apparently for the purpose of eliminating all opportunity for future charges under the provisions of the anti-graft law, the \$400,000 A.-Y.-P. state buildings appropriations, an amendment to the 1907 law was adopted by the Senate today requiring the fair committee to present vouchers to the State Auditor before any warrants are issued.

In appropriating \$400,000 for university bills and \$200,000 for state building at the exposition, the last Legislature provided for the issuance of warrants against the special funds upon requisition. The university funds have been presented in vouchers, but the fair commissioners, in drawing on the \$400,000, have been taking out the warrants in lump amounts

and expending them without making any accounting to the state. About \$90,000 has thus been drawn, but in a manner permitted by the act.

This method of drawing warrants was called to the attention of the Senate today when the bill extending till 1911 the unexpended balance of the \$400,000 was before the Legislature for consideration. The bill had passed the House without amendments. The Senate changed it so that warrants must be presented before warrants are issued. The amendments were concurred in by the House and as the bill increases the interest on the warrants and guarantees the payment of the interest from the general fund, the construction of the Washington State buildings, heretofore threatened to remain at a standstill, will likely proceed without further delay.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A House bill providing for the creation of Power County from portions of Owyhee, Blaine and Ingham counties was introduced this forenoon and was greeted by considerable applause. The county, as its boundaries are established on Webster's bill, providing for the release of the county into the hands of a state park thereon. The bill provides for the appropriation of \$2000 for the development of this park, the expenditure being conditioned on like expenditure by Twin Falls County.

In the House, the committee of the whole considered and reported favorably on Webster's bill, providing for the release of co-operative irrigation companies doing business in Idaho from the annual license tax as paid.

In the Senate, Senator of Twin Falls, introduced a bill providing for the purchase from the state land board of about 240 acres of land surrounding Shoshone Falls and the creation of a state park thereon. The bill provides for the appropriation of \$2000 for the development of this park, the expenditure being conditioned on like expenditure by Twin Falls County.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—One of the most important measures to be considered by the present Legislature is the Senate bill relating to the form and contents of election ballots. It is a joint bill, introduced by Macbeth, Democrat, and Whitaker, Republican. The new bill does away with the party emblem and party colors to signify their choice for each office to be filled.

The House judiciary and privilege committee tonight completed preparation of a local option bill, which will be taken up tomorrow. The measure as prepared provides that 20 per cent of the registered voters of any county may petition for a local option election. When the election is held, only those registered at the previous general election can vote. If prohibition carries, saloons are allowed 90 days in which to close. Selling liquor in prescription is restricted to one bottle for one prescription. Trials of alleged violations of the law can be held only in the District Court.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The Salem Board of Trade is making preparations for a banquet to members of the Legislature. It is probable the banquet will be given February 3, but the date is subject to the approval of the legislative body.

To make arrangements for the affair the following committee has been appointed: R. K. Page, H. W. Barr, D. E. Yantis, Clarence Bishop, R. B. Houston and W. I. Staley.

Heavy Docket in Marion. SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—When Judge Holloway, in Department No. 2, Circuit Court, opens his term for January next Monday, he will have ahead of him 75 cases in equity—record-breaking array for Marion County.

To Observe February 12. SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Already preparations are under way by nearly every organization in the city to father some kind of an observance in honor of Lincoln's birthday, February 12.

Today and Tomorrow Are Last Days OF THE Rummage Sale

Offering the last opportunity of sharing in the remarkable bargains that have attracted hundreds of thrifty homefurnishers to our store since the commencement of this annual value-giving event. Perhaps can be found here a furniture piece to complete the furnishing of some room in the home.

Table listing furniture items and prices: FINE BEDROOM PIECES, Dresser in the golden oak—\$18.50, Dresser in the golden oak—\$19.75, Dresser in the golden oak—\$29.00, Dresser in the golden oak—\$36.00, FINE BEDROOM PIECES IN THE CIRCIASSIAN WALNUT, Dresser in the Circaasian walnut for...\$36.00, Chiffonier in the Circaasian walnut for...\$33.00, Toilet Table in the Circaasian walnut for...\$29.50, Bedroom Table in the Circaasian walnut...\$16.75, Cheval Mirror in the Circaasian walnut...\$27.50, ARM CHAIRS AND ROCKERS IN THE MAHOGANY FINISH, Arm Chair in the mahogany finish for...\$5.25, Arm Chair in the mahogany finish for...\$6.00, Arm Chair in the mahogany finish for...\$6.75, Arm Chair in the mahogany finish for...\$14.75

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Closing Out Our Line of BUCK'S RANGES

Table listing Buck's Ranges and prices: \$43.50 Buck's "Century" Ranges...\$33.35, \$48.50 Buck's "Century" Ranges...\$38.25, \$52.50 Buck's "Century" Ranges...\$40.00, \$47.50 Buck's "Chief" Ranges for...\$35.65, \$52.50 Buck's "Chief" Ranges for...\$39.35, \$57.50 Buck's "Chief" Ranges for...\$43.15, \$62.50 Buck's "Chief" Ranges with reservoirs for...\$46.85, \$67.50 Buck's "Chief" Ranges with reservoirs for...\$50.65, \$53.50 Buck's "Empress" Ranges...\$43.90, \$58.50 Buck's "Empress" Ranges...\$47.50, \$63.50 Buck's "Empress" Ranges...\$51.40, \$73.50 Buck's "Empress" Ranges with reservoirs for...\$55.15

Rummage Sale Odds and Ends in Crockery TULL & GIBBS COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS Sale of Hotel Lenox Hall Carpets

TAX FIGHT OPENS First Move in Anti-Commission War at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The first move in the promised fight on the Tax Commission was made in the Legislature today when duplicate bills were presented in the House and Senate providing for the repeal of the law of 1907, which puts the assessments of all operating railroad and telegraph property under the control of the Tax Commission, subject to revision by the State Board of Equalization.

If these bills should pass it would mean that the Legislature looks upon a state assessing board for railroad property as a failure, as shown by the valuations fixed last September. The 1907 law was called into operation for the first time in 1908 and the figures returned on railroad property caused dissatisfaction in a number of counties. The principal objection came from Pierce, where the County Assessor has been waging a property war since the sitting of the State Board of Equalization. He has the support of Assessors in other parts of the state who desire to once more be given the authority to assess railroad property. The bills introduced today came from Pierce County members in both houses.

Under the 1907 law the Tax Commission ascertains the total value of the operating property of each railroad and distributes the valuation among the counties on a basis determined by the number of miles of right of way in each county. The result has been that the terminal properties in Tacoma and Seattle have been distributed over the entire system of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, instead of remaining to the exclusive benefit of the terminal counties.

The bills, however, are aimed as much at the Tax Commission as at the method, as it is contended that the Commission included as operating property valuable railroad holdings that were commercial property. The loss of what is claimed to be commercial property and assessable for the exclusive benefit of Pierce County is what really started more movement. In the event of the passage of the bill reverting to the old Assessor method, it is likely the Tax Commission will secure the introduction of a bill permitting each county to assess all railroad property therein except rights of way and rolling stock and leave the assessment of the property to the Commission to be distributed on a mileage basis.

This plan was advocated by J. H. Rasterday, ex-member of the Tax Commission, before the County Commissioners' convention, which has just closed its sessions here.

Raymond Bank Directors Elected. RAYMOND, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—At the recent meeting of the stockholders of the Wilapa Harbor State Bank, of this city, the following directors were elected for the year 1909:

FAVORITE SONS OF VARIOUS OREGON COUNTIES AT SALEM ARE PICTURED BY HARRY MURPHY



SCHOONER DRIVES ASHORE PART OF CREW DESERTS THE STRANDED VESSEL

NAPLES, Cal., Jan. 21.—The four-masted schooner Ensign, of San Francisco, went ashore here last night, and lies today in the surf about 50 yards from shore. Three or four sailors from the Ensign reached shore this afternoon. They refused to return to the ship for fear of its going to pieces. The captain and six men will remain on board. Unless the efforts to get a line aboard from the revenue cutter, which so far have failed, are successful, it is thought the vessel will be a total loss.

The Ensign was bound from San Pedro, Cal., to San Francisco in ballast. She is 150 feet long, with a beam of 35 feet and 12 feet deep. She has a gross tonnage of 818. She was built at Everett, Wash., in 1884, and belongs to Charles R. McCormick, of San Francisco.

DIMICK OUT FOR GOVERNOR Clackamas County Judge Aspires to Succeed Benson.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Grant B. Dimick, County Judge of Clackamas, this afternoon made a public announcement of his candidacy for Governor. C. S. Gilchrist, president of the board of directors, and H. W. MacPhail, manager and cashier, C. W. Reed, assistant cashier.

Dimick is 40 years of age and a native of Marion County, this state. He was educated at the Monmouth Normal and at McMinnville College. He was admitted to the bar 12 years ago and since then has practiced law at Oregon City, of which city he served several years as Mayor. Judge Dimick is getting into the fight early and believes his chances to win are good. He has the united support of the Republicans of Clackamas County.

TO MEET IN SALEM JAN. 29 Oregon-Idaho Development Congress Prepares Programme.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The Oregon-Idaho Development Congress will meet in the statehouse here Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30. United States Senator-elect Chamberlain will speak on "The Battle for the Conservation of Our Natural Resources." Governor Brady, ofocatello, Idaho, will be among the speakers. Judge Lowell, of Pendleton, will preside. Among other speakers will be George M. Corwall, of the Pacific Timberland, who will speak on the Fulton amendment; C. E. S. Wood, who will ask for a state-aided railway system; Colonel Muncy, who will speak on the proposed law for the Oregon Bay men will tell of their wonderful harbor.

Many Senators and Representatives will be on the programme.

WARRANT WAS NOT VALID So Saloonmen Get Damages for Seizure of Fixtures.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—In the Circuit Court today it was held that a warrant issued by a County Recorder, acting under a charter issued prior to the passage of the local option law, is not valid, and consequently a jury returned \$170 damages.

Brooks Brothers sued Charles Moore for \$270, it being alleged liquor fixtures had been removed from their place of business at Silverton and had been disposed of. The court held as a point of law that in this case no one but a Sheriff may use police power, as the local option law was passed after the charter of the town in which the Recorder held office became operative.

THE POTTER SANTA BARBARA AMERICAN PLAN ONLY. Table listing rates for single and double occupancy, including items like Squab Ranch, Livestock Farm, Poultry Ranches, Vegetable Gardens, Private County Club, Race Track and Polo Grounds, Private Livery and Wireless Telegraph, Art Gallery and Picturesque Golf Links, Good Table, Good Living, Cheerful Service, Rates Graduated to All Reasonable Requirements, Accommodations for One Thousand Guests, Artesian Well and Refrigerating Plant, Conservatories and Greenhouses, A Whole Mile of Geraniums, Open All the Year Round, 30,000 Fine Rosebushes, Children's Grove, No Better Table on the Whole Pacific Coast. WE PRODUCE ALL OF OUR OWN STAPLE DELICACIES. WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEND YOU BOOKLET. MILO M. POTTER, Manager.