

# FISH WHEELS TO CLOSE

## Committee Starts to Seattle Today to Meet Washington Delegation.

### CLOSED SUNDAY FAVORED

### McAllister's Plan Accepted by Majority for Closed Season in Fall and Spring—Settlement Now Expected.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Members of the joint fisheries committee from the Oregon Legislature, who left for Seattle, resolved to propose to a like committee representing the Washington Legislature the enactment of laws for the regulation of the Columbia River in accordance with the recommendations of Master Fish Warden McAllister, of Oregon.

The members of the committee are confident that the Legislature during the Spring and Summer open seasons, while a majority favors longer closed seasons in the Spring and Fall. It is generally admitted that the Legislature is in favor of the river interests on the river have manifested the slightest inclination to make concessions. The prospect for remedial legislation at this season is encouraging.

### Compromise Looks Certain.

Mr. McAllister has recommended a closed Spring season extending from March 1 to May 1. Several fishermen and fishermen very generally approve of this extension in the Spring closed season, while some would have it extend until May 15. There is practically a unanimity of opinion regarding the need for protection to the salmon in the Spring, but the different interests are not altogether convinced that an extension in the Fall closed season is advisable. Mr. McAllister has recommended that this closed season extend from August 15 to September 15. Some of the fishermen are opposed to these dates and would not have the salmon protected in the Fall before August 20. Others would not suspend fishing operations until August 25. The committee hopes it will be able to effect a compromise and have the Fall closed season begin August 20.

### Fear Action by Initiative.

Just what will be the wishes of the Washington committee is not known here. The members of the committee from the Washington Legislature, however, are men acquainted with fishing conditions in the Columbia River, and are expected to acquiesce in any reasonable legislation. Belief that unless the Legislature enact more stringent laws on this subject Oregon people will invoke the initiative and enact measures that will virtually prohibit fishing operations on the river altogether will prove an important factor in influencing the Legislature of the two states.

# JOKER IN BANKERS' BILL

## Way Left Open for Resumption Wildcat Schemes.

### Omission of Prohibition Against Fake Assets Discovered by Opponents of Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Certain Portland banks have renewed their old fight to restrict themselves the use of the word "Trust" in the titles of firms and corporations. A bill introduced by Senator Bailey, and now before the House, forbids any of the numerous abstract and mortgage and agency companies the use of "Trust" in their business. Instead they must use "Trust Co."

Foes of the bill point out that the measure contains a joker in the omission of the present clause of the banking law, providing that banks from using the fake paper and assets of subsidiary companies in their own capital. The capital of the Ross bank, that collapsed in 1907, was made up of the fictitious flight in high finance ever attempted on the Pacific Coast, was composed of stock and assets of such companies, which were used for the purpose of inflating the capital of the institution. Omission of the restrictive clause of the present law would open the way for repetition of such methods.

### ENGAGEMENT IS NOT KEPT

### Multnomah Delegation Disappoints Party of Portlanders.

### BANKERS HAVE LITTLE BILL

### Would Prevent Attachments When They Tie Up Deposits.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—A big fight is waging over an attachment bill which bankers are boosting in order to save themselves from attachment in case of money stringency. The opposite contention is that the bill would seriously impair attachment of personal property as practically to make it impossible.

This bill, introduced by Representative Campbell of Clackamas, passed the House Monday and was reconsidered Wednesday and made a special order of business for today at 2 P. M. Monday. Representatives Dimick and Brooke are leading the fight on the bill. This morning C. F. Adams, head of a

prominent bank in Portland, arrived to lend his influence for passage of the bill. Passage was secured in the House Monday through the efforts of Sanderson Reed, of Portland, and the reconsideration yesterday was a shock to the banking interests. More than a year ago Governor Chamberlain had to proclaim holidays and tie up the courts in order to protect the banks from attachment.

In so far as the bill protects banks from attachment, there is not much opposition to it, but as it exempts all personal property unless the creditor makes affidavit that the debtor has fraudulently absconding purposes, its foes say it goes too far. Dimick, chairman of the House committee on Judiciary, says that banks should not be so favored at the expense of other interests.

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### HOUSE AND SENATE HURRY MEASURE.

### Floor Privileges Restricted After Warm Discussion—Other Measures in House.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The emergency tax law passed both houses today and provides that within five days the State Board shall equalize the county assessments and levy a state tax at a uniform rate.

### EMERGENCY BILL PASSES

### Must Devote Time to Office.

The delegation was a unit in granting the chief deputy of the District Attorney an increase of \$600 per annum. Beach proposed that the salary of the three other deputies be fixed at \$1800 each, but this was resisted, with the result that their compensation was fixed as indicated in the emergency clause. The advanced salaries voted, the delegation incorporated into the bill a provision expressly requiring the District Attorney to devote all of his time to the duties of that office.

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The present constitution provides that the local voters of every city and town have power to amend their charter. Senator Bailey's amendment makes this read "every municipal corporation," instead of "every city and town," so that it would apply expressly to such corporations as the Port of Portland.

The Bailey amendment is as follows, the new clause being in parentheses: Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by the Legislative Assembly by special law. The Legislative Assembly shall not enact, amend or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town (without the consent of the majority of the voters constituting said municipality, city or town) or any other municipal corporation or hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charters, subject to the constitution and criminal laws of the State of Oregon.

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# LAWMAKERS SOON TO SLAUGHTER

## Knives Whetted for Measures Useless or Worse, Now Before Legislature.

### MANY CERTAIN TO FAIL

### Bailey's Capital Removal Bill and Beals' Measure for Tax on Timber Among Those Slated for Early Defeat.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Now that committees are getting down to steady work and the bills are coming back to the two houses of the Legislature for third reading and final action, members are getting their knives whetted for a slaughter of numerous measures for which there is no need, or which will fall in the other. It is always the experience that a bill has the best chance in the house in which it originates, but many bills which have passed one house and have been read and discussed by people outside the Legislature. Several such measures are doomed to meet defeat in the Legislature.

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