

SOLDIERS ASKED FOR \$7,000,000

But an Estimate of Revenues Shows Only \$4,310,000 in Sight.

STATE SCHOOLS TO BE CUT

University Asks for \$700,000 and State College at Pullman Demands \$300,000—Subcommittees Get Busy.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—With appropriation bills, and estimates of needs of institutions and state departments presented to it aggregating more than \$7,000,000, the sub-appropriations committee has begun the work of pruning to bring the aggregate down to the estimated revenue of \$4,310,000.

One of the deepest cuts decided upon affects the State University, which presented estimates of needs aggregating \$700,000. The committee will approve an appropriation for this institution of about \$400,000. The State College is also to feel the effect of the pruning knife having its estimate of \$500,000 cut to \$200,000.

BIG ISSUE BADLY MUDDLED

All Sorts of Local Option Bills Proposed at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Prospects for the immediate settlement of the local option issue, which has absorbed attention of the Legislature to the exclusion of almost all other important legislation, are still vague and the fight may continue until the close of the session.

An informal conference tonight held in the Governor's office by a dozen or fifteen members, mostly Republicans, and all of whom favored the anti-Saloon League measure, went over the provisions of the Graves bill prepared as a compromise between the Nichols Senate bill and the House anti-Saloon League bill. Sentiment in this conference was that the Graves bill would not do unless amended in important particulars.

Whether so amended, it will not have sufficient strength from the liberal side to pass in a matter of doubt.

Two other substitute measures are also in course of preparation and the outlook is for a large variety of bills for the members to choose from. Another conference will be held tomorrow night, at which it is hoped to secure the attendance of others besides ultra-local optionists and to decide upon a course of procedure that will bring forth a bill acceptable to a majority in both Houses.

The possibility is hanging over the heads of the liberals in the Senate that the McMaisters or House anti-Saloon League bill will be brought out of the Senate public morals committee and passed in spite of them. While it has now only 21 votes, or one less than a sufficient number to pass, some of the members from the smaller counties who have heretofore opposed it, are getting restless. They are members who opposed the county unit and they object to the suggested compromise of putting all but fourth-class cities into separate units.

The threat is made that the members representing the big cities go into a deal that will leave fourth-class cities alone in the county unit, they will retaliate by flopping to the other side and pass the McMaisters bill, which includes all cities in the county unit.

MUTE PUPILS ENJOY BALL

Masquerade and Dance at State School at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The annual pupils' masquerade party and dance was held tonight in the gymnasium hall at the State School for the Deaf. This social affair always takes place on the evening of Washington's birthday. Every child in the school was masked and appeared in the grand march. Following the grand march there was an elaborate programme of tableaux. The older children made their own costumes. Many of the pupils, though deaf, are able to dance gracefully.

ACTIVITY IN CLACKAMAS

Numerous Building Improvements in Town and Country.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Reports coming from every section of Clackam County show an unusual activity in building and business. The people who have moved to this county during the last year have stimulated the movement to divide the farms into acreage lots, with results that are highly satisfactory to the owners. New houses,

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SWITCH LAW EFFECTIVE

Connections Must Be Made With Private Lines Whenever Carload Business Is Offered—Other New Laws for State.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—While there were no very stringent anti-railroad laws passed at the recent legislative session, a few bills were passed over the protest of the railroads and with a view to securing better service for shippers. The Railroad Commission favored a number of bills which became laws and which are expected to be of material aid in improving transportation conditions.

Perhaps the most important of these bills was that known as the switch bill. It provides that any railroad shall construct and maintain switch connections with any lateral or branch line or sidetrack. This bill is designed to affect such cases as that of the United Railways in Portland, where it is desired that switch connections be made with the Southern Pacific in South Portland, so that the factories in that part of the city can send their freight down street to the terminal grounds.

GIRL USHERS FOR CHURCH

Georgetown Pastor Will Establish an Innovation.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Four pretty young women will act as ushers hereafter at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church in place of the young men who have been performing that important duty. The change goes into effect next Sunday, and the whole congregation is breathlessly awaiting the outcome.

NORMAL TANGLE UNSOLVED

Board of Regents Expected to Hear From Local Interests.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The future of the State Normal Schools remained undetermined, except that it is certain that the senior classes will be graduated next June.

POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED

Hobos at Elberton Secure \$6 for Their Trouble.

COLEFAX, Wash., Feb. 22.—The second postoffice robbery in Whitman County during the past three days occurred at Elberton Sunday night. Postmaster A. R. Metz reports that the robbers obtained about \$6. Metz is also cashier of the Elberton State Bank, which is in the same room as the postoffice. No attempt was made to blow the safe.

ESTABLISH CAMP AT ELMA

Contractors Preparing to Begin Work on Grays Harbor Extension.

ELMA, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Workmen commenced today the building of camps for the contractors of the Grays Harbor & Puget Sound railroad on the south side of the Chehalis River. Many workmen are gathering here. Some of them are without means and the Town Marshal has been furnishing them with a place to sleep in the town jail.

PLAYMATE SAVES HER LIFE

Four-Year-Old Girl Pulled From Water by Elder Companion.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—High water in the ditches at Atlantic City, a Rainier Valley suburb, has become a source of real danger to the residents. Yesterday afternoon Ethel Ward, the 4-year-old daughter of Gerald Ward, a sign painter, fell into a ditch containing ten feet of water and might have drowned, had she not been pulled out by Julia Smith, her 12-year-old playmate.

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REST ROOM IN PENDLETON

Place for Women to Go When Tired After Shopping.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—A "rest room" for Pendleton is about to become a reality. Through the efforts of the members of the Women's Current Literature Club it is hoped to have the "rest room" in operation by next Saturday. This innovation is for the benefit of farmers' wives and other women who are compelled to spend all or a portion of the day in the city and who have no place to go when tired or while waiting for their husbands. It is to be located in the basement of the new City Hall, and will be supplied with all the modern conveniences.

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