



SESSION TO END AT NOON TODAY

Senate Will Consider Only Ten Bills.

NORMAL FRACAS IN HOUSE

Bill for \$7500 for Expenses Passes Both Houses.

TAX LAWS ARE DISCUSSED

In Opinion of Legislature Gross Earnings Statute of 1906 Has Been Repealed—New Law Means Greater Income.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Tuesday afternoon will end the business of the Oregon Legislature, after a special session of about 30 hours.

Only necessary matters will be admitted before the lawmakers, except for the Normal School squabble, which has already invaded the House, where Normal forces are strong.

The best that the Normals can hope for apparently is an appropriation to carry them through the current year.

Expect to Turn Clock Back.

The House tonight adopted a resolution for adjournment at noon Tuesday.

Each house continued the organization of the regular session this morning by adopting resolutions declaring President Bowerman and Speaker McArthur the presiding officers.

Three bills have passed both houses, one by Representatives Bona, appropriating \$7500 for expenses of the special session, one curing a defective emergency clause in the act creating a board to eliminate duplications in curricula of the Agricultural College and the State University, and one appropriating funds for improvements in state institutions.

When the curricula bill came up in the Senate it was amended so as to cut mention of the Normal schools, at the instance of Bowerman, who insisted that the Normals should not be so recognized.

Bills that have passed the House only are:

One by Clemens as to surety companies; another by Clemens exempting hotels in incorporated towns from the act compelling rope fire escapes; one by Abbott, curing a defect in the act paying salaries of the Supreme Court clerk, bailiff and stenographers; one by Belknap, saving \$150 to the state in payment of George H. Small; and one by Farrell, curing a defect in the penalty clause of the act compelling doors of public buildings to open outward.

The Senate is adhering closely to a resolution which it adopted this morning, declaring that only defective acts of the regular session, ten in number shall be considered.

The House adopted a similar resolution by a vote of 23 to 26, but it is a dead letter as to normals, since the House has admitted a bill to appropriate \$200,000 for the normals and has adopted a resolution for separate referendum vote on each of the schools.

The ten acts to which the Senate has resolved to limit its work are:

- H. R. 15.—Ropes for fire escapes in hotels. Phil Hetschman, Jr., of Portland, heads the lobby for the amendment on the ground that in cities where there are fire escape ordinances, the rope act would be a nuisance.
S. R. 47.—So as to authorize Union experiment station to sell its agricultural products.
S. R. 254.—Appropriations for state institutions.
S. R. 99.—Game code so as to protect elk.
H. R. 365.—Preventing duplication of students in colleges; faulty emergency clause.
S. R. 131.—New Code; conflict as to number of copies to be published.
H. R. 98.—Doors of public buildings to swing outward; defective penalty clause.
H. R. 196.—Reimbursement George H. Small.
H. R. 141.—Diseases among cattle.
H. R. 246.—Salaries, stenographers and bailiff Supreme Court.

Votes Allowed to Rest.

Both houses refused to consider a resolution for a vetoed bill that increases the salaries in Benton County. The Senate rejected the bill from its list of subjects and the House indefinitely postponed it.

The Senate also refused to include in its list a new bill taking the place of a vetoed act, requiring Supreme Judges to prepare their own oaths.

In the opinion of the Legislature, the two gross earnings tax laws of 1906 are dead because repealed by implication by...

BRYAN BLOWS HOT AND COLD AT ONCE

HOPES TO RETIRE—AND ALSO TO BE SENATOR.

"Peerless One" Speaks of Chances of Democratic Party in 1910, Also of His Own Chances.

CHICAGO, March 15.—(Special.)—William Jennings Bryan, three candidate for President of the United States, almost pushed the thought of further temptations to seek public office completely behind his back in an interview today.

"I hope that circumstances never again will arise which will cause me to be considered an available candidate for any public office," said he.

It was a case of "almost, but not quite," however, for the Nebraskan, with great sagacity, hastened to add that no man could be wise enough to see what circumstances might arise in the future, and that, therefore, he did not mean to say that he would never again become a candidate.

"The future of Democracy is bright," he prophesied, "though not for the first time. In 1910 we shall have a majority in Congress. With the supply of new material which is developing within the party, in 1912 it will be possible to find some new man, who, by logic of events, will be the unanimous choice of his party for President, and who will be the choice of the majority of the voters of this country."

"Nebraska has adopted the Oregon plan of popular elections," added Mr. Bryan. "I do not know yet whether I will be a candidate. A Senatorship I aspired to even when a boy. If there seems to be a good chance to elect to the Senate from Nebraska some other Democrat will please me better than to be a candidate myself."

MASSACRE STIRS PERSIA

St. Petersburg Hears Sanguinary Rumor From Julfa.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—A dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Julfa on the frontier between Persia and Russia, says that 1000 Persian government horsemen and 500 infantrymen were marching on Julfa from the Persian bank of the Araxes River, devastating the villages in their path and shooting down the people. Already 10 villages, four of them inhabited by Russian subjects, have been pillaged and burned. The troops are ruthlessly killing the fleeing peasants. Many women, carrying their children on their backs, were made to swim the Araxes River to the Russian side, but were shot down. Three hundred homeless families have taken refuge on an island in the river opposite Julfa.

LLOYD FORTUNE TO SISTER

Fraternal Bodies Also Remembered by Late Knight Templar.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—The will of the late Reuben H. Lloyd, the pioneer lawyer of this city, and past grand master of the grand encampment, Knights Templars, was filed today for probate. The greater part of his estate, reputed to be worth about \$1,000,000, was left to his sister, Mrs. Mary Hoadley, who is 89 years of age.

A life interest in certain property is to go to Mrs. Alpha West, a niece, who is to receive Mrs. Hoadley's interest in the estate at the latter's death. The entire estate is to go eventually to the three children of Mrs. West.

PLANS WIRELESS PHONES

Los Angeles to Make Experiment in Near Future.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 15.—Wireless telephones are to be established in Los Angeles, and if the experiment proves to be the success its promoters claim for it, they will be made a permanent institution.

William Dubilier, of Newark, N. J., who is chief electrician of a wireless telephone company, arrived today. He says the company has control of an instrument by means of which articulate speech can be sent any distance without wires. Some of these instruments will be working in Los Angeles as soon as they can be installed, he says.

"YANKEE" STORE JAMMED

American Department Idea Makes Hit in London.

LONDON, March 15.—Fully 150,000 persons visited a big American department store here today on the occasion of its formal opening. The great majority of the visitors were women, who were anxious to discover what an American store was like.

REVIVE THREE-CENT FARE

Missouri Railroads Take Advantage of McPherson Decision.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The resumption of a 3-cent passenger rate in Missouri on April 19 to replace the present 2-cent rate, declared confiscatory by Judge McPherson, was decided upon today at a meeting here of executive and traffic officials of the interested roads.

NORMAL ISSUE UP TO PEOPLE, MAYBE

House Agrees to Let Voters Decide.

THREE SCHOOLS OR NO SCHOOL

Senate Opposed to Any New Normal Legislation.

STRONG LOBBIES PRESENT

Trouble Starts in House When Resolution Is Introduced to Provide Money Until Election in November, 1910.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, March 15.—(Special.)—Normal schools find themselves in the same plight in the special session, as in the regular one, unable to control the Senate, although holding the House in the palm of their hand. They have lost ground in both bodies, since the regular session, on account of the disaffection of members who do not want the normal squabble dragged back. Altogether their outlook is dismal.

Foes of the normals in the Senate hold the key to the situation. They control a majority of the members of that body against appropriating funds to keep up the three schools. A majority is likely to consent, however, to grant funds to continue the schools during the current year. This is the best that the normals can expect to win from this Legislature.

People to Decide.

The Legislature is likely to put up the normal question to the election in November, 1910, for the people to elect or abolish any of the three normals. The schools are working for this result, and the House today adopted a resolution for it, but they want funds to keep them going until after that election, and these they cannot apparently obtain in the Senate.

Normal Bill in House.

The Senate touched the normals only glancingly today, by adopting a resolution of Bingham's to consider nine defective measures of the regular session and by directing the education committee to cut out reference to normals in a bill of Speaker McArthur's, which creates a board to remove duplication of studies in higher institutions of learning. The House adopted a similar resolution, without specifying the defective bills, by a vote of 23 to 24. Soon afterwards, however, the House received a bill introduced by Representative Barrett, of Umatilla, appropriating \$40,000 for each of the schools.

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TEXAN AND FRIEND AGREE ON MURDER

HUSBAND AVENGES LOSS OF WIFE'S LOVE.

Betrayer Confesses, Then Asks Wronged Man to Shoot With Careful Aim.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 15.—(Special.)—Fred Morris, in jail here, admits that he deliberately shot and killed Otto H. Meyer, his former friend. He declares that Meyer knew his death sentence had been pronounced and that he unflinchingly accepted his fate.

The shooting followed a confession written and signed by Meyer, that he had won the love of Mrs. Morris; and the avenger will rely on the unwritten law to free him of the charge of murder. He said that as he prepared to shoot, Meyer bared his breast and spread his arms out to offer a fair mark, begging his executioner to take careful aim and be certain of hitting the heart.

NEVADA TABOOS GAMBLING

Even Bridge Whist Put in Same Category With Faro and Roulette.

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 15.—By a unanimous vote the Senate today passed the anti-gambling bill as amended by the judiciary committee of the upper house.

This vote followed after the amendments had been carried by 20 to 8 and those favoring the abolition of gambling are jubilant tonight over the successful outcome of their fight.

The bill will be given to the Assembly tomorrow and, while its friends there are not in favor of the amendments, they are lining up to pass it as it now stands.

The chief changes made by the Senate are the extension of the time to October 10, 1910, when it shall go into effect, and a provision putting bridge whist, and all other games of cards played for money or prizes in the same category as faro and roulette and the other banking gambling games.

STANDARD FINED \$20,000

Oil Company Denied New Trial in New York "Concession" Case.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 15.—Federal Judge Hazell today decided the motion of the Standard Oil Company for a new trial and imposed a fine of \$20,000. The case hinged on the Standard's accepting concessions from railroads on shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to points in Vermont.

NEW SERVICE TO PORTLAND

Through Cars From East to This City and Los Angeles.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 15.—As a result of a conference today between General Passenger Agent Lomas, of the Union Pacific; D. E. Burley, of the Oregon Short Line; J. M. Scott, of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company; T. C. Peck and C. E. Hooper, of the Salt Lake route, and other passenger officials, through cars will be run from the East to Los Angeles and to Portland, Or., by way of Denver.

INSURGENTS WIN BITTER CONTEST

Battle of Rules Divides Both Parties.

PERSONAL WRANGLES ARE MANY

House Adopts Fitzgerald's Plan, Rejects Clark's.

DALZELL IS TURNED DOWN

Wings of Speaker Clipped After Cannon's Re-election and Cannon Says He Likes It—Says Bryan Suffers Defeat.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—After one of the stormiest sessions in its history, the House of Representatives today, regardless of party alignment, adopted by a vote of 111 to 72 a resolution by Fitzgerald (Dem., New York), whereby the rules were amended in several important particulars. Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected Speaker.

The insurgents did not win the complete victory they counted on, but succeeded in bringing about an exceedingly lively session and obliged the majority to adopt the Fitzgerald resolution, which is in the nature of a compromise.

Victory for Insurgents.

The Fitzgerald resolution was a substitute for one offered by Clark of Missouri. Its adoption was accomplished only after the insurgents, with the aid of the Democrats, with one or two exceptions, had won a decided preliminary victory by voting down a resolution by Dalzell, making the unamended rules of the Sixtieth Congress applicable to the present Congress. Such was the fever heat of the controversy that Clark of Missouri, who had mounted the rostrum to read the resolution of the minority leader, Clark wanted him ordered away from the desk, to which Dalzell objected, saying he had a right to know what the measure contained. This incident led to a controversy with the Speaker, which lasted long enough for Dalzell to get the information he desired, and he returned to his seat.

Clarke and Fitzgerald Quarrel.

Shortly afterward, when Fitzgerald's resolution was up, Fitzgerald was drawn into a colloquy with Clark, who desired him to yield for a question. Much bitterness was displayed by the two men. Fitzgerald at first refused to yield. He later did so, but Clark declined his proffer of time, remarking that the New York member would live to regret his action, which called forth the retort from Fitzgerald that he was not to be "scared by any threats."

As analyzed by parliamentarians, the

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ETHEL BARRYMORE FINALLY MARRIED

THREE DISPENSATIONS NEEDED FOR CEREMONY.

Groom Not Catholic, Bride Not in Home Diocese and Wedding Takes Place During Lent.

BOSTON, March 15.—Miss Ethel Barrymore, the actress, and Russell Griswold Colt, of Bristol, R. I., son of Colonel Samuel Pomeroy Colt, were married at the rectory of the Roman Catholic Church of the Most Precious Blood in Hyde Park yesterday, according to an announcement made tonight by Miss Barrymore's manager.

The marriage was formally witnessed by John Barrymore, brother of the bride, and by Roswell Colt, brother of the groom. Several church dispensations were necessary, as Mr. Colt is not a Roman Catholic. His bride is a resident of another diocese, and it is not the custom of the church to marry in Lent.

SHINGLE MILLS WILL OPEN

Washington Association Decides to Lift Ban in Spite of Market.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—An announcement has been made by the Washington Shingle Grading Association at its headquarters in Everett that shingle plants throughout the state which have been closed in order to bring business to a weak market will resume operations March 22. Notwithstanding the paralyzed condition of the market, the central committee has decided that inasmuch as the financial arrangements for the carrying on of a system of inspection will be perfected about March 22, the wheels will be allowed to resume on that date.

Friday morning, in the rooms of the Washington Shingle Graders' Association, will occur a meeting of all grade inspectors of the state, for the purpose of discussing what constitutes an off-grade shingle.

ANTI-BETTING LAW VALID

Louisiana Supreme Court Puts End to Horse-Racing.

NEW ORLEANS, March 15.—By an unanimous opinion the State Supreme Court today upheld the constitutionality of the Locke law prohibiting gambling on racetracks and approved the sentence of several months' imprisonment and \$500 fine imposed on Robert Sheffield and Pascale Frigerio, who served as bookmakers in a test made of the law at the City Park racetrack. The decision will, it is believed, be accepted as putting an end to attempts to operate racetracks in Louisiana while the law remains on the statute-books.

It is also considered exceedingly probable that both Fitzgerald and Sheffield, having simply been used for the purpose of making a test, will be pardoned, so far as the imprisonment feature of the sentence goes.

IRON IN BED STARTS FIRE

Astoria School Teacher Is Badly Scorched by Flames.

ASTORIA, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—A peculiar accident that narrowly escaped resulting in a serious conflagration occurred at the Irving Hotel early last evening. Miss M. Dobbs, a teacher in one of the local schools, who is a roomer at the hotel, placed an electric iron in her bed to keep her warm. She fell asleep within a few moments, but awoke in a short time to find the bed clothing in flames. Springing from the bed, she gave the alarm and the flames were extinguished by the inmates of the house before any damage was done other than the destruction of the bedding. The young woman received a few slight burns, but her injuries are not of a serious nature.

MISS DRESSLER SHY \$7000

American Actress Willing to Pledge Future Earnings to Debts.

LONDON, March 15.—The liabilities of Marie Dressler, the American actress, amounting to \$10,000 and assets to \$3000, according to estimates presented at a meeting of the creditors today, the liabilities, however, do not include the unpaid salaries of her company. Miss Dressler's solicitors said she had sold all her jewels to meet the salaries, which were paid at the end of the first week, and offered to make over one-quarter of her future earnings to the amount of \$7500.

FOURTH SUICIDE IN SERIES

Man Who Finds Body of Third Takes Same Poison.

VENICE, Ill., March 15.—Twenty-four hours after he had picked up the body of a suicide, C. B. Smith, a well-to-do resident of this city, ended his life today with carbolic acid. Robert Nichols, the man he tried to aid, drank the same poison. Robert Nichols had killed himself, after his brother, John, and Miss Beryl Somers had ended their lives. The last three suicides were caused by a love romance.

CALIFORNIA REMAINS WET

Senate Defeats Local Option Measure by Two-to-One Vote.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 15.—The local option bill was defeated in the Senate this afternoon by a vote of 12 to 25.

PLANS AGREEMENT OF PACIFIC ROADS

Harriman Expects Congress to Act.

ALLOW RAILROAD POOLING

Then Improvements Will Be Rushed Through.

LET STRONG HELP WEAK

Wizard Refuses to Admit Conference Called on Subject and Is Silent About Changes of Managing Officials.

PASADENA, Cal., March 15.—Notwithstanding all the efforts that have been made to prevent pooling of railroad interests and combinations among those who control stocks of railroads, there is evidence today that E. H. Harriman has in mind a scheme to bring about a mutual understanding in regard to traffic rates among all the roads to the Pacific Coast that will be greatly to the benefit of the stockholders and that the conference which is to be held at Pasadena while Mr. Harriman is here will be concerned more or less with the plan.

Expects Congress to Act.

Not all the railroad men who are to take part in the conference, which Mr. Harriman still denies will be held, have arrived and nothing of importance has yet been attempted. C. O. Butterworth, of the New York Central road, will arrive some time tomorrow, it is expected. Mr. Harriman evidently expects confidently that Congress at the special session will make some amendment to the laws governing the Interstate Commerce Commission's work which will permit of the merger he now has in mind. He seemed surprised today over the fact that mention of the matter had not been made in the call for the special session.

Will Rush Improvements Then.

Mr. Harriman was asked: "How soon do you expect the railroads to be able to resume work on improvements that were contemplated before the panic?" "You may say," he answered, "that as soon as an amendment is passed giving the Interstate Commerce Commission

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The Weather.
YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 68.5; minimum, 48.5.
TODAY'S—Fair, followed by increasing cloudiness and cooler weather; easterly winds.
Special Session.
House votes to submit normal issue to vote of people.
Republican Legislators greet Governor Benson with congratulations.
Legislature agrees to take no action on Chamberlain's veto.
Special session of Legislature adjourns today.
Lively row follows introduction of bill for fire-fighting apparatus at Asylum.
Foreign.
General strike of French telegraphers.
Serbia refuses to give Austria definite answer on armaments.
Insurgents and Democrats win battle on House rules after bitter debate; Cannon re-elected Speaker.
Nicaragua tells Knox she does not seek war.
Becker protests against Fulton's appointment as Judge.
Politics.
Harriman hopes never again to run for President, but may run for Senate.
Stephens elected Mayor of Los Angeles, but legal contest is sure; exposures before grand jury promised.
Domestic.
Argument in Cooper trial finished, jury will take case today.
Man killed by wronged husband at his own request.
Ethel Barrymore marries Colt.
Harriman says great railroad improvements will be made if Congress legalizes pooling and plans great transcontinental merger.
San Francisco man confesses murder to save brother's life.
Sports.
Entries are being closed up for the big Marathon race.
E. P. Weston starts to walk from New York to San Francisco.
Dorando wins Marathon race with Hayza.
Pacific Northwest.
Great Northern said to have made peace with Gordon in order to block grand jury probe.
Senator Keith, president of Washington Senate, calls May "unregenerate Populist."
Jury secured in Powell case at Albany.
Commercial Club of Idaho forms league at Lewiston.
Commercial and Marine.
First sale of 1909 Oregon mohair.
Wheat is weak and lower at Chicago.
Stock speculation at New York is dull.
Inquiry into accident to Burnside bridge begins today.
Portland and Vicinity.
Taxpayers pour in \$1,000,000 on last day rebate is allowed.
Man accusing preacher of alienating wife's affection, subject withdraws charge.
Insurance men of Portland organize bureau for rate adjustments.
Howard Elliott coming to try to straighten out terminal station troubles.
Dr. A. Tiller is sued for \$7000 damages.
Federal Court must decide responsibility for river collision.
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