

SMILING FACES GREET BENSON

Republican Legislators Are
Delighted at Sight of
New Governor.

IS ACCORDED AN OVATION

Scene in House of Representatives
Like an Inauguration When Ex-
cutive Is Presented and
Reads Message.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, March 15.—(Special.)—Republicans of the Legislature beamed upon the new Governor with smiles today in joint assembly of the two houses in warm contrast with the chill with which they looked upon the Democratic Governor for six years back. It was "Governor Benson" here and "Governor Benson" there and bows that would turn Alphonse and Gaston green with envy—the Legislators were so very glad to have a Republican Governor again.

In the Governor's office the new executive received the joyful callers in the same room in which Governor Chamberlain used to wind up his term. Mr. Benson's face was so mild and genial that the members said to each other: "With we have had him for the regular session; he wouldn't have vetoed our bills."

But Governor Benson said neither that he would nor that he would not.

Affair Like an Inauguration.

Somewhat like an inauguration was Benson's appearance in the joint assembly at 11 A. M. and his reading of his message. The Supreme Court and other officers of the state were there, all listening intently. When he entered the hall and appeared on the Speaker's throne he received an applause greeting that lasted several moments. President Newberryman presided.

The Governor was escorted to the hall from his office by the following committee: Senators Bingham and Miller of Linn and Lane; Representatives Reynolds, Corrigan and Barrett. Responding to the ovation tendered him, Governor Benson said he realized the large responsibilities of the office which he proposed fearlessly and faithfully to administer.

In his message, Governor Benson recommended the correction of defects in bills passed at the regular session, but advised against the consideration of any new legislation. The message follows:

Advices Work Be Specific.

"Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives: The constitution of this state provides that the Governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the Legislative Assembly by proclamation, and that instrument makes it his duty to state in detail at the time when assembled the purposes for which they have convened."

"My principal reason for calling the Legislature together at this time is due to the untimely failure of the 25th biennial session of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon to enact appropriate money for the expense of the improvements, equipments, betterments, supplies, repairs and other necessary expenses at the Oregon State Insane Asylum, State Penitentiary, State Reform School, Oregon Institute for the Blind, State Institution for the Feeble-Minded and the Oregon Soldiers' Home."

"At the present time, the Oregon State Insane Asylum has accommodations for 1500 patients, yet there are now 1561 unfortunate inmates under the roof of that institution, and many of the wards are crowded beyond their ordinary capacity. The certain growth of the state during the next biennial period warrants the prediction that there will be not less than 1750 patients to be cared for before the next regular session of the Legislature. These conditions make the construction of an addition to the asylum an absolute necessity, and as the present quarters of fire protection is altogether inadequate, a central heating plant would also lessen the fire risk and would save the state a large sum of money. On the matter of the purchase of fuel, other reports and alterations at the Oregon State Insane Asylum were provided for in Senate bill No. 254, and it is unnecessary for me to discuss them in detail at this time."

State Owes Obligation to Wards.

"The other state institutions, i. e., the State Penitentiary, the State Reform School, the Oregon Institute for the Blind, the State Institution for the Feeble-Minded and the Oregon Soldiers' Home are all in actual need of the amounts of money appropriated for them in the aforesaid bill. The state owes a peculiar obligation to its unfortunate wards, and it is my duty to call attention to the emergency that exists. I deemed it necessary to convene this honorable body together in extra session. I trust that you will give prompt consideration to the needs of these several institutions, and that the intention of the twenty-fifth biennial session of the Legislative Assembly will be accomplished for their equipment, improvement, etc., will be fully carried out at this special session."

"Other irregularities and omissions of the work of the twenty-fifth biennial session should also receive your careful consideration. An examination of the enrolled copy of Senate bill No. 90, which has for its object the protection of game, reveals several defects, and I trust that they will be corrected. House bill No. 246, providing for a board of higher curricula, has a defective emergency clause, and the interests of the higher educational institutions of the state demand the re-enactment of this bill in its proper form. There are also errors in House bill No. 31, providing for the codifying of the statutes of our state; House bill No. 88, requiring doors of public buildings to open outward; House bill No. 196, appropriating money for relieving George H. Small, and House bill No. 181, providing for the suppression of diseases. I respectfully call your attention to these defects and omissions of the twenty-fifth biennial session, as well as to such defects and omissions as members of your honorable body may discover."

"It is my sincere hope that your energies will be directed to the correction of defects and omissions of the twenty-fifth biennial session, that you will take up no new matters of legislation, and that the expenses of the session to the taxpayers of the state will be minimized."

WATER SPRINKLER ORDERED

Lively Row Erupts Over Fire Apparatus for Asylum.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Both Houses have passed the improvement bill for state institutions, with a provision for water sprinklers in the asylum.

The fight between sprinklers and

chemical extinguishers caused the defect in the act of the regular session and the special session. An additional \$500 for hand extinguishers is carried in the new bill. The chemical extinguishers would have cost \$30,000. The water sprinklers will cost \$10,000. A. G. Long, of Portland, wanted to install the extinguishers.

The wrangle was warm in both houses today. Bingham, Albee and Bailey wanted the chemical apparatus and Nottingham wanted the water sprinklers. He said the chemical extinguishers are in the hands of a monopoly.

In the House the chemical apparatus was voted by Abbott and Turner. Each house voted down amendments for chemical extinguishers. Nottingham said that in an asylum fire drill he had seen water sent playing over the building within a minute and twenty-seconds after the alarm.

In the Senate an item of \$500 was added to the appropriation for improvements at the insane asylum. This will be used for extending the private railroad from the penitentiary to the asylum building. This increases the total appropriation for that institution to \$182,107, and the item was accepted by the House without debate.

Fulton Resolution Starts Row.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, March 15.—(Special.)—Ex-Senator Fulton's candidacy for Federal Judge is supported by four out of five members of the Senate committee on resolutions. This committee will report favorably on Fulton's appointment. The one dissenting member is Kay of Marion. The resolution is sure to make a bitter fight.

BOARD PRODS HILL ROAD

STATE COMMISSION SAYS DEPOT FACILITIES ARE POOR.

Company Is Cited to Defend Charges at Hearing to Be Held in Olympia, April 19.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Complaint has been made by the Northern Pacific Railroad Commission against the facilities at the depot in Olympia, Northern along that road are inadequate and train service is poor. The company is cited to defend these charges at a hearing to be held in Olympia, April 19, and to be continued from time to time and place to place during inspection.

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NEW LEGISLATION DEBATED

Senate and House Agree Not
to Consider Any but Corre-
ctive Bills This Session.

LOWER BODY BREAKS RULE

Barrett Introduces \$120,000 Normal
Measure—Action on Vetoed
Bills Is Out Out by
Agreement.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, March 15.—(Special.)—Legislative business will not be thrown wide open at this special session. Vetoed bills of the regular session will not be taken up. The only matter outside of defective acts that has thus far invaded the Capitol is the normal squabble.

Both Houses have adopted resolutions to shut out any but subjects of defective legislation, but these resolutions do not bar any member from exercising his constitutional privilege to introduce any bill or resolution. They did not shut out a new normal bill in the House.

The Senate has confined itself wholly to defective acts of the regular session. The House has received new \$120,000 normal bill from Representative Barrett, of Umatilla, and a bill to amend the regular session act that compels rope fire escapes in hotels, as to exempt Portland. The bills introduced are as follows:

Senate.

S. B. 1. Ways and means committee—Appropriations for improvements in state institutions, including the penitentiary.

S. B. 2. Wood—To protect ducks.

S. B. 3. Wood—To protect game.

S. B. 4. Wood—To protect game.

S. B. 5. Wood—To protect game.

S. B. 6. Wood—To protect game.

S. B. 7. Other—Appropriating \$75,000 for next two years for Union Experiment Station.

All these seven bills are intended to cure defects in acts of the regular session.

House.

H. B. 1. Clemens—Amending insurance law so as to authorize surety companies to file transcripts of company records with the bureau and gather information for fixing rates.

H. B. 2. Brady—Exempting Portland and other cities from act that requires rope fire escapes in hotels.

H. B. 3. Barrett—Appropriating \$120,000 for normal bill.

H. B. 4. Abbott—Amending regular session act so as to provide for balliff, stenographers and clerks of Supreme Court.

H. B. 5. McArthur—Curing defective emergency clause in act providing for uniform curricula.

H. B. 6. Farrell—Amending act that requires doors of public buildings to open out.

H. B. 7. Buchanan—Curing defect in act that requires doors of public buildings to open out.

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