

NET-WEIGHT BILL WILL BE DRAFTED

Oregon Retail Merchants Propose Law Compelling Correct Labels.

WHOLESALE MERCHANTS ARE BLAMED

Encroachment Into Retail Business Brings Protest—Parcels Post to Be Opposed Vigorously by Association.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—That the retail merchants are an organization intent to take an active part in legislative matters affecting the mercantile business became apparent at the meeting this afternoon, when a committee composed of Senator Dan Kellaher and J. C. Mann, of Portland; C. H. Burkholder, of Tillamook; Fred Dresser, Seaside; F. J. Fletcher, Albany; and H. S. Gille, of Salem, were appointed to draft a net-weight bill and urge its passage at this session of the Legislature.

The proposed bill will compel all manufacturers to label on the outside of the original package its exact weight, and the manufacturer will be held strictly responsible.

The present net-weight bill has been proved entirely inadequate, in that it does not fix the responsibility on either the manufacturer or the retailer, and it is contended the advantage has been taken of this fact to sell thousands of dollars' worth of short-weight butter, lard, extracts and other commodities.

Wholesale Merchants Grilled.

Oregon wholesale merchants not only received a severe grilling on the floor of the convention today, but will be censured by resolution tomorrow.

Eastern Oregon retailers complain that the wholesale dealers are encroaching on their business by selling lots of goods to stockmen and to the large mining camps. Representatives of the wholesale houses, they say, lead them up with goods and then go out and sell to the retailers' customers. Wholesale houses which make a practice of selling petty orders to camps on the Government works will also be censured.

One merchant came from Sumpter to make a complaint of this practice. He said that a wholesale house with which he has done business for a number of years, after selling him his season's supplies, sent a representative from the house and sold a \$700 bill of goods to a mining camp which had previously purchased all its supplies from him. This practice, he says, is being carried on extensively in the stock and mining districts of Eastern Oregon, and that it is proving ruinous to retail merchants.

Parcels Post to Be Opposed.

Every effort toward establishing a parcels post delivery will be fought by the association. It is contended that the parcels post will give the cheap mail-order houses an opportunity to secure a large portion of the business which now goes to the retailers. This the members say is not only injurious to the merchants, but to their customers as well.

No meeting was held this afternoon, and the members of the delegation divided their time between visiting the state institutions and lobbying at the Legislature. Merchants from different sections of the state went to their representatives and solicited help in securing legislation favorable to their own business.

William R. Hansen, head credit man for Tull & Gibbs, spoke at the meeting and strongly urged that dealers investigate a customer's credit before extending credit. "Too many dealers," he said, "find out the standing of a customer only after they have extended him credit."

Mr. Credale, a retired merchant of Albany, told of his experience as a merchant 40 years ago, when often it was necessary to extend credit to a customer at a time, and then often it was a matter of two or three years, depending altogether on the crop.

R. Alexander, of Pendleton, a candidate for president of the association, said that the system in vogue at Albany 40 years ago is to some extent practiced today in the Eastern Oregon wheat belts, where the wheatgrowers are or two years, depending altogether on the crop.

A large number of delegates arrived from different sections of the state today and 50 more are expected tomorrow.

One hundred and seventy-five delegates to the convention and invited guests attended an elaborate banquet tonight given in their honor by the Salem Business Men's Association.

Ex-Mayor George F. Rodgers acted as toastmaster. Among the prominent men present who delivered speeches were: N. A. Perry, president of the Retail Merchants' Association; Charles Mann, Joseph Ditz, Senator Dan Kellaher; Postmaster Merrick, of Portland; Mayor Lundquist, of Salem; Speaker Rusk, of the House; Ben Wells, President of the Senate, and a number of others.

O. K. PUT ON HIGHWAY BILL

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attorney for the company, explained that there is an investment of \$38,925 at the penitentiary paid out by the corporation and this weighed strongly with the lawmakers in reaching their conclusion.

Selling offered an urgent plea that convicts be provided with work and that the fate of the convict after he has left the penitentiary, coarsely clothed, poorly provided with money and the eyes of detectives and police upon him, ready to place him under arrest again at the earliest feasible or real opportunity.

Dimick, in the discussion, again raised his voice against allowing full leeway to boards after Judge Webster had explained the provisions in the bill providing for an appropriation of \$50,000. A decrease to \$20,000 was asked by Barrett of Washington when it became understood that the stove foundry convicts could not be used on the roads, and this decrease was finally ordered.

Convict Labor Upheld.

Under the bill as amended all convicts may be used excepting those in the foundry and those serving life sentences.

Supervision of County Courts is required and convicts may be requisitioned in this manner.

Rock quarries and crushing camps are to be established in Eastern and Southern Oregon and the Willamette Valley as required.

On final vote on the passage of this measure Barrett of Umatilla, Dimick,

McCulloch, Nottingham and Sinnott voted no.

BILLS ROUT COMMISSION PLAN

Grange and Farmers' Union Want State Engineer to Build Roads.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Two bills, on road construction, introduced by the State Grange and the Farmers' Union, were introduced in the House today by Representative G. H. Hood, of Hood River, and Mariner, of Gilliam. The only essential difference between these bills and those advocated by Good Roads enthusiasts is that the State Engineer, rather than a Highway Commissioner appointed by a State Highway Commission, shall have advisory supervision of all roads constructed in whole or in part with state or county funds.

The Mariner bill provides that the State Engineer shall act in this advisory capacity and shall receive as an additional compensation for his services \$1500 per annum. At the same time, the bill gives the State Engineer an assistant who shall receive an annual salary of \$2400. The bill carries an ap-

PROPOSAL FOR AWARD TO STUDENT AT EUGENE.



PERCY M. COLLIER, University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Percy M. Collier, '11, the student to whom the alumni debate medal was awarded at the final trout Tuesday night, is president of the associated body for the current year. He has appeared in three intercollegiate debates and last year brought the Northwest championship to Oregon by leading two separate affirmative teams to victory against Utah and Idaho in holding the Federal charter question.

Collier is an active worker in the Y. M. C. A. and the Laureate Literary Society.

appropriation of \$15,000 to meet all expenses incurred thereunder.

In the bill a method is prescribed by which counties and warrants for the permanent improvement of roads. It provides that on petition of one-fourth of the legal voters of a county, based on the highest number of votes received by a candidate for Supreme Court in the last preceding election, the County Court shall order a special election to determine the issuance of bonds for road improvements. The petition calling for the election must set forth the amount of bonds to be issued, the time they are to run and the maximum rate of interest they are to draw. The petition must also specify the beginning and the terminus of the road or roads to be permanently improved. These special elections may be called by the County Court without the formality of a petition being presented, but not more than one such election shall be held in any county every year. It is provided further that the construction of all such roads shall be under the advisory supervision of the State Engineer.

The same procedure is provided for the issuance of county warrants for the same purpose.

These are the measures that will be urged in the House as substitutes for the bills proposed by the State Good Roads Association and which provide for the creation of a State Highway Commission and the appointment by the Legislature of a Highway Commissioner at an annual salary of \$4000.

STERILIZATION BILL KILLED

Senate Down Dr. Owens-Adair's Measure After Heated Debate.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Dr. Owens-Adair's sterilization bill met defeat in the Senate this morning and was indefinitely postponed after a strenuous fight in a practically evenly divided House.

The measure was most vigorous in his opposition, declaring that it is impossible to harmonize this bill with the present state of civilization and with the doctrines of government.

"I suppose if this bill passes," he said, "it will distinguish us further as having something on our statute books as a part of the Oregon system that no other state has."

An assertion by Abraham that the law does not exist in Indiana was refuted by Adair, who displayed a copy of the law as it stands in that state. Abraham declared that it is not the same law; that the Indiana law was passed for the purpose of curing the individual, while the Adair bill is for the regulation of procreation and propagation. Such regulation, Abraham argued, is without the province of humankind and should not be enacted.

Carson attacked the bill on the grounds of its unconstitutionality, saying that it is in conflict with the constitutional provision which provides there shall be "no cruel and unusual punishment."

The arguments were supplemented by adverse statements from Wood, Sinnott and Carson, while Joseph and Chase were favorable to the bill. On vote the bill was lost, there being 16 against and 14 for its passage.

Years—Albee, Bowerman, Chase, Hawley, Hoskins, Joseph, Lester, Locke, Marlarkey, Merryman, Norton, Nottingham, Patton, Selling.

Barrett of Umatilla; Barrett of Washington; Bean, Burgess, Calkins, Carson, Dimick, Kellaher, McCulloch, Miller, Oliver, Parrish, Sinnott, Von der Hellen, Wood.

10-CENT BEER IS THREAT

Marshfield Saloon Men Discuss Refusals for Higher License.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—On account of the new liquor ordinance requiring an increase in the city license, the saloonmen of Marshfield are discussing increasing the price of drinks. It is planned to raise the price of beer from five cents to ten cents a glass and ten cent whiskey to fifteen cents a glass. It is reported that at a recent meeting all the saloon men in the city but one favored making the advance.

KLAMATH HAS LIFE

Success of Upper Irrigation Project Thought Sure.

MESSAGE GIVES PROMISE

Jacob Rueck, Delegate From Land Owners, Encouraged by Outlook in Washington—California Is to Aid in Fight.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—This section of the state is a unit in the fight against what is considered an unequal apportionment of the reclamation funds for the Klamath project.

Information received here yesterday that the Oregon and California Legislatures unanimously passed memorials asking for more funds for this project is causing much hope. The first encouragement received here was through a telegram from Jacob Rueck, in Washington, saying that the Upper project would be completed. Mr. Rueck was sent to Washington by the land-owners of the upper part of the Klamath project to press their claims for more money and his telegram saying that it would be completed was the first ray of light these people had received for a year in their fight for Government water.

The sending of Frank Ira White to Washington by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce was the second step in the campaign started here. His first move was to make a visit to the Oregon Legislature by the last and it was shown that California's interests in getting funds for the completion of the project were practically as great as those of Oregon, the lawmakers were anxious to take up and help push the demands for better recognition as are the people of Klamath.

Until now California apparently has been oblivious to the fact that its acreage to come under irrigation was estimated at no less than 65,000 acres and that probabilities are that this will be largely increased when the bed of Tule Lake is fully reclaimed.

SERGEANT TO AID CADETS

John T. Henderson Goes to Corvallis From Walla Walla.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Detailed by the United States War Department to act as Assistant Commander of Cadets at O. A. C. Sergeant John T. Henderson, formerly stationed at Walla Walla, Wash., arrived in Corvallis yesterday to assume his new duties. Within an hour after his arrival yesterday, he witnessed the college regiment pass in review preceding the weekly college convocation, and expressed himself greatly pleased with the soldierly bearing of the cadets.

Sergeant Henderson comes to O. A. C. with the highest recommendations from the Adjutant-General's office and the Medical Department of the United States Army. He has experienced 30 years of Army life, and both in the line and on staff duty. Nor is college work entirely new to him, for while a young man Sergeant Henderson spent some years as a cadet at the North Carolina Military Institute.

JACKSON COUNTY PROSPERS

Three Months in 1910 Show Revenues of \$1026.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Within the last four years the office of the county clerk of Jackson county has changed from a burden upon the taxpayers to one of the best revenue producing county offices, according to a statement in course of compilation by County Clerk William R. Coleman.

The statement draws comparisons, quoting the revenues of the present time with those when he first assumed office in 1906. Among the figures quoted are the two banner periods of the county, the months of April, May and June, which, in 1906, brought in fees aggregating \$463, while the same months in 1910 brought in \$1026.

FLORENCE GREETS ANVIL

Officers and Owners of Boat From Portland Are Feted.

FLORENCE, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—The gasoline freight and passenger boat Anvil arrived at Florence Sunday on her first trip to this port. A banquet was given at the Bay View Hotel for the officers and owners of the boat. The Florence Commercial Club completed its organization Monday, when the following officers were elected: F. J. Monroe, President; Marion Morris, Vice President; H. L. Bergman, Secretary; J. W. Bergman, Treasurer.

The Florence Masonic Lodge has had its lots of the preparatory to building a hall in the Spring.

GUNNER APPEALS FOR LIFE

Verdict at Victoria Condemning Allen Is Not Unanimous.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 26.—Three of the four judges in the Appeal Court today ordered that Gunner Thomas Allen be hanged on February 2 for the murder of Captain Peter Ellison, commanding the artillery forces at West Point, August 1.

As the judges were not unanimous, Allen's counsel has the privilege of appealing to the Supreme Court at Ottawa, and he will apply for leave to do so, this being the last chance in the fight being made to save the life of the murderer of the artillery commander.

Seamen's Bodies Exhumed.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special).—The bodies of Lieutenant F. H. Crosby, U. S. N., captain in command of the Goodwin survey boat McArthur, and John Fryer, William Nehm and Jens Garmundsen, seamen, who lost their lives near Joe Creek on the ocean beach 17 years ago, have been disinterred and will be taken to Bremerton today where they will be buried in the Government cemetery.

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Women's and Misses' \$30, \$32.50, \$35 Tailored Suits \$17.85

Another final bargain clearance grouping that will be good news to many who are considering selection of a new suit for the remaining Winter and early Spring wear. Here are Suits of broadcloths, serges and homespuns, in the dark shades only—browns, black, wine, navy and grays.

Plain tailored models with plaited and plain skirts. And there's a full range of sizes, including the odd sizes for stout people. All this season's styles, too, and Suits that have sold right along for \$30, \$32.50 and \$35. Now at \$17.85.

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Children's Raincoats at \$4.95—\$8.75 was their former price and they come in the best rubberized material, with storm collars; also the "Presto" collar. In tan, navy and red. Sizes for 10, 12 and 14 years.

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\$1.98 for \$3.95 Coats.—\$3.48 for \$6.95 Coats. \$4.48 for \$8.95 Coats.—\$9.25 for \$18.50 Coats.

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in controversy, but lying in front of Shively's Astoria.

The complaint asserts that at the time of the purchase this island was the only one in front of Shively's Astoria, that it has remained intact, but owing to the action of the tides and currents has shifted down-stream to the location of the present sands.

The defendant bases its claim to the property on a deed issued by the state on August 30, 1902, to Lena F. Welch, for a tide island which it asserts is the property in question and also on a deed issued by the state in August, 1885, to W. E. Warren, and conveying an island which is said to have been located between the one purchased by the plaintiff and the one now in controversy. The Warren island, it is said, was later purchased by the defendant.

LANE DISLIKES ROAD WAY

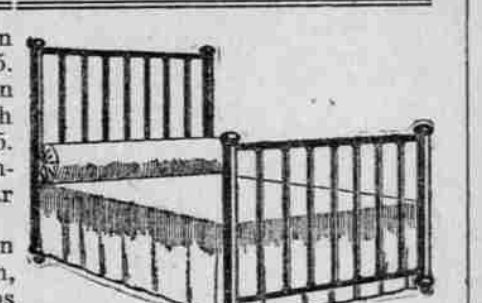
County Court Says Supervisors Are Reckless With Bills.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—The County Court of Lane County wants a change from the present Ward Supervisor system. The Commissioners say that the position of Road Supervisor permits reckless waste of money, and as a consequence, the county gets only a small percentage of return for the money spent on the roads.

Several reports are cited in the Court's contention. One man turned in

A Few Final Bargain Reminders From The Furniture Clearance

\$3.35 for a Center Table in the fumed oak—reg. price \$4.25.
\$3.65 for a full-size Iron Bed in white enamel, with brass knobs—reg. price \$5.75.
\$4.25 for a solid oak, high-back Arm Rocker—regular price \$7.00.
\$4.65 for a full-size Iron Bed in Vernis Martin finish, with brass top rails and knobs—regular price \$7.00.
\$5.25 for a large Arm Rocker in quartered golden oak, with roll seat—regular price \$6.75.
\$8.65 for a full-size cotton-felt Mattress, with roll edge and covered in fancy stripe ticking—regular price \$12.50.
\$9.75 for a solid oak Dresser in golden finish, with bevel plate mirror—regular price \$14.00.
\$9.75 for a \$13.35 golden oak Dining Table with pedestal base, 6 feet extension.
\$11.00 for a full-size Brass Bed—regular price \$15.50.
\$13.50 for a Comfort Arm Rocker with quarter-sawn oak frame and large loose cushions in seat and back—reg. price \$19.
\$16.75 for a Roman Chair in best quartered oak—regular price \$26.00.
\$12.50 for a Buffet in solid golden oak—regular price \$19.00.
\$16.50 for a Cellarette in fumed oak—regular price \$26.00.
\$17.75 for a Hall Seat in finest selected quartered oak—regular price \$29.00.
\$22.75 for a Dresser in quarter-sawn golden oak, with oval-shaped bevel-plate mirror—regular price \$29.00.
\$24.75 for a golden oak pedestal-base Dining Table, 6 feet extension. Regular price \$36.00.
\$25.75 for a \$38.00 Buffet in dull finish golden oak.
\$29.75 for a large China Cabinet in quarter-sawn golden oak, with bent glass ends—regular price \$44.00.
\$29.75 for a fine large mahogany Hall Mirror—reg. price \$56.
\$29.75 for a \$56 mahogany Sideboard.
\$31.50 for a fine mahogany Table, with handsomely carved pedestal base—regular price \$58.00.



A Half-Dozen Bargain Items

15c yard for Table Oilcloth, 45 inches wide and worth 25c yd.
5c each for Brass Curtain Rods that extend from 30 inches to 54 inches. Worth 10c each.
10c each for Remnants of Repps and Cotton Armures; 24 inches by 24 inches.
85c each for Cotton Sheet Blankets in white and gray. Worth \$1.25 each.
\$1.75 each for adjustable pin Curtain Stretchers—reg. \$2.50.
\$2.50 each for Maish Laminated Cotton Comforts covered with silkoline, and worth \$5.00 each.

—Sixth Floor.

a bill of \$451.25 for personal services, while he spent only \$450 on the remainder of the work. Another submitted a bill for \$6 for poles and \$166 for salaries, while his own bill for services was \$280. Lane County's total bill for Road Supervisors' salaries was \$14,000. The bills come in properly sworn, and the Commissioners feel that they have no time to investigate them all.

CHEMAWA HERD POOR

Official Reports Barns Sanitary but Stock Below Grade.

CHEMAWA, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, with district headquarters at Pendleton, has, under instructions from Washington, completed the annual inspection of the dairy herd of the Chemawa Indian School.

Dr. Hutchinson, before leaving Chemawa, said that he found the herd entirely free from any trace of tuberculosis, that the dairy barn was one of the cleanest and best kept he has ever inspected, that the forage used was good, that the ensilage being used was the finest he has ever seen, but that the herd was a poor dairy herd and ought to be replaced by better stock that would give more milk for the care and attention it receives and also that the department should be equipped with a better dairy house in connection with the barn and milking house, and that he would so report.

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