FURTHER DELAY IS SEEN FOR ROADS

Legislation for Better Highways Meets Opposition in Day.

NO WORK ARGUMENT OUT

Substitute Bill Said to Give Board Members Nothing to Do but Meet—Conferences, 'Tis Said, Would Mean Heavy Cost.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Further delay in the enactment by the House of good roads legislation may happen tomorrow. Opponents of the Highway Board, reinforced by other Representatives, will ask that the substitute for the Joseph bill, which was virtually agreed to yesterday, be amended by eliminating all provision for the Highway Board. It will be argued that, as drafted, the substitute gives the members of the board nothing to do.

The move to dispense with the board will be led by Representative Mariner, a member of the committee which yesterday prepared and submitted the substitute bill to the House with a favorable report. It will be contended that the substitute makes provision for another board which will have no duties to perform of sufficient importance to the state to warrant its creation.

Sentiment Arises in Day.

Resurrection of this anti-Highway Board sentiment developed today following a critical examination of the substitute bill by Mariner and some of his associates. Under the provisions of the substitute, argue those who would do away with the board, the only duties imposed on the Highway Board is the necessity of meeting and appointing a Highway Commissioner. Thereafter, points out Mariner, the only necessity for retaining the board is that its members may meet once each month, audit the bills of the Commissioner as well as their own, and then adjourn until the following month.

"We feel that there is no need for creating the Highway Board," said Mariner today, "in view of the fact that the substitute bill, favored by the special committee, fails to provide for the members of the board enough work to perform to warrant their appointment and retention. For this reason he will present the facts to the House tomorrow and ask that provision for the board be stricken from the bill. We do not think there is any necessity for creating further useless boards and commissions.

"While the members of the board are to be paid only their necessary expenses, this item would amount to considerable in the course of a year when there is taken into consideration the lack of necessity for such a board. One of the three members is to come from Eastern Oregon, another from Southern Oregon and the third probably from the Willamette Valley. Naturally it will be seen that the cost of holding monthly meetings of the board will aggregate a considerable sum every year."

This unexpected development in the good roads wrangle in the House came as a surprise to the friends of these bills. It had been thought that the amendments agreed to in the Gill bill yesterday would remove all opposition to the enactment of good roads legislation by the House tomorrow without further debate. The amendment to the Gill bending bill will provide that the question of whether or not the place of beginning and the terminus of all roads to be constructed shall be placed on the ballots in all special elections when the question of issuing bonds is submitted, shall be left to the voters petitioning for the election.

Multnomah to Take Action.

When the House resumes its consideration of these measures tomorrow, however, the Multnomah delegation will ask a further amendment of this phase of the Gill bill exempting Multnomah County from this provision. The Multnomah delegation wishes to leave to the judgment of the County Court the selection of such roads as are to be improved by the funds raised from any bond election.

Any determined effort by the anti-Highway Board forces further to amend the substitute bill and do away with the creation of the board will serve only to precipitate an animated fight on the floor of the House. Friends of the substitute bill say today that they have at least 40 votes for the bill as it was reported by the special committee.

It was the plan of the good roads people tomorrow, in view of the fact that the conflicting interests had apparently been harmonized, to cut off further debate on the different measures and force them to a final vote.

CONVICTS ARE INTERESTED

Legislation Relative to Road Work Watched by Prisoners.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Among those who are taking a keen interest in the legislation which is now pending at the present session of the Legislature are the convicts at the penitentiary. They probably follow the proceedings as closely as any and they feel cold chills and hot flushes as certain bills take a turn one way or another.

What has created as much consternation among the convicts perhaps as any bill of the session is the one providing for the working of convicts on the county roads. As a rule the prisoners at the penitentiary are opposed to the plan, particularly the older and more hardened convicts who are used to penitentiary life.

The younger men, or the accidental criminals in many instances, would welcome the passage of such an act as a change from incarceration behind the steel bars.

Another bill which is creating wide interest among the prisoners is McCulloch's proposed measure making it mandatory upon Circuit Judges to provide indeterminate sentences where such sentences are now made discretionary. This bill also provides for a parole board. This bill is a general favorite at the prison, according to a statement of some of the convicts, and the inmates are anxious to see it become a law.

Orphan Bill Has Chance.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Malarkey's bill providing for a larger appropriation for the support of indigent orphans in the state, who are under the age of 14 years, still has a chance of passing. The bill has been reported in unfavorably by the ways and means committee, but upon the plea of Malarkey was returned as he has some remarks he desires to make in this connection. The law now provides $4000 annually for such support, but Malarkey would increase it to $10,000 annually.

RECORD OF OREGON LEGISLATURE.

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

S. B. 23, Lester—Appropriating $50,000 for Astoria Centennial celebration.
S. B. 15, Kellaher—Validating issuance of Broadway bridge bonds.
S. B. 2, Hawley—Providing for registration of farm names.
H. B. 46, Neuner—To prevent pollution of waters of North Umpqua River.
S. B. 61, Lester—Providing for special tax levy for Clatsop County for Astoria centennial.
H. B. 2, Cole—Declaring October 12 a public holiday.
H. B. 82, Fouts—Providing for labeling of convict-made goods.

FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE.

H. B. 26, Brooke—Abolishing Malheur Irrigation District.
H. B. 122, Peterson—Providing for discharge of judgments by bankrupts.
H. B. 174, Collins—Requiring judges to make decisions in three months.
H. B. 161, Leinenweber and Belland—Authorizing sale of pilot schooner San Jose.
H. B. 203, Brooke—Repealing sections relative to purchase of lands in forest reserves.
H. B. 232, Belknap and Thompson—Protecting waters of Deschutes River.
S. B. 16, Malarkey—Relating to the adoption of children.
S. B. 26, Oliver—Providing for proving public documents.
S. B. 47, Oliver—Fixing terms of court in Tenth Judicial District.
S. B. 53, McCulloch—Fixing terms of court in Eighth Judicial District.
H. B. 158, Abbott—Providing for a free ferry at St. Johns.
H. B. 37, Brooke—Making it a crime to desert sheep on a range.
H. B. 108, Buchanan—Regulating admission to Soldiers' Home.
H. B. 112, Miller of Linn—Providing for County Treasurer making statement of accounts.
H. B. 129, Ambrose—Regulating the practice of optometry.
H. B. 24, Brooke—Fixing terms of Supreme Court at Pendleton.
S. B. 104, Dimick—Fixing boundary line between Marion and Clackamas counties.
S. B. 7, Burgess—Prohibiting sale of cannon crackers.
S. B. 82, Carson—Providing for reports of mining corporations.
S. B. 95, Merryman—Prohibiting sale of liquor within six miles of any public work.
S. B. 100, Oliver—Relating to claims of Union County.
H. B. 57, Fouts—Prohibiting transportation of explosives on passenger trains.
H. B. 6, Buchanan—To protect fraternal orders.
H. B. 102, Miller of Columbia—Relating to county liquor licenses.
H. B. 213, Powell—Providing for relief of George Nessiling.
S. B. 12, Locke—Providing for erection of county hospitals.
S. B. 19, Locke—For registration of graduate nurses.
S. B. 124, Barrett of Umatilla—Providing for inspection of schools.
S. B. 139, Dimick—Requiring Secretary of State to audit accounts.
S. B. 181, Abraham—Relating to care of cemeteries.
H. B. 18, Abbott—Sailors' boarding-house bill.
H. B. 155, Beals—Fixing terms of County Courts.

PASSED BOTH HOUSES.

Senate Bills.

S. B. 29, Dimick—Relating to changing of city boundary lines.
S. B. 35, Locke—Relating to distribution of Lord's Oregon Laws.
S. B. 36, Wood—Changing name of State Reform School to Oregon State Training School.
S. B. 51, Abraham—For the protection of car repairers.
S. B. 52, Von der Hellen—Fixing the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney in the First District.
S. B. 55, Bowerman—Providing for creation of the office of Assistant Secretary of State.
S. B. 101, Hawley—Certification bill for teachers.
S. B. 117, Chase—Keeping vermin-infected pupils away from the public schools.
S. B. 123, Wood—To prohibit deficiencies for state institutions.
S. B. 127, Wood—Providing for method of auditing claims against state.
S. B. 134, Barrett of Umatilla—Providing for traveling expenses for County School Superintendents.
S. B. 136, Parrish—Naming salary of Assessor of Grant County.
S. B. 140, Bean—Fixing number of regents for State University.
S. B. 144, Oliver—Relating to traveling expenses of Sheriffs for Union and Wallowa counties.
S. B. 172, Merryman—Providing for the salaries of the officers of Klamath County.
S. B. 181, Abraham—Providing for the care of cemeteries.
S. B. 206, Judiciary Committee—Providing for the deposit of State funds.
S. B. 213, Carson—Relating to stock at large in Marion County.

House Bills.

H. B. 1, Libby—Providing penalties for persons convicted of engaging in white-slave traffic.
H. B. 7, Clemens—Making void assignment of claims against city and county officials and their deputies.
H. B. 10, Clemens—Exempting members of Legislature from jury duty during terms of office.
H. B. 13, Abbott—Appropriating $40,000 for topographic maps and investigation of state's water resources.
H. B. 23, Eggleston—Appropriating $3000 for burial plot for deceased veterans of Spanish-American war.
H. B. 53, Buchanan—Appropriating $16,000 to reimburse Oregon National Guard for fighting fires.
H. B. 59, Peterson—Raising per capita tax for school purposes from $7 to $16.
H. B. 66, Thompson—Authorizing Sheriff of Lake County to appoint a deputy.
H. B. 67, Thompson—Providing for transfer of property by spouse of an insane person.
H. B. 68, Fouts—Providing penalty for persons having more than 35 wild ducks in their possession.
H. B. 75, Thompson—Fixing salary of Circuit Judge of Thirteenth Dist.
H. B. 76, Cottel—Prescribing manner of appointment of members of State Board of Pharmacy.
H. B. 79, Reynolds—Exempting small plants from factory inspection law.
H. B. 83, Cushman—Establishing fiscal agent for state in New York City.
H. B. 87, Steelhammer—Limiting age of engineers employed on donkey engines.
H. B. 101, Buchanan—Abolishing whipping post.
H. B. 110, Chambers—Amending law relating to protection of crabs.
H. B. 118, Bryant—Defining certain terms relating to railroads.
H. B. 122, Abrams—Prescribing method by which foreign corporations may do business in this state.
H. B. 137, Amme—Licensing private hospitals.
H. B. 149, McKinney—Further defining duties of Railroad Commission.
H. B. 160, Peirce—Fixing salary of Assessor of Coos County.
H. B. 164, Brooke—Appropriating $3000 for an experiment station in Harney County.
H. B. 176, Belknap and Thompson—Fixing salary of Treasurer of Grant County.
H. B. 180, Carter—Providing for escheating to state of unclaimed funds of insane patients.
H. B. 181, Bigelow—Fixing bond of Treasurer of Multnomah County.
H. B. 185, Beals—Fixing salaries of officers of Tillamook County.
H. B. 192, Brooke—Authorizing State Land Board to fix price at which state lands shall be sold.
H. B. 197, Huntington—Providing for county educational boards and employment of inspectors of schools.
H. B. 215, Committee on Military Affairs—Permitting railroads to transport troops and equipment at reduced cost.
H. B. 226, Gill—Giving state authorities jurisdiction over resorts selling liquor in gallon quantities.
H. B. 228, Clemens—Prescribing penalties for lodge impostors.
H. B. 234, Peterson—Granting rights of way to certain corporations across state lands.
H. B. 264, Rackleff—Increasing salary of School Superintendent of Coos County.
H. B. 268, Brooke—Fixing salaries of officers of Malheur County.
H. B. 269, Brooke—Fixing salaries of officers of Harney County.
H. B. 285, Committee on Revision of Laws—Authorizing municipal corporations operating electric and water plants to supply service outside of corporate limits.
H. B. 288, Gill—Making State Treasurer custodian of funds of State Library Commission.
H. B. 302, Hollis—Detaching Forest Grove from the road district of which it forms a part.

HEAD OF ASYLUM TO BE VINDICATED

Committee Report Will Exonerate Steiner and Recommend Higher Salary.

APPROPRIATION TO BE CUT

Legislators, However, Favor Making Many Improvements at Institution and Original Sum Asked May Yet Be Allotted.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—What will be virtually vindication and complete exoneration of Superintendent R. E. Lee Steiner, of the Oregon Insane Asylum, will be included in the report of the special House committee which has been investigating asylum affairs for the past two weeks.

It will be shown that the expenditures made by Steiner, including even that for the "big red automobile" which has caused so much comment, received the sanction of the State Board. Members of the committee are unable to understand why these expenditures should be singled out as special object of attack.

It will also be asserted that the Superintendent is underpaid. The committee expresses its appreciation of the immensity of the institution and of the vast amount of work required in the numerous departments and branches. These, they are of the opinion, present too many cares and difficulties for one man to shoulder in capacities which include executive, administrative and professional abilities as well.

Fire Protection Needed.

It will be urged by the committee that the asylum farm be given proper fire protection and that the system at the main building be completed. In fact, this will be virtually insisted upon, as lack of protection there, it is considered by the committee members, is criminal. Two expert accountants have gone over the books for the committee, and a small army of witnesses has been called in, the transcript of testimony being voluminous. The report itself, however, is expected to be comparatively short.

Following the report of the asylum investigating committee, which is expected tomorrow, it is probable that the joint ways and means committee will take active steps toward completing the appropriation bill for the asylum and other institutions.

The committee has been somewhat reticent in taking action on the asylum appropriation. Grave charges were bandied back and forth in the Senate early in the session as to extravagance at the asylum, and consequently the committee has been somewhat uncertain of its ground.

Committee Reports Decrease.

The legislative committee which investigated the institutions before the present session opened reported back a decrease of from $812,000, as estimated by the Superintendent, to $592,000, for the maintenance and improvements at the institution during the next two years.

The ways and means committee has given Superintendent Steiner an opportunity to be heard, and now there is a split among some of the members as to what should be done. Certain of the legislative committee, who are also members of the present ways and means committee, have no desire to repudiate their original report, while other members are inclined to be of the opinion that the legislative committee dealt too harshly with Steiner and the asylum and that the institution deserves much more money than the bill providing for institution appropriations now carries.

House Action Undecided.

This point of view will probably be largely supported by the report of the asylum investigating committee, which is composed of House members. How far the joint ways and means committee will be influenced by this report it is difficult to say. As the investigating committee is composed entirely of House members, some of the Senate members may be inclined to disregard its contents.

The asylum has warm friends in Patton of the Senate and Reynolds of the House, who are both from Marion County and are both on the ways and means committee. These men in committee have stood strongly in favor of giving full appropriations to the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College, and evidently they should lose none of the friendship of Hawley of Polk and Calkins of Lane, also members of the committee, by their action in this respect.

The situation is sufficiently complicated to require careful manipulation by either faction in the asylum controversy to carry its point.

GOVERNOR'S VETO PROBABLE

Bowerman Bill for Assistant Secretary Seems Doomed Today.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—With it practically certain that the Governor's veto on the Bowerman Assistant Secretary of State bill will be received in the Legislature tomorrow, plans are now being laid for preparation of an administration bill along the same line which will be backed up by all of the administration forces and probably will not receive decided opposition from the others.

This proposed bill will create the office of Assistant Secretary of State and give to him all of the ministerial powers in connection with the Secretary of State's office. But it will give him no power to sit on the board or exercise any of the quasi-judicial functions which come along with that office.

Eight-Hour Bill Fought.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Interests all over the state operating plants within the prescribed limits of the Dimick eight-hour law are becoming more active than ever in opposition to that bill, as indicated by a flood of letters which is dropping upon members of both houses. Eastern Oregon milling and mining men are strongly opposed to the plan, declaring that it would be practically prohibitory to certain classes of business and would mean an immense monthly cost to the larger corporations which engage in operation of their works for 23 hours a day or over.

Coburg Light Plant Purchased.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Oregon Power Company, H. M. Byllesby Company, operators, has purchased the electric light plant at the town of Coburg, in northern Lane County, and will supply lights to that place from the central station at Springfield.

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The close of the 68th year of the oldest company in America shows an increased amount of insurance in force, $1,464,024,396, and an increased amount of new insurance paid for during the year, $120,733,166, including restorations and additions. Other notable features marking the progress of the Company are:

Admitted Assets,	$572,859,062.98
Policy Reserves,	461,834,185.00
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Payments to policyholders, $56,751,062.28, include dividends to the amount of $12,301,769.73; while the sum of $13,539,333.07 has been apportioned for dividends payable in 1911—a larger sum than has ever been apportioned for dividends in a single year by any other company in the world.

Balance Sheet, December 31st, 1910

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Real Estate (market value)	$ 26,062,439.53	Net Policy Reserves	$461,834,185.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	140,618,618.50	Other Policy Liabilities	6,523,847.36
Loans on Policies	70,953,535.55	Premiums, Interest and Rents paid in advance	1,915,511.96
Bonds	276,257,936.68	Miscellaneous Liabilities	1,803,353.49
Stocks (market value)	46,437,900.00	Reserve for death claims unreported	600,000.00
Interest and Rents, due and accrued	4,141,880.91	Reserve for Taxes, Licenses, etc., payable in 1911	1,138,546.94
Premiums in course of collection	3,942,548.80	Dividends payable in 1911	13,539,333.07
Cash (deposited on interest)	3,736,655.31	Reserve for Deferred Dividends and contingencies	85,504,285.16
Cash (not on interest)	362,921.34		
Deposited to pay policy claims	344,626.36		
Total Admitted Assets	$572,859,062.98	Total Liabilities	$572,859,062.98

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TOTAL TO BE LARGE

Appropriations Will Exceed Those of 1909.

SAVINGS MADE BY HOUSE

Increased Allowance Asked for by University Certain to Be Made. Grant for State Road Aid Reduced Materially.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—In the debate on the increased appropriation of $503,000, voted for the University of Oregon by the House Saturday, Representative Mahoney, a member of the joint ways and means committee, made the assertion that, from the estimates he had compiled, the aggregate of the appropriations by this session would be $2,500,000 greater than those of the 1909 session.

The session two years ago appropriated approximately $4,000,000. This would bring the aggregate of appropriations at this session up to $6,500,000. This total may be a trifle large, but there is imperative need for retrenchment on the part of both houses if Mahoney's prediction is not fulfilled.

Little has been done thus far to head off the drain on the public treasury. Scarcely any of the large appropriations have been passed on by either House. The largest request for state aid, that of the University of Oregon, and aggregating more than $500,000, has been granted by the House. This will also pass the Senate, beyond question. Virtually all of the big appropriations will be passed on during this, the concluding week of the session.

The House last week clipped $540,000 from the aggregate of appropriations asked. One of these items was $200,000 for an Oregon exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Another material saving effected to the state by the House was in cutting in two the appropriation of $650,000 for state aid in road construction and saving thereby $340,000. At the same time several smaller appropriations appeared in new bills, aggregating probably $40,000, so that the House has really cut down the total appropriations by about $500,000 to date.

The Senate has not made any progress towards reducing appropriations, and during the past week received several new bills carrying further amounts asked from the state treasury. Subtracting the $500,000 already eliminated by the House, the aggregate of appropriations pending before the two houses is $6,500,000. It is admitted that the total appropriations this year will exceed those of two years ago by a substantial sum.

Homage Paid to Lincoln.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Abraham Lincoln was honored in the hall of Representatives this afternoon, when Colonel Mercer, of Eugene, journal clerk in the Senate, delivered an address in memory of the martyred President. Colonel Mercer fought through the Civil War, was at Washington when Lincoln was shot, and enjoyed the privilege of a close acquaintance with his hero. Senator M. A. Miller, of Linn, opened the exercises of the afternoon, and also paid a beautiful tribute to Lincoln. Dr. Avison, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Salem, offered the invocation, and Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges, also of Salem, furnished several vocal numbers.

DANCING YOUTHS ARRESTED

Oregon City Streetcar Conductor Beaten—Deputy Takes Trail.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A party of youths from Canemah attempted to take possession of the 9 o'clock electric car to Portland Saturday night, and in the melee Oscar Smith, it is charged, knocked down the conductor and a young man named Young refused to pay his fare. The young men were bound for the dance being held at Parkplace and left the car at Gladstone.

Officers of the power company secured the services of Deputy Sheriff Miles and went to the dance, and about midnight Smith and Young were placed under arrest. A charge of fighting was placed against Smith and one of disturbing the peace against Young. Both were released on their own recognizance on promise to appear in Justice Samson's court at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Indians Observe Lincoln Day.

CHEMAWA, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Chemawa Indian school commemorated Lincoln day with an appropriate programme which was given in the school auditorium this evening. The room was draped with the stars and stripes and Lincoln's picture, which hangs on the wall of the hall, was also draped with flags. The programme was carried out by the Indian pupils entirely, being interspersed with National hymns. "A Sketch of Lincoln," "The Last Twenty-four Hours of Lincoln's Life," "Our Lincoln," "The Story of Lincoln" and "What Will I Do?" were among the numbers presented to the audience by the young Indians.

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PROBLEM YET UNSOLVED

WALLA WALLA CONVICTS' WORK PROVES BIG QUESTION.

Whether Prisoners Shall Labor for Farmers or Build Roads Is Enigma for Legislature.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Whether or not the convicts at Walla Walla should be engaged in making jute bags for the farmers or employed in building roads for the benefit of the taxpayers of the entire state is the problem for the Legislature to settle, as the committee of three, consisting of E. D. Cowan, of the state board of control, and Messrs. H. H. Hanson, of Touchet, and H. A. Reynolds, of Walla Walla, cannot agree.

Two reports have been submitted by the committee to Governor Hay, who named the members. The majority report signed by Messrs. Hanson and Reynolds asks that changes be made in the laws covering the operation of the jute mill, and in particular the purchase of jute, while Mr. Cowan wants the prisoners put at some other work and the farmers' unions of Washington, Oregon and Idaho to go into the open market, drive out the middlemen, buy their own sacks from the market in the Orient, do their own warehousing and control the price of the grain bags.

The majority report figures that the directors and the board of control have tried to follow the law which is designed to benefit the farmers of Washington, saying: "It appears that jute bags have not been sold for less than cost," and setting forth that there has been a balance in favor of earnings amounting to $113,328.16. On the other hand, Mr. Cowan figures that there has been a loss during the past 18 years of $369,631.07, without including the interest on the investment or the subsistence of the free employes, the difference coming on the two separate ways of figuring. Mr. Cowan includes the cost of maintaining the prisoners, the investment in the plant and the cost of the material and the maintenance of convict operatives. The majority report says:

"The operation of the mill does not create any part of the maintenance of the penitentiary, and that cost continues when the mill is shut down. Whatever is made by sales of jute products above maintenance cost of the jute mill is so much gain."

BACHELOR ELKS DINE

Members In Albany Lodge Form Permanent Organization.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The recently-formed Bachelors' Club of Albany lodge of Elks held its first annual banquet in the banquet hall of the Elks' Temple last evening. It was an elaborate affair, highly successful, and this club, which includes in its membership a large number of prominent Albany men, will make the banquet an annual event.

The charter members of the Bachelors' Club are Gale S. Hill, Harry Schlosser, Clyde Dannals, F. J. Devine, A. B. Weatherford, E. J. Barrett, Clair Dawson, Walter R. Bilyeu, Wayne Dawson, F. G. Will, James H. Curran, L. Edward Dyer, George Rolfe, Herman Hoflich, R. C. Hunt, Bert Francis, Fred Ficklin, A. J. Wyatt, C. A. Van Dran, Byron Taylor, Alfred Abraham, H. L. Kirsch, A. Sternberg, Frank Barrett, F. L. Hunter and A. Z. Allen.

PASTOR HITS CORPORATION

When Pipe Organ Becomes Clogged, Minister Scores Water Firm.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—When the water pipes which feed the church organ motor became clogged today during the service at the First Christian Church, Rev. M. L. Rose, the pastor, deviated from his gospel theme and took occasion to criticise severely the City Water Company. He devoted thereafter the greater portion of his sermon to the duty of public service corporations.

Reference was made to the fact that obstructions have repeatedly clogged the hose nozzles, when fires in the city were in progress, necessitating undue damage.

Portland Firm Invades Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Lang & Co., wholesale grocers of Portland, have signed a lease for a warehouse 40x140, two stories, to be erected in Eugene as a branch location in Eugene within three months.

Edlefsen Fuel Company sells the famous washed Gale Creek Steam Coal.