7000 GREET ROAD AT MADRAS, OR.

President Stevens Feted and Dream of Years at Last Is Realized.

DAY OF CELEBRATION LONG

Barbecue and Commercial Club Smoker With Speechmaking and Broncho-Busting Contests Make Up Rejoicing of Hours.

MADRAS, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Just 20 months after he had traveled into Madras on horseback and in disguise, under the name of Sampson, President John F. Stevens, of the Oregon Trunk Railroad, today, under his right name, entered the city on the first railroad train which Central Oregon and this city ever saw.

Over 7000 people were gathered here to welcome the Hill road and its representative, Mr. Stevens, and it was not till a late hour tonight that the rejoicing spent itself. Mr. Stevens and his party retiring at midnight to the special train, planning to leave for Portland on the return trip at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Today was as big a day in the career of John F. Stevens as it was in the history of Central Oregon, and this rapidly-growing City of Madras, for man, country and city had realized a dream of months and years. For the first time Mr. Stevens told today, in response to the address of welcome, of his trip here a score of months ago, a man in disguise, yet with a purpose.

Tale of Disguise Interesting.

He related that he had traveled on horseback through Central Oregon at the instance of James J. Hill, and going under the name of Sampson, was able to gather information relative to the country which has served him in great stead in building the first railroad into this section of the United States, which, till today, had seen nothing but the oxteam, stagecoach and the automobile.

Mr. Stevens and his party arrived a little ahead of schedule, getting in at 10:06 this morning, the train being able to progress to within one-half mile of the Madras depot, where the citizens had erected a beautiful arch of welcome on which was inscribed:

"Madras, the gateway of Central Oregon."

As the train came to a stop the voices of fully 7000 residents of the Central Oregon country were raised in hurrahs to President Stevens and his party as they alighted from the train. Hundreds of school children greeted the officials in song and waving American flags.

The Stevens train was able to practically enter town through the efforts of the construction crew's all-night work, the men having laid three miles of track during twelve hours.

Every town in this section of the country was represented in the celebration, a band of Indians even coming from Warm Springs to greet the "white man" and his "cow-pony," the great locomotive. Citizens from Bend, Prineville, Redmond and Culver Junction were guests of Madras and entered into the celebration with as much enthusiasm as Madras itself.

Soon after noon the party journeyed to the barbecue grounds, where Madras had prepared 1200 pounds of beef and ox and where fully 5000 Central Oregonians were fed. Here an improvised platform had been erected and, following the feast, speechmaking was the programme of the day.

W. N. Hammer, president of the Madras Commercial Club, acted as chairman and introduced Mr. Stevens, after giving a word of welcome. It was just at this juncture that the Harriman officials arrived in their automobiles from the trip to Bend, and hurrahs were in order again.

Stevens Has Hopes.

After quiet was restored, President Stevens spoke briefly, telling the immense crowd of his trip here 20 months ago and saying that he was even more proud of this day, when he arrived here on the first train which Central Oregon had ever seen. He spoke of the unbounded resources of the country, of his hopes and closed his brief address with the announcement that he would have traffic, freight and passenger, traveling over this new road by March 1. At this the crowd went wild and it was several minutes before all was quiet again.

Mr. Stevens was followed by R. B. Miller, of the Harriman line, who congratulated the people of Madras and Central Oregon and Mr. Stevens. Then Engineer Ralph Budd, of the Oregon Trunk, spoke of the difficulties connected with the engineering construction work of this road, courting the longest canyon by rail in the world. President Harvey Beckwith, of the Portland Commercial Club, followed Mr. Budd and spoke of the great opportunities which Central Oregon has at its command and was followed by H. M. Haller, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. C. C. Chapman, of the Oregon Development League, then spoke and was followed by Bishop Paddock, of Eastern Oregon, who offered prayer, invoking blessing on country and people.

With the close of the programme of speechmaking a broncho-busting exhibition was given and greatly enjoyed by the visitors and guests, the Bend band discoursing music during the intermissions, and the barbecue exercises closed with several songs by the school children, who then were treated with a trip through President Stevens' private car and special train.

The Harriman Deschutes line is tonight 15 miles from this city and is boring one of the greatest tunnels in its line of construction at Trout Creek. The Harriman officials, in their special train, leave Trout Creek late tonight for Portland, arriving there tomorrow morning about noon.

Tonight the Madras Commercial Club is host to the Hill line officials, in the nature of a smoker, at which several addresses were made by President Stevens, other road officials and members of the local entertainment committee.

President Stevens refused to announce any plans of future extension of the Oregon Trunk, though it has been rumored that he is planning to extend the Oregon Trunk to Medford within the next two years. As to this rumor Mr. Stevens refused absolutely to commit himself.

Mr. Stevens and his party probably will arrive in Portland late tomorrow night.

COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TILT

Rusk Forces Bill Aimed to Discontinue Wallowa Classes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Protesting against further juggling of a bill by Miller of Columbia, providing a method for discontinuing county high schools and in which he was interested, Speaker Rusk called Reynolds to the chair this afternoon and, taking the floor, demanded an immediate vote on the measure. It was passed with 35 votes in its favor.

The bill provides that on petition of 8 per cent of the duly qualified electors of a county who are taxpayers, the question of whether a county high school shall be continued is to be submitted to the voters of the county.

Speaker Rusk, in explaining the need for such a provision in his county, said that Wallowa County had a high school maintained by the county and located at Enterprise. Excellent high schools, embracing the same course of study and advantages, are maintained at Lostine, Joseph and Wallowa by a special tax on the taxpayers of those respective towns. For that reason the voters of those three towns are opposed to continuing the county high school at Enterprise at the expense of the county, said Speaker Rusk, contending that they have no use for the school, having provided equally good educational facilities in their own communities.

The bill was opposed by friends of the county high school, for fear its enactment might endanger the continuance of these institutions in other counties of the state, where conditions were not the same as in Wallowa County.

WEST'S VETO IS UPHELD

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE IS NOT CREATED.

Three Hours' Debate Precedes Vote. Abraham Says Business Consideration Should Rule.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—After consuming three hours in debate, the Senate today sustained Governor West's veto of Bowerman's Senate bill No. 55, creating the office of Assistant Secretary of State. Only 16 votes could be mustered against the veto of the Governor, while 14 stood to sustain it. Bowerman lost three votes since the bill was passed.

Numerous interesting incidents marked the discussion, including a statement by Bowerman which McColloch considered an imputation of his honesty. Sinnott also made the suggestion that possibly the present Governor might hold the ambition to become United States Senator, which he cited as "a laudable ambition."

Bowerman opened the debate by outlining the features of the bill and replying to the objections raised by Governor West in his veto message.

Miller upheld the administration view of the constitutionality of the bill, calling attention to the fact that in creating the office of Lieutenant-Governor it was deemed necessary to prepare a constitutional provision.

"The Secretary of State," he asserted, "was elected to transact the business of the office and if the people have made a mistake in electing a man who cannot fulfill his duties, it is the fault of the people and the blame does not belong to us."

McColloch sided with the Governor's attitude and attacked the emergency clause attached to the bill.

"Let me see that letter," said Bowerman to McColloch, when McColloch had closed.

"My word is sufficient," declared the Senator from Baker.

"That letter," said Abraham, after recess, "is not the complete letter as it was read. The original letter asked expressly that no publicity be given to its provisions and several other matters were brought out which throw different light on its contents.

"We elected Secretary Benson to office with a misgiving that he might never be able to fill that office, but I say it is high time that sympathy be wiped out and the business of the office and the board be placed in a position where it may be done properly."

The vote on sustaining the veto of the Governor was as follows:

Yeas—Abraham, Barrett (Umatilla), Barrett (Washington), Bowerman, Burgess, Carson, Chase, Hoskins, Lester, Locke, Malarkey, Merryman, Norton, Nottingham, Parrish, Wood.

Nays—Albee, Bean, Calkins, Dimick, Hawley, Joseph, Kellaher, McColloch, Miller, Oliver, Patton, Sinnott, Von der Hellen, Selling. Yeas, 16; nays, 14.

The Canadian Dominion Iron & Steel Company, with mines at Sydney, has been granted $1,829,503 bounty on its output for last year.

INSTITUTIONS ON FOR $1,224,927

Appropriation Bill for State Establishment Is Totaled by Committee.

$723,595 ASYLUM SHARE

Big Sum Also Includes Maintenance of Roseburg Soldiers' Home and Transportation of Convicts and Insane--Table Given.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Carrying a total of $1,224,927.44, the appropriation bill for the institutions in and around Salem, the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg and the cost of transporting convicts and insane, was finally completed by the joint ways and means committee tonight, the bill carrying some increases over the tentative bill as prepared for the committee this afternoon.

In the final estimate the asylum is not given both new wings desired for the receiving ward, but $30 is added for repairs on the heating plant at the asylum farm, $700 for a tank being eliminated and $3000 replacing it for the heating plant repairs. At the asylum proper an additional $3000 for amusements is given.

Dozen Items Allowed.

The total for the various institutions as carried in the appropriation bill to be submitted to the Legislature tomorrow is:

Oregon Asylum for Insane	$694,452.94
Oregon Insane Asylum Farm	29,567.50
School for Feeble-Minded	123,250.00
Soldiers' Home at Roseburg	11,000.00
State Reform School	64,500.00
State School for Blind	24,667.00
State School for Deaf Mutes	63,890.00
Conveying Insane and Idiots	18,000.00
Conveying Convicts	17,500.00
State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis	10,000.00
Improvement State Fair Grounds	7,500.00
Oregon State Penitentiary	164,250.00

The item enumerated above for improvement at the State Fair grounds does not include an appropriation of $50,000 asked in a separate bill for new buildings and changes which are in prospect for the coming Summer in the arrangement of the buildings and grounds.

Asylum Total $723,000.

The total as provided for the Asylum and Asylum Farm is $723,595.44. At the School for Feeble Minded the maintenance will remain at $90,000, regardless of a plea for $100,000 maintenance that was offered the committee by Superintendent Bickers. One new building is allowed at that school, the building being a girls' dormitory, at a cost of $25,000.

The Soldiers' Home is not cut in its appropriation, the maintenance request being $80,000 and the balance for repairs and improvements. The Reform School asks for $58,000 maintenance and $4000 for a new trades building and its equipment. Maintenance at the Blind School is placed at $20,000 and no new buildings are desired.

Maintenance for the Deaf Mute School as requested will be $45,000 and $2500 is asked to complete a dormitory. A new hospital to cost $288 is also asked.

At the Tuberculosis Sanitarium the cost is reduced to a minimum and no new buildings are asked, all the requests being for minor improvements and additional stock, excepting $5000 for water supply.

The penitentiary maintenance, originally estimated at $137,000 as a tentative amount by the committee, was increased to $142,000 after Superintendent James had again appeared tonight. One of the important improvements is a new roof for the cell houses, to cost $2000. The old roof is leaking and unstable.

Twenty-four new steel cells will also be installed at a cost of $11,250. The increase of $5000 for maintenance is the only one made by the committee at the penitentiary.

At the Blind School the committee agreed to give $2000 extra for a pipe-organ.

STATE'S STATIONERY GUARDED

Legislative Clerks Ordered Not to Carry Supplies Away.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Chief Clerk Corey, of the Secretary of State's office, has issued instructions requiring that all officers, clerks and stenographers employed in connection with this session of the Legislature shall return to the state all unused stationery and other supplies, the property of the state, before their warrants will be issued.

In previous sessions these attaches were in the habit of carrying away from the Capitol at the close of the session everything portable in the way of stationery and supplies, including valuable pens and other articles. Two years ago an enterprising clerk after drawing his warrant surreptitiously removed a typewriter belonging to the state from the Capitol. The machine was afterwards located at Tacoma, Wash. Upon identification it was recovered by the state officers.

Chief Clerk Corey proposes this year, through the enforcement of his instructions, which are authorized by law, to guard against the repetition of last year's experience.

SALARIES OF MEMBERS FIXED

Multnomah Lawmakers to Get $135 for Session's Work.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—According to the report of the special committee on salary and mileage for the House members, Thompson of Lake will receive the largest warrant from the Secretary of state. It amounts to $299.70, consisting of $120 for 40 days at $3, and $179.70 mileage. Brooks of Malheur comes second and will receive $268.50.

Speaker Rush, who is paid $5 a day, is entitled to a total of $331.10. Members of the Multnomah County delegation will receive a total of $135 for their services during the session.

SCENE OF YESTERDAY'S OREGON TRUNK CELEBRATION, AND THREE MEN PROMINENT THEREIN

MADRAS

HARVEY BECKWITH PRESIDENT OF PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB

JOHN F. STEVENS PRESIDENT OREGON TRUNK

H. M. HALLER, PRESIDENT PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

LAND FEUD HALTS

Governor's Request Stops Fight in House.

FRAUD CHARGES RAMPANT

Although Originally Fathered and Suggested by Present Administration Effort to Effect Compromise in Case Fails.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Feuds, which have caused bloodshed, murder and terror in the early days and have continued down to the present for 25 years in litigation through the courts and boards of the state, are yet unsettled as an effort to effect a compromise in the Warner Valley Stock Company land case, died in the Senate today with a House bill of Thompson's seeking to bring about such a compromise.

The bill was killed at the request of Governor West, although it was originally fathered and suggested by the administration.

Declaring such a compromise an attempt to perpetuate a gigantic fraud on the school children of Oregon and attacking the bill and the reasons for its inception, Bowerman made a strong attack upon the proposed measure on the Senate floor. He recited the history of the case and strongly condemned the theory that would effect by compromise a matter which is still pending in the courts and which would result in taking away from the school funds of the state at least half a million and perhaps three-quarters of a million of dollars.

The bill involved 22,000 acres. It was alleged on the floor that the land was originally secured from the state by fraud and that it has been held by fraud ever since. For many years the state has been conducting litigation to secure the land from its present owners and had won in one of the courts when it was decided to make a compromise. After the decision for the state it was asserted, attorneys and others flocked into the land office and made filings for these lands to the extent of 2000 acres. Under litigation there were about 5300 acres involved, but in the Thompson bill to effect a compromise the state would be given about 4200 acres, the settlers 2000 and the remaining 15,000 acres would remain with the company.

In filing its report today the judiciary committee was split, Bowerman, Sinnott, Barrett of Washington and Norton being a majority against the passage of the bill and Malarkey, Bean and McColloch being on the minority report favoring the passage of the bill.

Malarkey, McColloch and Bean spoke favorably for the bill, explained the doubtful status of the case in the courts and urged that the land board be trusted with the disposal of the lands. Speakers for the bill declared that the land board is in a better position to know how the land should be disposed of than any others in the state and Malarkey resented an inference that the influence of Carey & Kerr is being used to secure passage of the bill and incidentally paid a high compliment to the integrity of Governor West and Treasurer Kay.

During the dispute Governor West sent word to McColloch to stop the fighting on the bill and ask for its indefinite postponement at the request of the administration. As the bill was an administration bill this was immediately done. West explains that some members of the land board have expressed doubts after thinking the matter over thoroughly and the action today will allow another two years in which to consider the questions involved.

BLOW DEATH TO SHYLOCKS

Senate Approves Measure Curbing Money-Lenders' Industry.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15. (Special.)—Amme's bill, directed at "Shylocks," passed the Senate today, much disfigured, but still in the ring. The bill received favorable vote only after a warm discussion, which took a wide range.

Abraham was against the measure from the start. He declared that it would create inequality and discriminate against the free rights of the individual. Joseph, on the other hand, made the strongest plea for the bill that he has made for any measure this session.

"You have no idea of the viciousness of this custom as it exists in Portland today," was his assertion. "I know of a certain banking institution there which has its cutomers by demanding tribute from them and I know of men who pay four times the amount of their loan to be free. These assignments are held with the names of the assignors in blank and it is just like reading the moral law to attempt to wade through one of the assignments."

The bill as passed, with numerous amendments, provides that no employe may secure a loan for less than $200 unless he receives the consent of his employer. The bill was carried with 21 voting in favor of it and eight against it.

RUSK'S ECONOMY FUTILE

HOUSE ALLOWS $60,000 DESPITE HIS FIGHT.

Appropriation for State Fair Grounds at Salem Double Amount Speaker Wanted.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Efforts of Speaker Rusk to curb the appropriations of this Legislature in the House are proving futile. Taking the floor this afternoon, he sought to reduce from $60,000 to $30,000 the appropriation for additional buildings at the Oregon State Fair grounds at Salem, but the House combination on appropriations was too strong and he was downed. The bill passed in its original form, with only nine votes against it.

The debate brought out the fact that the bill originally asked for $140,000, but the amount was reduced to $60,000 by the ways and means committee. Neuner, Abrams, Brownhill and Reynolds pleaded for the appropriation.

"This is all a cut-and-dried affair and the appropriation is going to pass the House," interjected Chapman, "and I would like to know what all this talk is about."

Speaker Rusk admitted he "was up against a hard proposition" and the debate closed. Ammo, Bigelow, Clyde, Derby, Hollis, Jones, Pierce, Shaw, Tigard and Speaker Rusk voted against the bill.