

BILL WOULD GIVE STATE COOS ROAD

Senator Neuner, of Douglas, to Introduce Measure at Salem Today.

GOVERNOR IS INTERESTED

Document, Originally Coming From West, Waits Only Determination of Amount to Reimburse Wagon Road Company.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The proposed bill to return to the state the Coos Bay wagon road grant of many thousands of acres will be introduced in the Senate tomorrow by Senator Neuner, of Douglas County. It is a bill in which the Governor is interested and originally came from the executive.

While the bill is practically ready for introduction, it is being withheld temporarily to decide just the amount of appropriation that should be carried over from the previous year, which has been made in a supervisory capacity and which has been paid out as taxes.

Congress by an act of March 3, 1869, granted to the State of Oregon the lands involved in this road grant, to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from Roseburg by Coos Bay. The land included alternate sections to the extent of three sections in width on each side of the road.

Price Limit Fixed. It was provided that the lands granted should be exclusively applied to the construction of the road, and to no other purpose and should be disposed of only as the work progressed, not to exceed one-quarter of a section to any one person, and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 an acre.

On October 22, 1870, the Legislature of Oregon passed an act granting to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company all of the lands and right of way included in the grant from the Government. On February 4, 1893, the Government brought suit against the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, or rather its successor, the Southern Oregon Company, to forfeit to the Government the lands embraced within the grant, but no trial or hearing has yet been had in the case.

It is contained in the preamble of the drafted bill that the state, and not the Government, is the proper party to bring the suit to recover these lands; that the provision in the Federal grant that the lands should not be sold in quantities to exceed one-quarter of a section to any one person, and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 an acre are self-executing limitations upon the power of the state to alienate the lands; that the act of 1870 should not be construed as a conveyance of title from the state to the road company, and that any attempted violation of the Federal grant by the state, being an unconstitutional act, could not be made a claim of forfeiture by the United States.

State Right Contended. It is further contended that the state is entitled to resume the administration of the grant.

Further, it is provided that the state in resuming such administration should ascertain the amount that would have been derived from the sales of lands at the time of the grant, had the terms of the act been complied with, also taxes paid by the wagon road company, and any and all expenses incurred, in order that the said company may be reasonably reimbursed and justly handled.

The bill makes it the duty of the State Land Board to assume the administration of the grant.

NO APPROPRIATION NECESSARY

Mitchell of Baker Has New Blue Sky Law Bill in House.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Representative Mitchell, of Baker County, today introduced in the House a new blue sky bill, which he declares will be better than any of the previous ones, and combines all of their good points. This proposes to create a state commission to look after the work of corporations, but provides for a system of fees so that, he says, it will be unnecessary to ask for any appropriation for the work.

"I am aware of the prejudice against the creation of new commissions," said Mr. Mitchell, "but I am satisfied any fair-minded man who will take the trouble to investigate the present plan of administering the corporation laws, will appreciate the necessity of providing some new system. The Secretary of State files reports, articles of incorporation, and other papers and collects filing and other fees from corporations amounting to about \$35,000 per year. The State Treasurer collects the annual license fees and interest amounting to about \$150,000 per year. The expense of handling the corporation work in this way is about \$7000 per year including salaries, printing, postage and similar items. On account of the delay of the work, the expense is greater than it should be, and it has been found impossible to give the public satisfactory service. It should be remembered that this bill makes a clean-cut addition to our present corporation code as there is now no provision for supervision, such as is proposed by my blue sky bill. If such a bill had been administered by the bank department, at least three extra people will be required to handle it and the force in the state and treasury departments will not be reduced in the least, while the difficulty of giving the public prompt and reliable service with the work divided between three offices, will be much greater than under the present plan. My bill will produce probably about \$40,000 per year net revenue and no appropriation will be required to put it into immediate and effective operation."

NEW MEASURES REACH HOUSE

Mitchell's Blue Sky Law and Many Others Received.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—New bills were introduced in the House today as follows: H. B. 424, by Mitchell—To protect purchasers on stocks and bonds. (Blue sky law.) H. B. 425, by Mitchell—Giving Circuit and Justice Courts both jurisdiction over violation of gambling laws. H. B. 426, by Anderson, of Clatsop—Regulating classes of fish traps on Columbia River and tributaries. H. B. 427, by Jackson County delegation—To provide for permanent maintenance and support of Ashland Normal School. H. B. 428, by Olson—Restricting fishing at Willamette Falls. H. B. 429, by Olson—To regulate sale of mesh in nets and seines used on Columbia River. H. B. 430, by Potter—To fix salary of County Clerk and Sheriff in Wheeler County. H. B. 431, by Beames—To provide man-

ner of admission, commitment and release from state institutions. H. B. 432, by Howard—To provide manner of making sewer and fire assessments. H. B. 433, by Parsons—Restricting operations of surety companies within the state. H. B. 434, by Parsons—A duplicate. H. B. 435, by Carpenter—Making closed season on crawfish during February, March and April. H. B. 436, by Nolte—Setting apart Sunday as a day of rest. H. B. 437, by Blanchard—Defining and providing for disposition of stray animals. H. B. 438, by Johnson—Giving County Court power to fix salaries of county officers. H. B. 439, by Hill—Providing for and fixing salaries of County Attorney instead of District Attorneys. H. B. 440, by Blanchard—Fixing salary of school superintendent in Josephine County. H. B. 441, by Helzel—Road rules for motor vehicles. H. B. 442, by revision of laws committee—Defining trespass notices. H. B. 443, by Homan—Authorizing Multnomah County Court to pay traveling expenses of Sheriff. H. B. 444, by Parsons—Appropriating \$2500 for relief of Mrs. Ada Wells and children. H. B. 445, by Porter—(Request of Oregon Pure Bred Livestock Association)—Appropriating \$5000 annually for the purchase of livestock for Oregon Agricultural College.

IMPROVEMENT ONLY COVERED

Bill by Calkins in Senate Affects County Road Work.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—A bill providing for the improvement of county roads by assessments on adjacent property was introduced in the Senate by Calkins today. It is founded somewhat on the Tuttle act which was repealed two years ago, but different in some of its material aspects. Instead of providing that highways may be laid out under the bill, it covers improvements only. The Tuttle act allowed assessments on property within two miles of the road to be built or to be improved, while the Calkins bill allows assessment on adjacent property only. The Tuttle act was repealed after it had been subject to a stubborn fight carried into the United States Supreme Court by the Benedictine Fathers of Mount Angel.

GILL'S BILL PROVES FAVORABLE

Only One Dissenting Vote Registered Against Liquor Measure.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The House today passed with but one dissenting vote, that of Representative Helzel, of Marion County, a bill by Gill, of Clackamas County, giving the courts the right to send to jail for a period of not less than 60 days or more than six months, any person found to be selling intoxicating liquors without a license. The bill provides that there is no means of sending "blind pig" operators to jail, although there is a fine attached to violation of the liquor law. Mr. Gill explained the bill to the House. In his hand, it is probable that "blind pig" people will be slow in defying the law. He said the fine system has not troubled them very much, as they can pay their fines and still make a good profit in the business.

SCHUEBEL CHARGES "DELAY"

Representative Asserts Attempt to Kill Measure.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Charging that the committee on irrigation, of the House, failed to get hold of his bill regulating the rate of payment to the state for use of water for power purposes in order to delay it, Representative Schuebel today created a mild flurry. He said it had no relation to irrigation and that, in his judgment, persons deeply interested in defeating it were endeavoring to "kill" it by delay. Representative Haggood, of Multnomah County, and other members of the House declared that it does relate to irrigation, in that it proposes to increase by a large extent the amount to be paid to the state on water used for irrigation purposes. There was so much objection to it that it was sent to the irrigation committee with instructions to report back on it Wednesday morning. Mr. Schuebel accepted this reference with satisfaction.

Judiciary Out of Politics Is Cry

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—To take the judiciary of the state entirely outside of party lines and elect non-partisan judges is the purpose of a bill which was introduced in the Senate by Butler today. The bill eliminates entirely party lines as far as the judiciary is concerned and sets out the method of nominating candidates and electing Justices of the Supreme Court, Circuit Judges and Justices of the Peace.

Carson Would Abolish Expert

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The office of State Printing Expert is abolished in a bill which was introduced by Senator Carson today, and the work of that office is placed in the hands of the Secretary of State. The bill provides that the Secretary of State shall employ a competent clerk, who has knowledge of the art of printing, at a salary of not to exceed \$100 a month, who will have the duties which are now placed in the hands of the expert.

STERILIZATION BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

In Dramatic Argument Against Measure, Passage From Bible Is Recited.

MEN OUTSIDE OF CELLS HIT

Proposed Legislation Requested by Governor Is Viciously Attacked, but Wins Overwhelmingly and Women in Audience Cheer.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—A dramatic scene occurred in the House this afternoon when Representative Schuebel, of Clackamas County, while discussing the so-called sterilization measure, known as House bill No. 63, said he was surprised that there should be any member of the House "to champion the degenerates against whom the bill is directed." The bill passed eventually, with an overwhelming majority.

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Women Share in Applause. "I'd take my chances, sir," replied Mr. Schuebel, and he was greeted by prolonged applause from every section of the House, including an unusually large crowd of women, who remained in the lobby while the entire subject was discussed.

Those voting for the bill were Abbott, Anderson of Clatsop, Anderson of Wasco, Applegate, Barton, Blanchard, Bonebrake, Brunk, Carlin, Carpenter, Eaton, Forbes, Forstrom, Gill, Graves, Hagood, Hall, Hill, Hinkle, Homan, Howard, Hughes, Hurd, Latourette, Laughlin, Lawrence, Lewelling, Mann, Massey, McDonald, Meek, Nichols, Nolte, Olson, Parsons, Pelree, Potter, Potter, Reames, Schmoer, Schuebel, Smith, Spencer, Stranahan, Thoms, Up-ton, Weeks, Westerlund, Speaker McArthur. Voting against the bill were Belland, Chapman, Childs, Handley, Helzel, Mitchell, absent, Campbell, Lofgren, Stansell, and Nichols. The bill which was fathered by Representative Lewelling at the request of Governor West, was viciously attacked by some, but it was supported by others, and it created the greatest interest throughout, holding the largest crowds of both men and women which has gathered at the present session of the House.

In brief, the bill provides that the State Board of Health shall, upon receiving a report to the effect that any inmate of the asylums, of the penitentiary or other penal institution of the state, is incurable or a chronic criminal, "shall proceed to sterilize or otherwise treat such inmate as to protect and conserve society." Such report is to be made by the superintendent of the institution named.

Bible Cited Against Bill. Representative Helzel, of Marion County, took the floor against the bill as it was presented for passage, declaring that it is not a good measure, that the law of God, as written down in Deuteronomy xxiii-1, so specifies, and he doubted if it is within the province of man to amend the law of God recited therein. He attacked the administration of laws as now administered, declaring that it is not the criminal or the insane who are locked within the walls of prisons or asylums who are destroying society, but "the sons of Congressmen, etc.," can be cited as well.

"I include in my category of criminals who are even worse than some of the men who are to come under this proposed law. If it passes, the lawyer who investigates his clients into his office and keeps them in litigation until their funds are gone; the physician who keeps his patient sick until his money is gone and the preacher who sneaks into the home when the husband and father is absent and makes improper advances to the wife and mother."

He said he was surprised that the preachers present as members of the House had not risen before to cite the Bible as being opposed to sterilization.

Minister Makes Reply

Representative Howard, who is a minister, rose later and said that while it was true the Bible said what Mr. Helzel had quoted, "it also" says that who shall shed blood, his blood also shall be shed, but I want to say to you that there are crimes beside which the crime of murder pales into

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insignificance. I refer to the very acts of pervers that this bill is directed against and move the previous question, hoping to see this measure become a law.

"I am in favor of this bill if it will be amended to include married men who go out joy-riding with women," said Representative Nolte, of Multnomah County, amid laughter. Representative Schuebel, of Clackamas County, declared that he was most heartily in favor of the bill and said: "It is high time that we made the young man who commits an act against which this is aimed as much of an outcast as we make the young woman against whom he commits that act an outcast. It is true that custom has so long sustained the other version of this that society has almost come to believe that the young man can accomplish the ruin of as many young women as he pleases and still run at large and be a respected member of society. But I want to say that if any man would enter my home and ensnare one of my daughters, I would kill him as quick as I would a yellow cur."

The committee did not go to Pendleton in the nature of an investigating committee, but merely as a legislative committee to examine into and make a report of the work which has been done on the new buildings. The old question of the site has been finally settled and sent to the background, probably not to bob up again, and for this reason the committee paid no particular attention to any of the features of the institution, with the exception of the buildings and equipment, which have been furnished for the insane wards of the eastern portion of the state.

All of the members of the committee seem to assume the same attitude toward the buildings. Two or More Brakemen Required. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—No train including more than two cars, whether on a steam or an electric line, can operate in the state without two or more brakemen, under the provisions of a bill which was introduced by Senator Butler today. He says the bill has the indorsement of the conductors, firemen, brakemen, and the federated trades.

Hurdgurdy Bill Passes. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Representative Howard's bill to prohibit hurdgurdy was passed today without opposition. It was a bill to restrict these places, introduced by request of Governor West. The bill

was indorsed last week by the Portland General Ministerial Association, after some discussion, although they did not know, according to their own admission, what a hurdgurdy is. They favored it because it was a law desired by Governor West.

SENATE GETS MORE MEASURES. Miller Would Fix Time of Payment of County Clerks. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The following bills were introduced in the Senate today: S. B. 211, by Miller—Relating to time of payment of salaries to County Clerks. S. B. 212, by Carson—Abolishing the office of State Printing Expert. S. B. 213, by Moore—Fixing hours that druggists or employees may be employed. S. B. 214, by Butler—Providing for safety of employes and passengers on railroad trains. S. B. 215, by Neuner (by request)—Allowing Douglas County to build bridge across South Umpqua River. S. B. 216, by Butler—Providing for manner of nominating and electing judicial officers. S. B. 217, by Calkins—Relating to improvement of roads by special assessment on adjacent property. S. B. 218, by Smith (Cooks)—Relating to payment of wages.

CARSON ASKS QUICK ACTION

Senator's Memorial Seeks Relief for Settlers on Siletz.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Relief for the settlers on the Siletz Indian Reservation is demanded from Congress by speedy passage of Representative Hawley's bill in Congress in a joint memorial introduced by Senator Carson today.

The Hawley bill is to come up Thursday, and Senator Carson urges quick action on his memorial.

Cattle-Roaming Bill Passes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.—A bill by Representative Nichols passed the House this morning, preventing cattle roaming at large in any

part of the state, except the Second Congressional District. It was unopposed by any member.

WOOD BILL PASSES SENATE

Admission Made by Senators That Portion Is Ineffective.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Although it was admitted by a number of the Senators and agreed to by President Malarkey that a portion of the Wood bill, originally emanating from the Governor, relating to furnishing liquor or narcotic drugs to inmates of public institutions, is ineffective, that bill passed the Senate today. It was urged that a provision which imposes a penalty upon a convict for furnishing another convict with liquor or drugs cannot be effective as it makes the penalty so inflicted without the person penalized being granted a trial.

Sixty-Hour Limit Fixed by Bill.

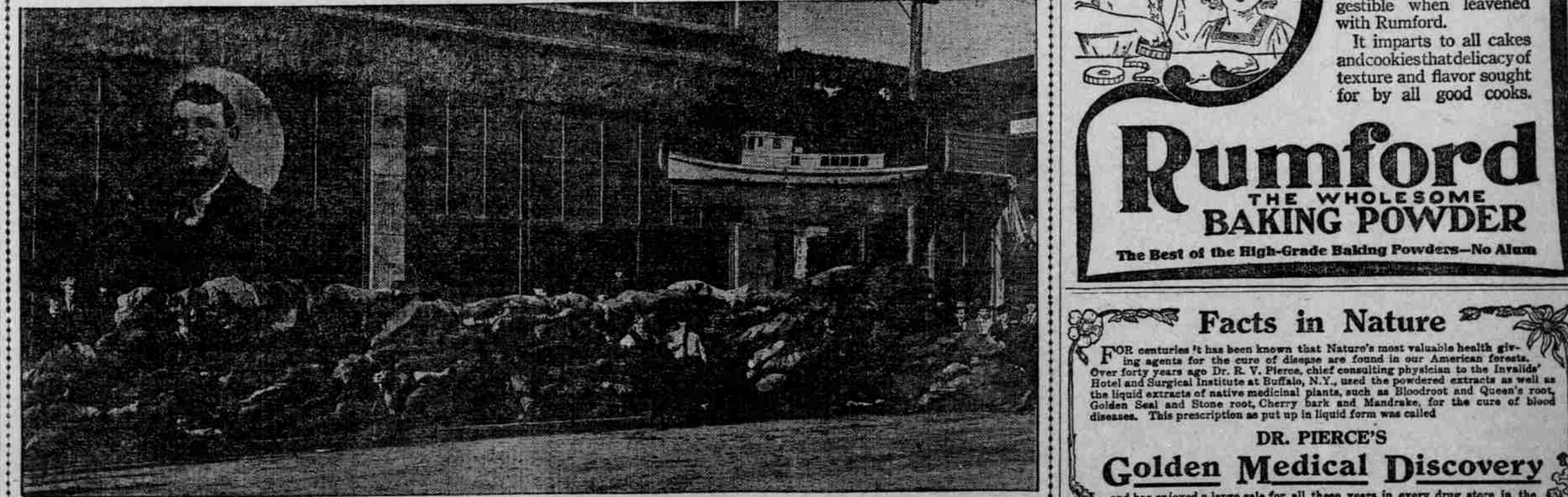
STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Druggists, pharmacists or those who are employed in the work of preparing prescriptions as it makes 60 hours in any one week, under the provisions of a bill which was introduced by Senator Moser today.

Sinlaw County Plan Postponed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The House today voted almost unanimously indefinitely to postpone a bill by Representative Parsons, proposing to create the County of Sinlaw out of Western Lane and Douglas counties.

Porter Would Donate \$5000. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Representative Porter today introduced in the House a bill to appropriate \$5000 annually for the purchase of livestock for use at the Oregon Agricultural College.

FIFTEEN TONS OF DELAYED MAIL, MUCH OF IT A MONTH OLD, REACHES TILLAMOOK.



TOP, ON THE LEFT, CAPTAIN EMMET JENKINS, LAUNCH HENRIETTA. STANDING IN FRONT OF THE MAIL, ON THE RIGHT, IN WHITE SHIRT, POSTMASTER W. F. BAKER.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Fifteen tons of delayed mail piled up in front of the Tillamook postoffice attracted a large number of spectators Saturday. The tie-up on the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company's railroad occurred on December 29 and since that time Tillamook County was only partially served with mail via stage from Sheridan. The mail which arrived Saturday was mostly paper mail, and included the New Year's edition of The Oregonian, exacting one month overdue.

Ordered by Captain Emmet Jenkins in the gasoline launch Henrietta, and besides the paper mail he had on board several drums of gasoline and cases of oil. Captain Jenkins has made several trips before to Astoria in the launch. He made a night run from Astoria to Tillamook, crossing in over sent one wagon load to the south part of the county, which was followed by a large load on the usual Cloverdale-Tillamook stage. F. Baker at noon went down by auto.

Advertisement for Dainty Cookies and Rumford Baking Powder. Includes an illustration of a woman and child, and text describing the product as 'The Best of the High-Grade Baking Powders—No Alum'.

Advertisement for Golden Medical Discovery by Dr. R. V. Pierce. Text describes it as a 'Facts in Nature' product for various ailments, available at drug stores.