PORTLAND MAN IN SALT LEASE FIGHT WATER FOR THE CHANGE ASKED

A. Welch, of Willamette Valley Line, Is Revealed as Rival of J. C. Moore.

BEDS CALLED WORTHLESS

Midder Is Said to Have Process to Extract Product From Lakes Abert and Summer-Two Committees Hear Case.

that A. Welch, of Portland, one of the promoters of the Portland. Eugenc & Eastere Railroad, was co-operating with H. S. Wallace and others in an effort to obtain a lease of Abert and Summer Lakes, said to contain rich saits deposits. J. Bowerman, representing Mr. Welch, said that his client was ready to deposit a bond of \$25,000 for faithful performance of his contract.

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The State Land Board awarded the lease to Jason C. Moore, or New York, with the provision that it finally be passed upon by the Legislature. Senator Bingham, who presided at the meeting tonight, said that everybody would be given a fair deal, and that the best proposal would be accepted. Mr. Bowerman said if Mr. Welch obtained the lease, although he would hot admit state ownership, he would bind himself to pay royalty to the state for the output.

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There was considerable argument as to whether ex-Attorney-General Crawford had drawn the bid submitted at the time the Moore bid was accepted by the Oregon Soda & Potash Mining Company, in which Mr. Wallace is interested. Mr. Wallace is interested. Mr. Wallace said Mr. Crawford reaponded with denial. Mr. Wallace finally admitted that Mr. Crawford, in the lease said to have been dictated by him, stipulated that it was conceded title was with the state.

Ex-Governor West said the State Land Board had acted upon the idea that the best way to get title was for the state to assert it. He declared the Board had obtained a report from the Bureau of Mines and Geology that the deposits were worthless, and the lease was prepared to settle the thing.

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censed over the action of the House in indefinitely postponing action on Senator Dimicis bill to end the taking of a state census and passing a similar measure introduced by Representative Dillard. The Dimick bill having been passed first by one house, by all precedent, rules and propriety, say the complaining Senators, should have been given the right of way. It was passed by the Senate January 15, and was in the House four days before the Dillard bill was passed there.

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Senator Dimich said the action of the House was a violation of all precedent. He wreed that the Senate passine Dillard bill as the quickest way to get the desired relief.

Annexation Bill Signed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 25. STATE CAPITOL Salem, Or. Jan. 28.—
(Snecial.)—Governor Withycombe today signed House bill No. 23, introduced
by Representative Lewis, which will
enable adjoining cities to merge under
a constitutional amendment passed at a constitutional and the measure is the recent election. The measure is primarile for the benefit of St. Johns and Portland, both of which will vote upon a proposal for a merging of the smaller city with the larger one in a

Highway Sign Ban Passes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—None of "those leasting signs" that Dr. Smith complains threatens to mar the scenic effects along the Columbia Highway will be permitted along any highway in the state if the Schate concurs in the action of the House this afternoon, The

lower House passed Dr. Smith's bill prohibiting advertising signs along the state highways, even if the advertiser has permission of an official of the state. The act is not effective against city highways or against private roads.

Bill Would Permit Justice Courts to

Try Those Accused. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 25.
—(Special.)—To enable the prosecuting officers of the state to try men charged with non-support in either a Justice Court or a Circuit Court is the object of a bill introduced in the House this afternoon by Representative Jeffries, of Clatsop County.

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The object, he explained, is to make men who are charged with non-support really support their wives. Under the present law non-support is a felony and may be tried only in Circuit Courts. If the courts are not in session a man sometimes must be held in jail for several months and therefore is incapacitated from supporting his family, defeating the very object of the law. Under the proposed law it will be possible to bring such men to immediate trial.

Recess Bill Introduced.

STATE CAPITOL. Salem. Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—At a joint meeting of the committees on public lands of the House and Senate tonight it developed that A. Welch, of Portland, one of the promoters of the Portland, one of the Fasters Railroad, was co-operating with H. S. Wallace and others in an effort to obtain a lease of Abert and Summer Lakes, said to contain rich salts deposits. J. Bowerman, representing Mr. Welch, said that his client was ready to deposit a bond of \$25,000 for faithful performance of his convenions.

CHANGES IN WORKMEN'S COM-PENSATION ACT PLANNED.

Representative Schuebel Would Base Assessments on Payroll Totals and Gauge Various Risks.

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STATE CAPITOL Salem, Or., Jan. 25.

"Are you prepared financially to comply today with such a proposal as was advertised by the State Land Board" naked Senator Bingham.

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HOUSE ACT ROILS SENATE

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STATE CAPITOL Salem, Or., Jan. 25.

"Auditor Denies Estimate.

State Auditor Clausen today refused to allow a \$10,000 estimate on Chency Normal School, declaring that as a result of charges of "skimping" on the volting as the did not be bid, and the strong was the recessant of the first was the distance of the states of the state of the state

HOUSE ACT ROILS SENATE

(Special.) — One hundred and thirty Klamath County horses were purchased here last week by agents representing here last w

City Attorneys Lead Fight at Open Meeting, Saying Measure Is Monopoly.

ALLEGED "JOKERS" FOUND

Seats Republican by Nine Votes Over Progressive - State

ate bill 46 by Senator Taylor.

Prohibition against competition from cities or new public utility corporations, except under "certificate of public convenience or necessity," to be issued by the Public Service Commission, indeterminate franchises and the plac-ing of municipally-owned public util-ities under control of the State Com-mission are some of the provisions of the bill in question, which generally aims at monopoly, under state regu-lation, as a substitute for unrestricted

City Attorneys Oppose Bill. City Attorneys Oppose Bill.

James E. Bradford, H. M. Stephens and T. L. Stiles, the corporation counsel of Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma respectively, led the assault on the bill. Everett, Bellingham, Aberdeen, Hoquiam and North Yakima City Attorneys joined with them. James B. Howe, of Seattle, counsel for the Stone & Webster interests, upheld the proposed act in an able argument.

"This is legislation which the public utility corporations of the state must have if they are to live," he said, basing his argument on the evils of unrestricted competition and declaring that the corporations now were entitled

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WHY HAIR FALLS OUT

well known. He was a member of the 19th and 11th Legislatures. MERGER WORK BEGINS SOON Senate and House Committees Read to Consider State Changes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The joint committee of the House and Senate to investigate bills and suggestions for consolidations and abolitions of boards and departments will start work at once, announces President Thompson, of the Senate, who today named Day, Barrett and Bingham members of the Senate committee. The President also is a member.

The House committee is composed

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IDAHO ASSEMBLY AGAINST CON-VENTION FOR REVISION.

Report Made by Expert on Capitol Maintenance Expenditures—Railroad Committee Named.

nounces President Thompson, of the Senate, who today named Day, Barrett and Bingham members of the Senate committee. The President also is a member.

The House committee is composed of Speaker Selling, Hare, Hunt, Eaton and Wentworth. It is the plan to make a thorough investigation of conditions and make recommendations looking to retrenchment and reform in the state government.

Germans Said to Have 25-Mile Gun.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 25.—

A German military newspaper announces that a new naval gun of 16-caliber and with a range of 25 miles has been created.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Disapproval of a constitutional convention, the Senate today passed, without a dissenting vote, the McGowan resolution. It goes to the Governor, who, by its terms, is authorized to appoint a commission of three to make as investigation into the road construction to submit to the people the question of calling a convention, and it is doomed to defeat.

Mr. Gleason, in his report on lavish maintenance fund, declared that two years ago the Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for biennial maintenance of the Capitol building, but there is a deficit over that amount of \$12.883.95; that in 1911-12 improper charges were made on

In order that Idaho may get behind In order that Idaho may get behind a north-and-south railroad, or bring about construction of a connecting link from the terminal of the Pacific & Idaho Northern at New Meadows north to Lewiston, the Senate today passed, without a dissenting vote, the McGowan resolution. It goes to the Governor, who, by its terms, is authorized to appoint a commission of three to make an investigation into the road construction and influence capital in its building.



the fund of \$3073.78, and in 1912-14 there were improper charges amounting to \$1249.88; that in 1913 there was expended from the fund unnecessarily \$12,208.95; that over twice as much coal was used in 1913 as 1914, or 2077 tons in the former year and 997 in the latter. He recommends that the coal items be investigated. This is the second of 135 state funds which the examiner will report on.



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