

NO MORE BILLS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL FEBRUARY 23

No More Bills Will Be Received Until Two-thirds Majority, Both Houses.

LEGISLATURE KEPT BUSY

Most All Important Matters Are Now Far Advanced—Oregon Fisheries Agreement to Be Enacted Into River Treaty.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)

On the 40th day of the 60-day session and the last day for introduction of bills without consent of a two-thirds majority of both Houses, the Washington Legislature today worked all day Friday in the Senate and House session before adjourning for the weekend over Saturday.

Both houses were flooded with new bills crowded in at the last moment. The Senate receiving 66 and the House 102, in addition to those already filed, bringing the total of bills introduced in both houses this session to 710, a considerable increase over 1915.

With the exception of the general appropriation bill which is the right of way at any time, it being jointly submitted, most of the important measures of the session have far advanced in legislative processes.

One of the important bills introduced today incorporates the joint recommendations of the Oregon and Washington Fisheries Commissions, agreed upon two weeks ago, as amendments to the Columbia River treaty between the two states now awaiting ratification by Congress.

Other bills passed by the House today require the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river between the two states now awaiting ratification by Congress.

The Senate passed five hours listening to third reading of a coal-mining code which both employers and employees are opposed to.

Two new House bills are designed to amend the constitution in order to establish a short-ballot system whereby only the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and State Auditor will be elected.

The House list of new bills also includes an appropriation of \$25,000 for state enforcement of the bone-dry law, which is not yet signed by the Governor.

Boys Face Theft Charge. Detectives Say Four Youths Confessed to Taking Auto.

Four boys were arrested last night by Detectives Craddock and Smith who have been investigating the theft of an automobile from James A. Chittell, 813 Patton avenue, last Monday night.

Old Suit Papers Served. A. B. F. Orr, Accused by Lewis Hodler, Finally Located.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Hoyt Blair, deputy sheriff, last night served papers on Augustus Ben F. Orr, in which Lewis Hodler, of Portland, sought suit for \$50,000 damages against Mr. Orr for the alleged alienation of the affections of his wife.

Railway Auto on Display. Machine to Operate Between Hood River and Parkdale.

A 26-passenger automobile bus, built to operate on gasoline or diesel fuel, is now being shown at the corner of Fourth and Stark streets.

CHINESE OPERA NOW IS IN FULL MID-SEASON SWING

Critical Analysis Reveals That Orchestral Volume Is on Same Standard of Excellence as Work of Performers, as Far as Mere Occidental Can Judge.

MEMBERS of the local Chinese colony, in customary celebration of the New Year's holidays, are well along in the enjoyment of an opera season, which began its way here about the middle of January.

Comparison Not Easy. The lack of truly imperishable critical standards in this comparatively new art, it is impossible to appraise the opera at Arion Hall with any degree of exactness.

Orchestra Work Studied. By overcoming one's primary resentment toward the tympani, one can study the orchestra as a whole and note the essential difference between the Chinese and the Occidental conception of suitable musical settings for operatic lyrics.

Love's Span Tolls \$287. 4055 PERSONS CROSS BRIDGE IN FIRST 24 HOURS.

500 Autos and Trucks Pass Over River and 2600 Persons Travel in Street-cars in Day.

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FUNERAL OF WESTERN PIONEER TO BE HELD TODAY.

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FOURTH COMMANDMENT GIVEN IN COURT IN DENYING DIVORCE

Judge Gatens Pleads With Couple to Continue Union of 34 Years and Re-proves Son Charged With Being Cause of Separation.

THE high windows of the courtroom might have been of art glass, the seats at the rear might have been arranged in rows, the hum of traffic on streets below might have been the chant of a choir, the bench at which the judge sat might have been a pulpit—and there would have been no incongruity between the setting and the words spoken by Circuit Judge Gatens Thursday when he denied the divorce asked by Lucy J. Grabel from F. W. Grabel.

The jurist took as his text the Fourth Commandment—"Honor thy father and thy mother."

"It is the duty of a son to make the declining years of his parents as peaceful and happy as lies in his power," said Judge Gatens. "He should try to make things a little sweeter for him. When unkind, unthinking words are said he should take them with a smile, shut up about it and come back for more."

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