

STATE WILL DROP GRAZING LAND CASE

House Passes, Then Kills Bill to Prosecute Pacific Livestock for Fraud.

DEBATE OFTEN IS BITTER State Treasurer Kay Asserts That Land Board Never Indorsed Move of Mr. McConnell to Proceed Against the Company.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 19. (Special.)—Prosecution of the case against the Pacific Livestock Company for alleged frauds in obtaining title to about 40,000 acres of grazing land in Eastern Oregon probably will have to cease as a result of the refusal of the House tonight to pass the bill appropriating \$3000 for the attorney-general to continue the work.

The bill was introduced today in the House by the ways and means committee and after some sharp debate, it was passed. But tonight it was recalled and killed.

It developed from the line of argument on the floor that about five years ago C. B. McConnell, an Eastern Oregon land owner, came before the State Land Board and asked the state to join in a suit against the Pacific Livestock Company.

Mr. McConnell wanted to irrigate some dry land near the Slaves River. The Pacific Livestock Company owned the land on both sides of the stream, and refused to surrender their water rights. Mr. McConnell pleaded that the company had obtained their property by fraud. Governor West, it seems, instructed Mr. McConnell to start proceedings in the name of the state.

Before acting on the bill today the House heard presentation from State Treasurer Kay and L. H. Van Winkle, Assistant Attorney-General. Mr. Kay said the State Land Board had taken no action in the case. Mr. Van Winkle explained that the case could not be prosecuted successfully without funds. Representative Crandall, who represents the district in which the lands are located, carried the property by bill. He was vigorously opposed by Representatives Bean, Peck and others.

Mr. Bean read a statement from State Treasurer Kay. Mr. McConnell was quoted as saying that while the state should win the suits, he (McConnell) would remain in possession of the water rights and would not dispose of them to the state except for a consideration.

The history of the Pacific Livestock Company was referred to frequently and in no kind of terms. The company is controlled by Miller & Lux, who own extensive holdings in California and Nevada. Mr. Miller died recently leaving an estate of about \$30,000,000, and now his family is resisting the payment of an inheritance tax in California.

The situation in the case of this bill became complicated tonight when the Senate recalled House Bill 285, by Gordon, which the Senate defeated a few days ago.

creation of public and legal notices in newspapers. H. B. 506, by Rowe—Regulating manufacture of cheese to conform with Federal standards. Substitute H. B. 51, by committee on revision of laws—Amending laws providing for sale of property by foreclosure, etc. H. B. 42, by Mann—Providing for voluntary military training in high schools of the state. H. B. 479, by Laurgaard (by request)—Appropriating \$200 for medals for Joseph C. Fosch for bravery. H. B. 509, by committee on fisheries—Permitting fishing with set nets for family during certain seasons of the year. H. B. 504, by Mann—To prohibit transportation of persons afflicted with contagious diseases in public conveyances. H. B. 504, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for one-half bounty granted for destruction of certain wild animals.

New Clothes for Young Men Are Here

A SPRING showing of L System Clothes, combining the best of everything—designs, fabrics and tailoring. An exhibit that is meeting with universal favor.

—Young men are invited to see the Kombo Garments—they can be worn as belted backs or as plain suits, at the option of the wearer.

\$20 to \$25 Young Men's Store, Second Floor A Good Hat—the Brewer, \$3 Quality Unchanged

Ben Selling

Leading Clothier Morrison at Fourth



HAIR COMING OUT?

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine, get a drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it into the scalp. After a few applications the hair starts coming out and you can't find any dandruff.

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH

Hurry, Mother! Remove Poisons From Little Stomach, Liver, Bowels. Give "California Syrup of Figs" at Once if Bilious or Constipated.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When puffed, crossed, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad, has stomach ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs" and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

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Three World Wonders on the Santa Fe

IF your ticket to the East is via Santa Fe you can stop off to see them.

- Yosemite Valley
—Grand Canyon
—Petrified Forest

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