THE GRIMES ESTATE

E. M. GRIMES HAS PURCHASED THE INTEREST OF OTHER HEIRS.

Now That a Settlement Has Been Effected, Grimes' Grove, at Seaside, Will Probably Be Improved.

ASTORIA, Feb. 16.—The suit of C. C. Grimes et al. vs. E. M. Grimes, which has been pending for about four years, was settled today, E. M. Grimes purchasing from the other heirs their interest in the estate of G. K. Grimes, deceased. The estate consists of the property known as Grimes' Grove, at Seaside, and the consideration for which the settlement was effected was $15,000, payable in two years. The suit grew out of the fact that Monroe Grimes, who lived with his father until the latter's death, claimed not only a half-interest in the estate, as a partner, but also a share of the other half, as one of the heirs. The other heirs contested this claim, but it was held by Judge McGuire, of the Clatsop county court, that the view taken by Monroe was the correct one. The defeated heirs wisely took the advice of friends, and, instead of appealing the case, settled it in the manner above described. Now that the estate has been placed in such shape that E. M. Grimes knows to whom it belongs, there will probably be some decided improvements made. Three years ago the sum of $75,000 was offered for the estate, but the offer was refused, the owner claiming it was worth double that sum.

IN TACOMA'S COUNCIL.

Action of Six Members Denounced by the City Attorney.

TACOMA, Feb. 16.—An exciting scene was witnessed during today's city council meeting, when City Attorney Wickersham denounced the action of six members in protesting against the passage of Senator Taylor's measure to extend streets to deep water. The six members, he said, were acting most unfairly with him, and against the interests of the city. Councilman Glen intensified the interest by stating that he had not signed the protest, at least not knowingly; whereupon Mr. Wickersham exclaimed that Glen's statement proved that forgery had been added to the other crimes committed in connection with the opposition to the Taylor bill. Glen later claimed to have misunderstood what he was asked to sign. The council, by a vote of 10 to 5, indorsed Wickersham's efforts at Olympia, the five members who signed the protest voting not to indorse.

William Richards and Harry Taylor, young Puyallup Indians, are under arrest charged with forgery. Richards today presented a forged check for $7 50, bearing the name of J. F. Jacobson, a grain merchant, on the Bank of British Columbia, and, on arrest, he confessed, implicating Taylor, for whom a warrant was already out, charging him with passing a forged check for $100, bearing the same signature, on a merchant three weeks ago. Joe Wenier, another Puyallup, is also in custody, being accused of passing a counterfeit bill. The police say these three Indians are becoming too civilized.

Special Treasury Agent H. A. Moore, of San Francisco; F. W. Bean, of Spokane, and Leslie Cullom, of Tacoma, arrived today on the revenue cutter Grant, and will leave Sunday for Oregon to inspect custom-houses there. Everything is reported to be in a satisfactory condition here.

THE PEARSON FUND.

A Munificent Donation by Pacific University Students.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 16.—The most interesting students' meeting in the history of Pacific university met Friday evening last, in the college chapel, at the call of some of the students. The object was to secure subscriptions to the Pearson fund. Owing to adverse circumstances only about one-fourth of the students were present. The object of the meeting had been kept secret from the faculty, and the result was an entire surprise to all. As soon as the amount had been subscribed, the students adjourned in a body to the assembly room of the ladies' hall, and took President McClelland by storm. Rev. C. F. Clapp, who happened to be present, acted as spokesman, and informed the president that the students had been successful in raising $202. He also stated that a committee had been appointed to canvass the students who were not present at the mass meeting and to bring up the total subscription to $2000 if possible. President McClelland responded in a brief but warm address, in which he emphasized the value to the institution of the loyalty which the students had always shown, and had so emphatically manifested by this last munificent gift. This large donation is all the more valuable because it came without any solicitation on the part of the president or any member of the faculty.

PIERCE COUNTY WARRANTS.

Judicial Decision That They Were Not Ratified.

In a decision handed down at Tacoma by Judge Pritchard, the report of the canvassing board regarding the vote on the attempt to ratify outstanding county warrant indebtedness of Pierce county, Wash., was approved. This report was that the proposition failed to carry. John W. Cutting, some months ago, filed a contest to the decision and had a recount of the ballots made. It was found that only about 10 per cent of the voters had voted on the proposition at all, and that many of them had marked their tickets in an unintelligible manner. The ballots were divided into different classes of markings and submitted to the court, which has ruled a large proportion of them out as illegal. The result is the proposed ratification is defeated. The amount of warrant indebtedness being voted on was in the neighborhood of $700,000.

M. S. Jacobs' chattel mortgage of $17,985 85 on the stock of Jacoby, Ash & Co., of Tacoma, has been declared the first lien by Judge Pritchard, and the receiver ordered to pay it in full before dividing the proceeds among other creditors.

UNABLE TO AGREE.

The Jury in Banker Edmiston's Case Still Out.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 16.—The trial of James K. Edmiston ended at 2:30 o'clock today. Mr. Snively took up the argument this morning and was followed by Mr. Poindexter for the prosecution. Snively argued in the main as yesterday, while Poindexter made a recapitulation of the evidence. The latter said all that was required for the prosecution to prove was that Edmiston knew the bank to be insolvent when he, as president of the bank, had knowledge of receiving the deposit of Mrs. C. L. Whitney. Speculation had it that the jury would be out but a few minutes, and the door of the jury-room was watched for half an hour with interest by the spectators, but at a late hour tonight the jury is still unable to agree.

Demurrers to four of the cases were sustained by the court, but the prosecution gave verbal notice of appeal. The prosecution, after consultation, asked that the fifth case be dismissed, which was done. The witnesses left for home tonight.

FISHERMEN JUBILANT.

Successful Shipment of Fish From Aberdeen to New York.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 16.—The Fishermen's Union were jubilant last night over the fact that two carloads of fish, sent in chemical refrigerator cars to Fulton market, New York city, had arrived there in prime condition, and were meeting with a ready sale at prices in advance of what was expected when fish were sent from here. The first car was caught in a snow blockade, and did not arrive until the second car, sent a week later, had been received. The market authorized Albin Johnson, the agent here, to draw on them for the full amount.

Dan Downy, a fisherman living at Sand island, who is a terror to the people of that section, was arrested last night by Constable Pearson, brought to this city and lodged in the city jail on a warrant sworn out by James Fowler, who will endeavor to have Downy put under heavy bonds to keep the peace, as Downy has repeatedly drawn a gun on him and threatened to turn him into a lead mine. Downy was arrested a week ago by Fowler for destroying and stealing fish nets and was released on bonds to appear at the next term of court. He proceeded to "fill up" and, arming himself with a shotgun, he terrorized that usually peaceful settlement. He will be given a hearing today, and bonds will probably be placed so high that Downy will have a chance to ponder on the inconvenience of being a bad man, handy with a gun.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

Investigation of the Charges Against Judge Arthur at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 16.—The investigation by a legislative committee of the impeachment charges against Superior Judge Arthur, of this county, continues the ruling sensation here. The hearings are held behind closed doors, even the attorneys for the prosecution and defense not being allowed to hear the testimony. The sensational feature today was the refusal of Dr. Potter, an expert in the use, effects and cure of the opium habit, to testify, pleading that the relation of physician and patient has existed between himself and Judge Arthur, and that he could not testify without the consent of the judge. The hearing adjourned for the day soon after this refusal. A great deal of curiosity is manifested as to whether Judge Arthur will give his consent. Certified copies of the records in the case of Daniel Steen, convicted of cattle-stealing, were laid before the committee today. They show that Steen was sentenced by Arthur to 10 months' imprisonment in the county jail, and that four months later an order was issued for his release. A number of physicians testified today, as experts, regarding the moral and physical effects of the habitual use of opium. In an interview, Judge Arthur denies point blank that he is addicted to the use of the drug.

AN OLYMPIA MERCHANT.

Death in New York City of I. Harris, of Harris & Sons.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 16.—A private dispatch received here today announced the death in New York city of I. Harris, of the firm of Harris & Sons, of this city. He died at the Jewish hospital, of pneumonia, after one day's illness. Mr. Harris established a business house here in 1871, and he was well known on the coast. He left a widow and two sons in this city. He went to New York to buy for his house here and had been absent but a few weeks. The remains will be brought to Olympia for interment.

Opinions in the following cases have been filed in the supreme court.

Charles T. Wooding, respondent, vs. Oscar L. Crain, appellant, from Chehalis; motion denied.

O. B. Dewer et al., respondents, vs. Westminster Presbyterian Church, appellant, from Pierce; dismissal granted.

TOO YOUNG TO MARRY.

Joseph McAlith, of Heppner, Swore She Was Not.

HEPPNER, Or., Feb. 16.—B. F. Willis, of Lexington, and Joseph McAlith, of Heppner, are in serious trouble. Willis wanted to wed Linnie Leffler, the 16-year-old daughter of a farmer living near Lexington. The girl's parents objected, and Willis, not to be outdone, came to Heppner and in some way induced McAlith to go with him before the county clerk and swear that the girl was 18 years old, which procured the license, and the couple were married a few days ago at Lexington. Leffler at once came to town and swore out warrants for the arrest of Willis and McAlith. The latter was arrested yesterday and tried before Justice E. L. Freeland, who found the evidence sufficient to justify him in binding him over to the grand jury in the sum of $500, which, so far, he has failed to give. Willis and his girl bride cannot be found. It is thought that they have gone East.

OTHER NORTHWEST NEWS.

Drowned in Lake Washington.

SEATTLE, Feb. 16.—Joseph Pfahl, a chicken-rancher, 45 years of age, fell off the wharf at Lake Washington at 11:15 last night and was drowned. Pfhal is supposed to have been drunk, although no one saw him fall overboard, but the splash was heard. The body was recovered this morning. He left a brother and sister in Germany, and an estate worth about $10,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Mabel Burnside, with suicidal intent, leaped from the Grant-street bridge, near the Union Electric Company's plant, into the bay this morning about 1 o'clock. She failed of her purpose and was removed by the police and taken to the station, where she was attended by the city physician. Beyond a good ducking in cold salt water, the woman was not materially injured.

For the Fifth Time.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Feb. 16.—W. H. Rumley, for many years a resident of this county and who has been in the insane asylum four times in the last 10 years, was examined before Judge Neil today and again pronounced insane. He was taken to the asylum this evening, from which he was dismissed only a few weeks ago, under the impression that he had so far recovered as to be safe to release. His dementia is believed to be the result of an incurable disease, which is inflamed and intensified by drink, in which he indulges to excess when not under restraint.

An Addition to Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 16.—The Standard Oil Company has just completed a large iron tank at its warehouse in the southern part of town. For some time this company has maintained a warehouse here, and has made this a distributing point for all the oil used in the smaller surrounding towns. Hereafter the supply will be brought here in the large tank cars. The tank just completed has a capacity of 12,000 gallons.

Coal Tests by the Mohican.

The United States steamer Mohican has completed its tests of Franklin and Roslyn coal, and is taking on Wilkeson coal, which will be tested in a run on Monday or Tuesday. Captain Mullan and other officers of the Mohican have accepted an invitation of the Northern Pacific Coal Company to visit the Roslyn mines. The party will leave Tacoma Sunday on a special train, and will return Tuesday afternoon.

Golden Star Mine Sold.

COTTAGE GROVE, Feb. 16.—A Chicago syndicate has bought the Golden Star mine on Martin creek, about three miles from Bohemia. This is said to be the oldest mine in that section, but has not been thoroughly developed. The purchasers are very favorably impressed with their prospects. They will make all necessary arrangements to open up the mine before returning East.

Lady Stage-Driver Was Not Held Up.

PENDLETON, Feb. 16.—The United States deputy marshal returned here today, and says that the story of the Echo-Heppner stage robbery is a "fake."

Port Warden for Columbia District.

SALEM, Feb. 16.—Captain John A. Lombard, of Portland, was today appointed port warden for the Columbia district by Governor Lord.

Postmaster at Crawfordsville.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—J. C. Cox was today appointed postmaster at Crawfordsville, Linn county, Or.

THE BALLOT AT SALEM

ALL TOLD, TWENTY-TWO HAVE BEEN TAKEN SO FAR.

The Feature of the Joint Session Yesterday Was the Uniting of Opposition Republicans on Williams.

The feature of yesterday's joint ballot at Salem for United States senator, the 22d, was the uniting of the opposition republicans upon George H. Williams. The opening ballot and those since the 10th, were:

	1	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Dolph	14	35	41	39	41	41	30	26	29	29	29	41	35
Williams	1	9	11	10	9	11	9	9	11	11	11	10	21
Hare	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10
Raley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Weatherford	0	7	8	7	7	8	5	7	7	7	7	1	1
Lowell	0	2	3	3	3	10	2	10	10	12	9	12	0
Lord	2	4	3	3	4	8	5	6	7	5	8	7	0
Absent	1	16	2	6	2	2	24	12	6	6	6	1	14

The Joint Session.

SALEM, Feb. 16.—The last vote of the last full week but one of the legislature, for the election of United States senator, was taken today and all sensational rumors fell flat. The only incident of roll-call was the uniting of the bolting republicans upon George H. Williams, who received 24 votes. Six of them were paired, so his strength would have been 30 in the event of a full session.

Pairs announced were: Alley and Calbreath; Steiwer and Smith of Clatsop; Carter and Cooper; Blundell and Yates; Boothby and Conn; Smith of Clackamas and Scott; Smith of Linn and Templeton. Necessary to a choice, 39. The ballot in detail was:

For J. N. Dolph—Bancroft, Beach, Bridges, Brownell, Calvert, Cardwell, Cleeton, Daly, David, Dawson, Denny, Gesner, Gowan, Gowdy, Hobson, Long, Maxwell, McCraken, McGinn, McGreer, Mintie, Myers, Moorhead, Patterson (Marion), Paxton, Price, Sehlbrede, Shutrum, Smith (Josephine), Smith (Polk), Stanley, Thompson, Woodard, Moores, Simon—35.

For G. H. Williams—Burke, Gates, Johnson, Keyt, Lester, Lyle, Tigard, Wright, Barkley, Craig, Dunn, Hillegas, McClung, Alley, Baker, Coon, Cole, Curtis, Davis, Guild, Gurdane, Hofer, Hope, Patterson (Grant)—24.

For W. D. Hare—Buckman, Burleigh, Holt, Huffman, Jeffrey, King, Nealon, Stewart, Vanderberg, Young—10.

For J. H. Raley—Beckley, Butler, Cogswell, Huston, McAlister, Smith (Sherman)—6.

For J. K. Weatherford—Raley—1.

A Word to Legislators.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Republican senators are becoming aroused over the prospects of no election in Oregon, and republicans everywhere who want better tariff legislation have begun to telegraph Oregon republicans to elect a senator. There is already a great scramble for Dolph's place on the committee on commerce, foreign relations and public lands—three places which cannot be secured by any new man. The foreign relations committee has been regarded as especially important, in view of the Nicaraguan question and the proposed annexation of Hawaii, as well as the extension of trade in the Pacific. Old senators here wonder what Oregon can be thinking of to turn down a man situated like Dolph on the committees, he being better placed for his state than any other man in the senate for his own particular state.

BUT ONE MORE WEEK.

The Legislative Session Stale, Flat and Unprofitable.

SALEM, Feb. 16.—So far as the results of all but one week of its natural life, Oregon's legislative session might far better never have been called into existence. Of course, it will have to pass this coming week the general appropriation bill, which is a public necessity. Otherwise any issue of good is problematical. A great number of local measures, mostly town charters, have been passed by both houses, but no general measure has yet gone to the governor, except the lien land bill and the fruit pest law. It appropriates more money for this purpose than the corresponding act of two years ago. Senator Carter's caution that the people may very likely in two years express their disapproval of the members of this present session unless official burdens are reduced to correspond to the lessening incomes of the people is one that the legislature so far shows little signs of heeding. Almost the last act of the house this morning was to reconsider its vote by which the railroad commission was abolished. This breaks the force of its action in the repeal, upon which it could have expected the approval of the people. A good many members were pledged to the abolishment of the extra judgeship in the third district. This promise also has gone by the board in both houses. The populists, whose great cry is reform, pinned their hopes on the creation of a lot of new judicial district officers, with the attendant burden on the people, and have been helped with the project quite liberally from many sources.

The only straightforward, honest move for reductions of the public burdens has been the senate's acts in passing the Simon and McGinn bills, effecting reductions of an estimated $250,000 in the expenses of government in Multnomah county. The senate has passed these measures, but their fate in the house is yet undecided. They were expected to come up Friday night, and the abandonment of the night session is interpreted to mean that good reason existed for the fear they could not be passed. Cole and Burke, whose bolt of the senatorial caucus gave an idea of what might be expected from them, have shown their true colors in repudiating the more important pledges as to economic reform, and are shamelessly intriguing here with all discontented factions in an effort to defeat the work which they, with others, were elected to do. The Multnomah delegation in the house will stand 7 to 2 in favor of the redemption of pledges of economic reform. The two recreant members, Cole and Burke, will do all they can to defeat the delegation's purposes. The Multnomah delegation goes home today, with another good mark to their credit, the enactment of the best bridge bill the county ever had. (The bill appears elsewhere in this issue.)

The Simon charter bill, now awaiting action in the house, is substantially the same as senate bill No. 104, in the printed form generally circulated. Four amendments were made, as follows: The name of W. M. Ladd was added to the board of public works; the city engineer's salary may not exceed $5000; contractors failing to carry out contracts may not be awarded other contracts. The provision for a lighting fund of $4 per capita to each ward was stricken out.

SATURDAY AT SALEM.

The Various Measures Before the Legislature Yesterday.

SALEM, Feb. 16.—At the morning session of the senate the following business was transacted:

Long—Authorizing Portland to purchase the Stark-street ferry and Morrison-street bridge and issue bonds therefor; passed.

Denny—Providing for the employment of convicts in a beet-sugar factory; laid on the table for the purpose of making minor amendments.

Brownell—Relating to the election of county officers; to third reading.

Moorhead—Providing for majority verdicts in civil cases; to third reading.

Dawson—Creating the office of game warden, with an annual salary of $1500; to third reading.

Gesner—For sewers for asylum, penitentiary and state house; to third reading; to release the state from its contract for electric lights for the capitol, etc.; first and second reading, referred to public buildings.

Conn—Relating to the vacation of so much of the Cascade reserve as lies in Klamath county; referred to judiciary.

Raley—To regulate the practice of medicine; to third reading.

King—Providing for the organization and government of irrigation districts; passed.

Smith of Josephine—For the suspension of annual labor on mining claims for this year; adopted.

Bancroft—To punish for breaking into railway cars; passed.

Gowan—Concerning the location and relocation of county seats; passed.

Woodard—For the protection of song birds; passed.

The Day in the House.

SALEM, Feb. 16.—Speaker Moores called the house to order at 9:45. On motion the vote was reconsidered by which the Gates railroad commission bill was defeated and then the bill was laid on the table for future consideration.

On special order the several bills for new judicial districts and other court matters came up.

Gowan's senate bill creating a ninth district of the counties of Grant, Harney and Malheur, passed.

McAlister's senate bill for the creation of an eighth district of the counties of Baker, Union and Wallowa; passed.

Daly's bill creating the sixth district of Morrow and Umatilla counties; passed.

Smith's (of Josephine) bill, prescribing the times of holding court in the first district; passed.

Reconsideration was had of the vote whereby six months was placed in Johnson's senate bill as time allowed for redemption from an execution sale. Smith (of Josephine) and Sehlbrede contended that six months is long enough and that longer time would be injurious to the debtor as it would hasten foreclosures. Burleigh and Cleeton took an opposite views and the amendment was defeated, thus leaving the time for redemption one year.

The third reading of bills followed:

Nealon — To protect elk, moose, deer, mountain sheep, and prohibiting their sale; passed.

Craig—For the protection of game birds; passed.

Lester—For state fish hatcheries; laid on the table.

Craig—Prescribing fees of a witness in Marion county; passed.

Smith (of Polk)—For the improvement of public roads by assessment on adjacent lands; laid on the table temporarily.

Boothby — Providing a stock inspector for Morrow county; passed.

Lester—For the extirpation of Canadian and other thistles; passed.

Curtis — Regulating liquor licenses, enabling county courts and city authorities to fix the amount of such licenses at not less than $400 per year; passed.

McCraken—To define general average loss and provide for its adjustment; passed.

Senate bill 229, for the organization and government of irrigation districts, was taken up, read first, second and third times, and made the special order for Monday at 3 P. M.

On motion of Paxton the house rules were amended providing for the election of a temporary speaker, and an order was made for the printing of 250 copies of the rules as amended.

Smith (of Josephine) introduced a memorial for the suspension of the operation of the mining law requiring annual labor; also taking mineral lands out of railroad grants; adopted and instructions given to wire the memorial to congress.

SET FREE.

Foreigners Serving With the Chinese at Wei-Hai-Wei Released.

CHE-FOO, Feb. 16.—All foreigners serving with the Chinese forces at Wei-Hai-Wei, except the American, John Wilde, alias Howie or Harvie, have been set free. Wilde was arrested by the Japanese at Kobe aboard the French steamer Sydney, with Cham Taa Moor, formerly the interpreter for the Chinese legation at Washington, and an Englishman named Camcron, on the charge of being engaged in a plot to destroy the Japanese warships with torpedoes. He and two companions were released on taking an oath to do nothing to assist the Chinese during the pending war.

It is reported that Li Hung Chang, one of the new Chinese envoys, is on his way to Port Arthur, where he is to meet envoys appointed by Japan and arrange terms for the cessation of war. It is said Russia and England will offer to mediate between China and Japan.

A report is also in circulation that foreign representatives at Peking are again apprehensive of trouble, and have ordered guards to be brought up from their respective warships at Tien-Tsin for protection of the legations.

Island of Liu-Kung Occupied.

WEI-HAI-WEI, Feb. 16.—The Japanese are now in complete occupation of the island of Liu-Kung in the bay here, the forts on which were the last to hold out against the victorious Japanese fleet.

A Message From Foster.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A private cablegram was received in Washington today from General John W. Foster, ex-secretary of state and special advisory counsel to the Chinese in the peace negotiations with Japan, stating that he had arrived in Shanghai from Japan and was in perfect health. It is not known what General Foster's plans for the future are, but it is supposed that he will remain in the Orient until something definite has been accomplished in the overtures for peace.

THE EMPEROR'S ORDER.

Chinese Land and Naval Commanders to Be Beheaded.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A Shanghai dispatch says that ex-Governor Wang has been appointed to relieve Li Hung Chang as viceroy of Pe-Chi-Li in the latter's absence as peace commissioner to Japan.

The emperor has ordered the beheading of all civil, military and naval officers connected with the defense of Wei-Hai-Wei.

It is stated that the magazine of the Saracen fort at Takao, Formosa, exploded, destroying the fort, killing 50, and injuring many. The explosion also damaged a number of houses and injured many inmates.

Forestalled the Order.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—This afternoon's Pall Mall Gazette prints a dispatch from Che-Foo that Commodore Liu and General Chang have followed Admiral Ting's example in committing suicide, because of the reverses to the Chinese forces at Wei-Hai-Wei.

A RING OF TRICKSTERS.

They Have Been Cheating the Indians for Years.

OMAHA, Feb. 16.—It was given out at the Omaha federal building today that in future Nebraska Indians are to be paid their annuities in cash, instead of the customary supply of blankets, groceries, etc. This is said to be the result of the thieving perpetrated on the Indians by the traders, who secure their supplies for naught. It is believed this system will apply through the entire West. The recent indictment of three men, who bought cattle from the Winnebagos for a trifle and sold the steers at a handsome profit, has opened the eyes of the government to the fact that they are but a few of the ring of tricksters who have been cheating the Indians for years, and a radical change was resolved upon.

Because He Failed in Examination.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Charley Anderson, the 12-year-old son of a drayman, who has been a diligent pupil in the third intermediate school, learned yesterday that he had failed in the recent examinations. His heart was broken with disappointment. Then he went home and without saying a word to his family, secured a bottle of paris green and swallowed a large dose. Three physicians worked with the boy all night but he died.

CHANGES SUGGESTED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED AT OLYMPIA.

They Provide for the Retirement of Superior Judges, Appointments, and Qualification of Voters.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 16.—The precedent established by the state of New York is followed by Senator Lewis in his proposed constitutional amendment, which requires the retirement of a superior judge after he shall have arrived at the age of 70 years. The other provision is in reference to appointments by the governor to fill vacancies, the appointee to hold office until the second Monday of January, instead of until the next election, as the constitution now provides. Another proposed amendment to the constitution provides that a citizen must be such for 90 days before an election, and provides also for an educational qualification. The 90-day provision would wipe out the custom of calling on candidates and committees to pay naturalization fees as they now do.

The telegraph bills, one to make a 50 per cent cut in existing rates at the opening of the present year, and the other making the company liable for delay in transmitting messages, have brought Superintendent Lamb up from San Francisco. He will appear before the committee next week and endeavor to convince the members that the bills are unjust.

Senator Harper and Representative Conner have a state road bill of great importance to the section of country from the mining and stockraising districts of Eastern Washington to tidewater in Skagit and Whatcom counties. It makes a great saving in the cost of transportation of stock, as well as forming a means of ingress for supplies. It will involve no experiment in the selection of a pass north of Mount Baker, as in the last appropriation for the proposed Ruby creek and Slate creek road has been gone over time and time again.

It was thought that a Columbia river fish bill had been agreed upon at Tacoma two weeks ago, but a difference of opinion exists between the Oregon and Washington fishermen, and a committee conference will be held in Portland tomorrow. The bill proposed at the Tacoma meeting April 10. The close time after the season from March 10 to May 1, instead of to April 10. The close time after the season was fixed at August 10 to October 1, instead of to September 10. Since the meeting, however, it has been learned that the proposed measure cannot be agreed upon, and a new bill will be prepared.

Senator Ide's school bill is, in reality, a compromise on the Rogers' "barefoot" bill. The new measure finds the amount to be proportioned to each child at $3, instead of $10 per capita, this bringing some degree of relief to the large cities, which are called upon to bear an unjust share of taxation by the Roger's bill.

A most important measure to the agricultural interests of the state is a bill by Senator Lewis. It is a comprehensive document in that it establishes a bureau of agriculture in the office of the secretary of state, agreeably with the provisions of the constitution, with one commissioner of agriculture in charge of the bureau. This bill thoroughly covers the sale of milk, butter, cheese and oleoagenous substances, and provides for the marking of all substances not pure milk and butter. Senator Easterday's bill, on the same subject, provides for five commissioners, a clerk and the location of an office where a majority of the members may decide.

The railroad committees of the house and senate met again this morning in joint session to hear more argument on the Helm railroad bill. W. D. Tyler, receiver of the Washington & Columbia River railroad, known as the Hunt system, was the principal speaker. He spoke for a half hour, setting forth the damaging effect a reduction of rates would have on his road. He said it meant "legislative confiscation" of the property, and appealed to the members of the committee to carefully consider that right and justice should be shown the railroads. S. G. Fulton, assistant general freight agent of the Northern Pacific, explained the rate sheets of his road, and the different rates that were pointed out for example by Judge Turner. The committee adjourned just before noon and most of the railroad men and farmerrs who have been in attendance at the meeting left by the trains for Seattle, Tacoma and Portland.

The senate met this morning, and after the call of the roll was concluded an adjournment was immediately taken until Monday. The house was in session two hours and then adjourned also till Monday. The special joint committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' home at Orting left for that place on the 1 o'clock train, accompanied by a large number of members, the senate and house having accepted an invitation for such a visit.

The grain inspection bills by Bull and Miles were returned to the house today, the former being returned with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed, and the latter without recommendation. Bull objected to the indefinite postponement of his measure and insisted it should go on the calendar with the Miles bill for the inspection of the whole house. It was so ordered without opposition.

More Routine in Character.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 16.—In the house these bills were recommended favorably by committees:

Moore—Relating to liens on farm products.

Coon—Making it a misdemeanor to unlawfully wear Women's Relief Corps uniforms.

Albertson—Relative to tide lands.

Coon—Providing that no personal property shall be exempt from sale for wages due for personal services.

Moore—Regarding liens.

Gandy—Regarding civil actions.

Bills recommended for indefinite postponement were:

Biggs—Regarding civil actions.

Taylor—Relative to homestead exemptions.

Milroy—For the formation of herd districts.

Heath—Abolishing salary fund in county governments.

New bills introduced:

Heath—Relating to burial places.

Cloes—Remitting penalties and interest on taxes.

Curtiss—Relating to costs in criminal proceedings.

Laing—Amending the session laws in regard to common schools.

Capital Has Been Frightened Off.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Northern Pacific officials in Washington today say that arrangements had been completed for obtaining money for completing the Palouse branch to Lewiston, Idaho; also the extension of the Washington Central branch, with the understanding and belief that no legislation adverse to or affecting railroads would be attempted. Since the negotiations were made, the introduction of bills in the Washington legislature has caused the withdrawal of the offered capital, and money will not be forthcoming for the railroad construction. The officials say that under present arrangements the road is not doing well, and construction will not proceed in the face of adverse legislation.

IN OTHER LEGISLATURES.

California's Viticultural Commission

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The viticultural commission has given up the fight and is now willing to be legislated out of existence. Manager Wetmore states that the winemen do not seem to take any interest in the commission's fate, and the officers are tired of fighting alone. All they want is a chance to wind up their affairs. Accordingly they have agreed to accept the measure ending the commission by December 31, and appropriating $2500 for the extra six months.

Usual Result at Boise.

BOISE, Feb. 16.—The ballot for United States senator today resulted:

Shoup	19	Clagett	13
Sweet	18		

HAS NOT FAILED.

Great White Spirit Company Said to Be Sound.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—With reference to a report published in a Boston newspaper that the Great White Spirit Company, the new competitors of the whisky trust, had failed, a director of that company said today:

"The statement is absolutely without foundation. The property of the Bay State Distilling Company, which forms a minor portion of the entire property acquired by the Great White Spirit Company, was transferred to the latter and paid for by it. Our company owns a large amount of other real estate in Boston. Some complications have arisen in Boston by reason of the claims against the Bay State Distilling Company, and certain attachments have been filed in Boston against that company. The Great White Spirit Company has no past due indebtedness of any kind, and there are no claims against it and no suits have been brought against it, excepting that attachments have been served on it affecting only the property transferred to it by the Bay State Distilling Company. The question involved seems to be whether or not the Great White Spirit Company has any property belonging to the Bay State Distilling Company that is subject to an attachment. The position of the former is that it bought the property and paid for it, and that there are no liens on the property, and that it has no notice of any claims against the property in question."

The Lead Trust's Statement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The report of the National Lead Company for the year ending December 31, 1894, shows net earnings to have been $1,212,258; dividends paid, $1,490,442; deficits, $278,184. There was a surplus of $950,535 for 1893, so there still remains a surplus of $672,172. The report ascribes the decrease in the net earnings to the general depression of business, and says the company has been unable to reopen its smelters and refining plant by reason of the silver legislation and the imposition of high tariff on silver-lead ores, which resulted in building up great smelting plants in Mexico. The mortgage indebtedness has been reduced to $12,602.

No Damages for Minister Willis.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 16.—The damage suit of Albert S. Willis, minister to Hawaii, against the Kentucky & Indiana Bridge Company and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern road, was thrown out of the common pleas court yesterday. The suit was the result of alleged damage done to a dwelling on Montgomery street by smoke and soot from trains which pass in front of the building. The petition alleges that "great clouds of smoke, soot, and cinders fall on the front walls of the plaintiff's property." When the plaintiff's evidence had all been heard, the defendant moved for peremptory instructions, which Judge Field granted.

Claimants for the Fair Millions.

HALIFAX, Feb. 16.—Since the disappearance of the will of the late Millionaire James G. Fair, of California, relatives living both in Southport and Charlestown, Prince Edward's Island, have brought claims to a portion of the estate which he left. Mrs. John Stewart, an aged widow, living at Crossroads, near Southport, is a first cousin of the late Senator Fair, their fathers having been brothers. Maxwell Henry, who resides at Keepooch, is a son-in-law of Mrs. Stewart; William Ross is another cousin of the millionaire. Mr. Ross' mother was a sister of the senator's father. There are also relatives in Maine.

The Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The weekly statement of associated banks shows the following changes:

Reserve, decrease	$ 252,800
Loans, decrease	1,204,600
Specie, decrease	841,200
Legal tenders, decrease	41,600
Deposits, decrease	2,520,000
Circulation, decrease, increase	136,400

The banks now hold $33,512,925 in excess of the requirements of the 25-percent law.

The Murphy Will Contest.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 16.—The interminable Murphy will contest has taken another turn. The proponents of the will, who were the three daughters, Mary, Frances and Isabelle Murphy, have another battle on their hands. The boys, Dan and Sam, with their sister, Lady Wolseley, filed notice today of appeal from the judgment rendered by Judge Henshaw.

Reorganization Decided On.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The subcommittee of the reorganization committee of the whisky trust held an all-day conference here today with the receivers. The committee consists of Richard B. Hartshorne and B. B. Eyo, of New York, and W. H. Hatton, of Cincinnati. They declined to make public the result of the conference, but it is known that a plan of reorganization was decided upon.

Exports and Imports.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The exports and imports for the week from this port were:

	Exports.	Imports.
Gold	$ 61,206	$ 217,858
Silver	550,643	8,293
Dry goods		2,597,652
General merchandise		4,281,371

Bas-Relief of Creed Haymond.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Mrs. H. Crafts has paid $1000 for a bas-relief in marble of the late Creed Haymond. The work is by a famous Italian artist, and will be presented to the state to be hung in the capitol at Sacramento.

A THREAT TO SUE.

Charges Made by Rev. Dille Against Police Commissioner Tobin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Police Commissioner Tobin threatens to sue the Rev. Dr. Dille for slander. Dr. Dille, who is an ardent reformer, publicly accused Tobin of owning property that is used for disreputable purposes, and compared him with the men who are supported by the earnings of fallen women. Dr. Dille does not seem to be afraid of a lawsuit, for in a signed communication to the Examiner he reiterates his charges against Tobin.

The grand jury is unable to find William Hall, ex-secretary of the board of police commissioners. Foreman Gagen states that, in a private interview, Hall made startling revelations of the methods alleged to have been employed by some police officials in blackmailing and then protecting gamblers and other disreputable characters. Gagen says that Hall agreed to appear and testify to these statements before the grand jury upon the condition that he should have immunity from prosecution. To this Foreman Gagen assented, but Hall has disappeared. He owns valuable real property.

New York's Indicted Officials.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Officials in the district attorney's office were mute today when asked as to the truth of the story that ex-Mayor Gilroy and Inspectors Williams, McAvoy and McLaughlin had been indicted by the extraordinary grand jury, which yesterday adjourned to March 4. It is not considered likely that the indictments will be handed up before the grand jury reconvenes March 4, when it is expected from 50 to 75 indictments, some against persons in high authority, will be presented.

Vancouver's Boodle Sensation Over.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 16.—Vancouver's civic boodle sensation is at an end. The case occupied the hearing in the police court all day, and at its conclusion Magistrate Jordan dismissed the case, claiming that no attempt at bribery had been proven.

CALDWELL'S WORK.

Chicago Passenger Officials Are Delighted With It.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The Chicago passenger officials are delighted with the missionary work of Chairman Caldwell in the West. His success with the Union Pacific and the Rio Grande Western, followed up with his persuasion of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, a line which has never been persuaded before, is gratifying to the members of the committee. It is believed now that the chairman will bring the Missouri Pacific and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas lines in, and that the committee will be practically complete, provided the Canadian Pacific has not jumped the track while the chairman has been working in the West.

DENVER, Feb. 16.—General Manager Dodge, of the Rio Grande Western railroad, does not indorse General Passenger Agent Bennett's action in agreeing that the Union Pacific may give side trips from Ogden to Salt Lake on round-trip and high