

## WORDS YET HIDDEN

Railroad Commission Bill Is Known in Tenor Only.

WILL BE PUBLIC MONDAY

Capital Removal Fight Will Also Appear in Washington Legislature Early in Week, and Warm Sessions Are Expected.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The adjournment of the Legislature yesterday has thrown active consideration of the Railroad Commission measure by the joint committees well into next week.

The Southeast combination, which has been caucusing almost daily on Railroad Commission matters, was not in sufficient force yesterday to meet. It had been expected that the Railroad Commission bill prepared by the subcommittee in conjunction with the Attorney-General would be ready for submission to the joint committee last evening, but the departure of so many members for their homes resulted in trying the matter up until next week. It is now announced that the bill will not be given out for publication until Monday.

The main features of the bill as agreed to by the subcommittee have heretofore been outlined, however, and the public is well informed about the bill except as to its exact wording.

In addition to the Railroad Commission measure, the capital-removal fight will come up in the House. The bill is now in the custody of the House Judiciary committee, where it will remain until Wednesday night when it will be taken up as a special order by the committee. It will probably be reported on the next day. It is certain that there will be either a majority or minority report recommending indefinite postponement. A bill, unless the committee is unanimous in recommending its indefinite postponement, goes on the calendar. If the committee is unanimous in the recommendation, then the report can be taken up and acted on without delay. To act on a divided committee report requires a suspension of the rules, which in turn takes a two-thirds vote.

Capital Fight Friday.

It is reasonable to suppose, therefore, that if the Judiciary committee's report is received by the House Thursday morning the bill will go on the calendar and appear the next day, Friday, for second reading. The rules committee has the power to place the bill at the head of the calendar or at any place it sees fit. If the committee wants to force the fight it will place the bill at the head. It is likely, however, to follow the usual course and allow the bill to appear at the foot. The bill will therefore likely be reached Friday afternoon, after the reading, and a motion to adopt the report recommending its indefinite postponement, whether majority or minority, will be in order. If the friends of Olympia are unable to muster enough votes that day to indefinitely postpone the bill, and it now appears that they will, they will get another whack at it when it comes up on second reading. It is not likely that final action can be taken on the bill before the following week.

War Over Earles Bill.

In addition to the Railroad Commission and capital-removal wars that will be in full swing next week there will be a big fight between the independent and association fish-packers of Puget Sound. The joint committee on fisheries will meet Tuesday night to hear the various arguments, and then, on Wednesday, the Earles bill, which provides for a six weeks' closed season in the Summers of 1906 and 1907. The bill is favored by the Alaska Packers' Association, the Pacific-American Fisheries Company and the British Columbia Packers' Association. It is opposed by the independent packers, the purse-seiners and the Fishermen's Union. The fight is already extremely bitter.

It is expected that in addition to these three matters a local option fight will come up in the House. The Johnson bill, providing for a local option law, has been acted on by the public morals committee and five of the members will recommend its passage. Three will recommend that it be indefinitely postponed. The bill will be reported to the House Monday in all probability, and will come up for some kind of action about Tuesday or Wednesday. It is expected that the Anti-Saloon League and Liquor Dealers' Association jobs will be on the line. The bill is expected to be fought for and against the bill, respectively.

NO INCREASE IN SALARIES.

House Committee Sits Down on Plans for Many Clerks.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The House Appropriations committee has taken a stand that indicates almost beyond question that not one of the state offices will get the advance in salaries for clerks or the additional clerks and deputies asked of the Legislature.

The requests of the State Board of Control were the first to be acted on by the House committee. The board wanted \$500 for clerk hire for the two years, instead of \$400 as allowed two years ago. There are two clerks employed, a secretary and bookkeeper. The additional money asked would have enabled the board to pay the secretary \$1200 a year instead of \$1000. The committee, however, cut down the estimate to \$400, and in doing so said in effect that the same policy would be pursued in regard to the other offices.

ADJOURN OR NOT?

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marked. "And if Judge Tanner's testimony represents it truly, I do not think the Legislature should adjourn without day until the outcome is known."

Senator Hodson, of Multnomah, a foremost figure in the upper chamber of the Legislature, said Judge Tanner's testimony amazed him. Senator Mitchell's vigorous denial of Hene's accusations had strengthened his belief in Mr. Mitchell's innocence, but the admissions of the Senator's law partner had put a new aspect on the case and given Mr. Hodson such a "severe jolt" that he was "all at sea."

"The charges are certainly grave," said Mr. Hodson, "and if true, it is incumbent on Senator Mitchell to resign."

One of the perplexities of an adjourned session arises from the fear that all the nonemergency acts of the Legislature would be held up in their operation until 30 days after the final adjournment. If that were done, a great deal of trouble would ensue, for many important bills contain no emergency clauses. The referendum amendment to the constitution

says: "Referendum petitions shall be filed with the Secretary of State not more than 30 days after the final adjournment of the legislative assembly which passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded."

This means that no bills which are without emergency clauses shall become operative until after the 30-day period shall have elapsed. But is the Legislature finally adjourned until it adjourns sine die? And even if Senator Mitchell should resign, might not the Governor hold back the official notification and thus prevent the Legislature from electing a successor?

"HIS USEFULNESS IS PAST."

Senator Rand Thinks Mitchell Should Resign Before Adjournment.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Amazed beyond expression were the public men in Salem when they read a private dispatch this afternoon telling of the confessions of Judge Tanner, law partner of Senator Mitchell, and Mr. Robertson, the Senator's private secretary.

Over and over again men read the dispatch before they would believe they had read it aright.

Senator Rand, the Republican leader of the Senate, who introduced the resolution this week expressing confidence in the integrity of Mitchell, sat for a moment in dumb amazement, and finally gave vent to his feelings.

"My God, can it be true?" he exclaimed. Notwithstanding the indictments, the published stories and the confessions of Puter, Rand and many others have been steadfast in their belief in Mitchell's innocence of official wrongdoing.

This afternoon when news came of the latest confessions, their faith was shaken, though Rand is reluctant to admit it.

"I shall await further information before believing Senator Mitchell guilty," he said.

"As for the interests of the state, it must be admitted that Senator Mitchell's usefulness is past. If he is guilty, he would remain in time to give the Legislature at this session an opportunity to elect his successor. I do not see how we can adjourn until late in the year, for none of the laws, except those bearing emergency clauses, would go into effect until 30 days after the final adjournment."

"I deeply regret the great misfortune that has fallen upon the State of Oregon," said Governor Chamberlain, when seen at his office. "However, if there has been corruption in office, an effort should be spared to detect and convict those who are guilty. The higher the officer who has been unfaithful, the greater should be the punishment."

Governor Chamberlain was reluctant to discuss the course he may pursue, or the course the Legislature may pursue. He let it be known, however, that he does not think the Legislature would be warranted in suspending the acts of this Legislature for a year in anticipation of a possible vacancy in the Senate. It is certain that if the appointing power ever comes to him he will place a Democrat in the Senate, but in his opinion Senator Mitchell's case, a conviction should finally result, will not reach the point of creating a vacancy for two years yet. He thinks the case will be fought that long in the courts.

Senator Cook believes this Legislature should make arrangements to elect Mitchell's successor.

Senator Croghan says the Legislature has no right to assume that there will be a vacancy, and should adjourn at the expiration of the usual 30 days.

Senator Hobson thinks the Legislature will not adjourn Friday.

Representative (Horn) thinks Senator Mitchell should resign at once if he is guilty, and let the Legislature elect his successor. If he does not resign, the Legislature should adjourn sine die at the expiration of the usual 30 days.

Representatives Graham and Sonnemman think the Legislature should take an adjournment until Fall in anticipation of a possible vacancy. Representative Kay believes that in view of the developments today, Senator Mitchell should resign, but if he does not resign the Legislature should adjourn Friday night.

Hoch's Name Bothers Him.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The fact that Representative Hoch, of Spokane County, has the same family name as the notorious Johann Hoch, the man of many wives, has given the other members of the Spokane delegation occasion for great joy.

Each Representative has on the front of his desk a large card bearing his name and county. The other members of the delegation have decorated Mr. Hoch's card with clippings of headlines from the newspapers which show up in big letters, Here are a few of them:

"New York woman thinks Hoch was man she married."

"Hoch has 23 wives."

"May be Hoch's secret poison—Tuberculosis found in two more wives discovered."

"Hoch will go to Chicago."

"Women identify Hoch as husband."

"New York sleuths find more Mrs. Hochs."

It is much easier for a woman to confide in the average man than in the average woman. She knows that the man will respect her confidences and keep them to himself. He is strong, has more experience of the world and can help the woman who needs advice. There is every reason why women should not trust their delicate constitutions in the hands of unskilled persons. It requires a thorough medical education to appreciate and understand the womanly organism. When a woman has life and pains that she cannot bear—when life seems dark for every woman she should confide her troubles to a physician of standing in the community, or one who has a national reputation. Certainly it would not be the part of wisdom to confide in an ignorant person without medical education simply because she was a woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription should write to some great specialist, one who has made the diseases of women a specialty for a third of a century, like Dr. R. V. Pierce, founder of the Invalide Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. His correspondence is held sacredly confidential, and he gives his advice free and without charge.

So uniformly successful has Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription proven in all forms of Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of the Uterus, and Leucorrhoea, that, after curing the worst cases of these distressing and debilitating ailments, Dr. Pierce now feels fully warranted in offering to pay \$50 in cash for every case of these diseases which he cannot cure.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used with "Favorite Prescription" whenever a laxative is required.

## COLD'S WIDE SWEEP

Eastern Temperature Coming Westward Now.

TEN BELOW AT LA GRANDE

Eastern Oregon and Washington Cry for Blankets and Fuel, While Idaho Miners Quit Work to Get Warm.

COMPARISON OF COLD WEATHER.	
Portland, Or. (minimum)	Deg. Fahr.
Oakland, Cal.	17 above
San Francisco, Cal.	4 above
Helena, Mont.	22 below
Clancy, Mont.	49 below
Butte, Mont.	15 below
Bozeman, Mont.	46 below
Butte, Mont.	35 to 50 below
La Grande, Or.	12 below
Heppner, Or.	5 above
Pendleton, Or.	4 below
Wallace, Idaho	10 to 20 below
Eastern Washington points.	2 above
Salem, Or.	12 above
North Head, Or.	21 above

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—La Grande and the Grand Ronde Valley is experiencing the coldest weather that has prevailed here for some years, the thermometer ranging all the way from 7 to 12 degrees below zero this morning, and is still very cold, but the wind is not blowing. A fierce wind was blowing all last night, drifting the snow quite deep in places in the valley, and along the mountain division of the O. R. & N. railway. It is still very cold tonight, but all indications point to warmer weather Sunday.

HOOD RIVER IS SHIVERING.

But Snow Protects Strawberry-Fields From Three-Below Weather.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Thermometers about town registered as low as three degrees above zero this morning, the coldest weather for several years. The strawberry fields are covered with sufficient snow to protect them from the frosts, and it is not thought that the cold snap will in any way damage orchard fruits.

COLD WON'T DAMAGE WHEAT

Umatilla County Sees Mercury Drop to Four Degrees Below.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The coldest weather known here for five years has struck Pendleton and Umatilla County. This morning the thermometer registered 4 degrees below zero, and tonight the weather is unchanged. There are two inches of snow here, and at Weston from six to eight inches. Wheat is believed to be well covered with snow in most sections of the country.

Cold Closes Cover d'Alene Mines.

WALLACE, Idaho, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—In the evening of yesterday the d'Alene have not experienced such cold weather as that of the last two days. At 6 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 50 below zero at the electric light station. Water pipes are frozen in all parts of town, but water mains are kept open because a crew of men is busy cleaning slush out of the flume. The Mammoth and Standard mills closed yesterday on account of the cold, and the mines supplying them with ore have now closed awaiting moderation in the weather so that concentrators can resume operations. No case of people frozen has yet been reported.

Forty Below in Idaho.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Reports from all portions of Northern Idaho indicate that intense cold pervades the district, the thermometer registering from 5 to 49 degrees below zero. Navigation is closed in nearly all the rivers. From Lake Coeur d'Alene to St. Marie the stage supplies the boats.

Central Washington and Eastern Washington are gripped by the frost king. At 10 tonight the thermometer registered two above zero and decreasing rapidly. The outlook is for the most severe cold snap in ten years.

Cold Causes Water Famine.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—This city is threatened with a water famine as the result of the present weather. The principal cause is that citizens leave faucets open everywhere to prevent freezing. Mayor Hunt and the water committee today made an appeal to the public to stop this practice. Another contributing cause was the freezing of the reservoir pipe in Isaac's Addition. A motor is being installed today to replace it.

Seven Above at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Today has been the coldest that The Dalles has experienced in several years. Last night the mercury sank to 7 degrees above zero, 23 degrees being the highest it has reached during the day. The atmosphere has been brilliantly clear, with a light east wind blowing. There has been no trace of the dust in the air which was noticeable yesterday. Every indication points to lower temperature tonight.

Zero Weather at Milton.

MILTON, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—One of the worst cold snaps ever known in this vicinity is raging, with a strong north wind and the temperature at zero. It is thought much suffering of livestock will take place if present conditions continue, as farmers were wholly unprepared. Trains are late and alleys are running, something unusual in this part of the state.

Garfield Chills at Ten Below.

GARFIELD, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The coldest weather that the Palouse country has experienced in six years is now on. The cold wave struck here yesterday, and the mercury went down until it reached 10 degrees below zero. The cold wave is making a lively demand for wood and coal. Water pipes all over the city are freezing up and bursting.

Kalama Needed Blankets.

KALAMA, Wyo., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Last night was the coldest night this winter. The mercury fell to 13 degrees above zero during the night, and as a consequence several water pipes that lay above ground froze and burst.

Wardner's Records Broken.

WARDNER, Idaho, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—All records for cold weather for several years past were broken last evening in Kellogg and Wardner when the mercury reached 25 degrees below zero. Kellogg suffers because of the wind blowing up the river.

Mercury Falling at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The mercury registered 13 degrees above zero

## MANY MOST COSTLY

Great Awakening in Musical Circles Caused by Eilers Piano House Co-Operative Piano Sale.

During the week just past Eilers Piano House has been doing a remarkably large volume of business. Their piano clubs are creating widespread interest and bringing thinking people to a realization of present opportunities.

A costly Weber piano was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Driver for their handsome home at No. 79 East Burnside street. Instruments of the lovely Colonial style, caused in rosewood.

Another notable sale was the superb Aeolian Orchestra valued at \$500, which was purchased for the Hotel Byron at Bellingham, Wash.

Scores of other piano found homes during the week, many going out of town to people who made their purchase and joined piano clubs through the mail.

here this morning. This is the coldest weather since February 4, 1890, when it dropped to 9 degrees below. At midnight the temperature is 15 degrees above, and going down.

Chill Blasts at North Head.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Last night was the coldest of the season thus far, and the thermometer at the local Weather Bureau registered 21 degrees above zero. Tonight a strong east wind is blowing and the indications are that before morning a much lower temperature will be reached. At an early hour this morning the thermometer in the Government station at North Head registered 30 degrees.

COLDEST KNOWN IN BUTTE.

Fifty Below, and Steel Buildings Crack With Frost.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 11.—This city is in the grip of the coldest spell in the history of the oldest inhabitants. Tonight the thermometers in the city are registering 35 degrees below zero, while on the windswept flat below Butte the temperature is 50 and more below the zero mark.

Some of the big steel buildings in the city are emitting creaking sounds as loud as pistol shots, the structures contracting under the intense cold, while sidewalks are rebounding noisily. The temperature has fallen 3 degrees since 11 o'clock.

Avon reports tonight that all the thermometers are out of commission.

COLDEST IN FIFTEEN YEARS

Western Montana Tight in Grip of the Cold Wave.

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 11.—Western Montana is in the grip of the coldest weather recorded for 15 years. Today the official reports of the Northern Pacific show from 15 below at Plains to 45 below at Missoula.

In Missoula the thermometers registered 28 below at 8 o'clock this morning and 24 below at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Thirty below is predicted by morning.

Forty-Nine Below Near Helena.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 11.—Reports from mining camps near Helena indicate that the past 24 hours has recorded lower temperatures than for many years. At Clancy, about 18 miles from Helena, the temperature this morning was 49 below. In the Park district, four miles from Helena, it was 26 below. The lowest temperature in Helena was 25 below, and the highest today was 17 below. Tonight it is 23 below at various points in the city, with about six inches of snow on the ground.

More Snow in Missouri Valley.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 11.—There was another heavy fall of snow last night over practically the entire Upper Missouri Valley. The storm covered the State of Iowa and extended west to Denver and Cheyenne and south into Missouri and Kansas. Zero temperature prevails over nearly all of the territory covered by the storm.

Blizzard Rages in Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 11.—The worst blizzard since February, 1899, is raging throughout Oklahoma and Indian Territory tonight. In two hours the temperature dropped from 18 to 4, with indications that below zero will be registered before midnight. Snow covers the ground to a depth of five inches.

Worst Blizzard of Year in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 11.—The worst blizzard of the year prevails in Kansas tonight. A fall of snow and sleet is driven by a fierce wind from the north. The temperature is 6 below and rapidly falling.

Blizzard Stops Freight Traffic.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 11.—On account of the blizzard which is raging in Nebraska, the Rock Island and Northwestern Railroads have announced that their freight trains will be annulled until further notice.

"Is Debon as hard up as he is reported to be?" "Heater, I couldn't understand how that his last summer's bathing suit is doing duty as winter underwear."—Detroit Tribune.

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