

TWO WEEKS SPENT IN GETTING READY

Washington House Now Leads Senate in List of Bills Introduced.

TWO MEASURES PASSED

Expenses of Session and Increase of Interest Rate on A.-Y.-P. Bonds Agreed To by Both Houses.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—Two weeks have been consumed by the Washington Legislature in rolling up its sleeves and getting ready for work.

So far the principal work has been in the organization of the two houses and in the introduction of bills. Although the House was a day or two behind the Senate in accepting its first bill it has caught up with the Senate in point of numbers and left the upper body behind.

But two bills have passed both houses that can be considered of importance. One is the legislative appropriation bill, which provides for an expenditure of \$5,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the eleventh session.

The other is the bill that increases the rate and guarantees the interest on \$100,000 of A.-Y.-P. Exposition warrants, making it possible to use them to pay for the construction of state buildings now under way at the exposition.

Other bills passed are small relief measures to repay money turned into the treasury by mistake, and another small bill that has been approved in both houses prescribes the form of seal to be used by the Insurance Commissioner.

Railroad Committees Busy.

Only a few of the committees have yet begun serious work. The railroad committee are the most active. They have held two joint sessions, at one of which members of the Railroad Commission were heard from as to needed changes in the commission law and at the other Track Inspector A. W. Farley outlined the work he has accomplished and made a few recommendations for changes in the law.

The joint committee will probably submit a bill containing agreed-upon amendments to the Railroad Commission law. The Senate committee on the Governor's message has held several meetings, at which the recommendations were gone over, but it is not yet ready to report.

It is acknowledged that the committee will not favor some of the Governor's recommendations. The appropriations committee have made some investigations into the needs of the state departments and the road committees have heard from the Highway Commissioner and gone over the latter's biennial report.

With the exception of the meetings of the two public morals committees, the committee work has been largely preliminary, although some committees have reported on minor bills, and the Senate Harbors committee has favorably reported the \$1,000,000 harbor bill.

Morals Committee Divided.

The Senate public morals committee has discussed the Anti-Saloon League local option bill, but has not discussed it by sections. It is known the committee is almost hopelessly divided and three reports are expected.

The House public morals committee is controlled by the advocates of a stringent local option bill, standing the way to four. This committee has passed on the Anti-Saloon League or McMassey's bill and the measure will come to the House Monday with two reports, the majority favoring its passage without change and the minority recommending its reference to the Judiciary committee.

Would License Drinkers.

The Senate, however, will have a novelty in a substitute bill, if Whitney of Spokane, carries out his intention. Senator Whitney has in mind the introduction of a bill that will require every person who drinks to take out a license, but will permit the sale of intoxicating liquors without license. His plan is to have the County Auditors issue licenses to drinkers at about \$2 each, make drunkenness ground for suspension or forfeiture of license and impose severe penalties on dealers selling liquor to unlicensed persons.

Buy Telephone System

W. W. Cannon Secures Business at South Bend.

Provide Stock Privileges

Hedges Bill Authorizes One Company to Hold Stock in Another.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special).—Senator Hedges' Senate bill 78, authorizing one corporation to own the stock of another, is similar to bills

which have appeared in several Legislatures in recent years, but which have been defeated for one reason or another, chiefly because it was feared that such a measure would permit the organization of trusts. The bill contains but one section and is as follows: "That any corporation heretofore, or hereafter organized, under the laws of this state, or the any other state or territory of the United States, and doing business in this state, shall have power and authority to purchase, acquire by purchase, or otherwise, and to own, hold, sell, assign and transfer shares of the capital stock of any other corporation, and by its duly authorized officer, or proxy, to vote such shares at any, and all stockholders' meetings of the corporation whose shares are so held, and to have, and exercise, all the rights, powers, and privileges of any other stockholder, except that such corporate owner cannot be a member of the board of directors, in the shares of the capital stock of any other corporation are hereby validated."

PLANS BOOSTING BOOKLET

SECRETARY BENSON SAYS THAT PAMPHLET IS NEEDED.

Would Have State Issue Small Circular of Authentic Information on Counties.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special).—Secretary of State F. W. Benson has asked the Legislature to arrange for the publication of a small pamphlet on the resources of Oregon, giving authentic information regarding all portions of the state, which pamphlet may be mailed to people in the East who write for information. At present there is no public document which the state officers send in answer to such inquiries. The secretary's idea is that the pamphlet should contain information furnished by the several counties, edited to see that it is correct, and that each county be assigned the same amount of space in the pamphlet. The preparation of the matter for the pamphlet would cost the state nothing, and the only expense would be printing the pamphlets and mailing them.

In his biennial report Mr. Benson says: "During the biennial period covered by this report, a great many requests have been received from persons living in every state and territory for copies of Western statistics, including the state resources, industries, opportunities, etc., of the state, mostly from those expressing a desire to locate or invest therein, but as the publication of any pamphlet pertaining to such subjects has not heretofore been authorized by legislative enactments, the department has referred such requests to the Chamber of Commerce at Portland, or other local commercial bodies, where the information desired is concerning some particular locality.

The number of such requests is increasing all the time, which would tend to indicate that the people of other states are awake to the advantages offered by settling in Oregon, and the state should therefore be made from the public funds to lend all possible encouragement to prospective settlers. Practically all the Western states provide for the publication of statistical matter pertaining to such subjects, and the State of Oregon should not lack the proper amount of information in order to encourage immigration to within its borders.

An authorized publication of the character would give credence to the statements contained therein, and possibly the results which it would accomplish will be greater than those of an unauthorized publication."

SCHOOL TO ISSUE ANNUAL

Vancouver High School Students Plan Initial Publication.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—The senior class of the Vancouver High School has arranged to publish an annual, the first annual ever published by any class in the schools here. The following are the editors of the publication: Fred Bennett, editor-in-chief; Jerry Rierdan, managing editor; Thera Hiltstrom, literary editor; Inez Minkler, debate and oratory; Floyd Kingen, sporting editor; Lillie Sage, society editor; Carl Boston, wit and humor; Roy Knight, artist.

Light Company Elects Officers.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—The stockholders of the Twin City Light & Power Company, which proposes to build streetcar lines in Chehalis and Centralia, and an interurban connecting the two cities, met here yesterday and elected their officers. The following were elected: W. J. Patterson, of Baker City, Or., president; A. Welch, of Portland, Or., vice-president and general manager; E. W. Hall, of Portland, Or., secretary and treasurer; W. J. Patterson, A. Welch, E. W. Hall, E. W. Hardy, of Portland; Theo. Hoos, of Centralia, and H. C. Coffman, of Chehalis, directors.

Ejectment Order Issued.

SALTEM, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special).—Without precedent in this county is an execution to place a woman in possession of property growing out of ejectment proceedings where Margaret St. Martin, woman of Indian and French extraction, sued for ejectment of H. Sagsvold from property near here. She won her suit and the Sheriff was called on to make the ejectment good. An execution was issued, and never before has an execution of this kind been issued from a local court.

Ferry to Be Launched Thursday.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—The new ferry to ply across the Columbia between Vancouver and Hayden Island, and which is being built at the St. John shipyards, will be ready for launching Thursday, January 28. A movement is on foot here to have a formal christening of the new boat, which it is understood will be named the "St. John" in honor of the vice-president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

Monster Vegetables Produced.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—W. D. Miller, of Minnehaha, has raised a melon that weighs 18 pounds, a turnip that weighs 10 pounds; a parsnip weighing four pounds, and a carrot weighing 1 1/4 pounds. Mr. Miller's record is about five miles from Vancouver, on the upland.

School League Plans Exhibit.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—Students of the Vancouver High School will organize a society to be known as the High School Students' Progressive League of Vancouver. The League propose to make a school exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

Session to Resume at 11 A. M.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special).—It was stated yesterday that the Senate adjourned until 3 P. M. Monday. This was an error, for adjournment was taken until 11 A. M. Monday.

WOULD BOLSH BOARD CONTROL

Senator Hutchinson Condemns Washington Men Who Manage Asylums.

DOOM GRAIN BOARD, TOO

Solons at Olympia Hear of Many Alleged Defects in Present System of Running State Business.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—A movement started weeks ago in Spokane to bring about the abolishment of the State Board of Control as a result of alleged defects found in the construction of a building at the Eastern Washington Hospital for the Insane, has been revived by Senator R. A. Hutchinson, of Spokane.

Senator Hutchinson today denied a report that he had been called off his attack on the Board of Control by the administration, and exhibited a bill which he says he will introduce in the Senate Monday.

The bill repeals the Board of Control act, under which a board of three members appointed by the Governor manages all the state charitable, penal and reformatory institutions and supervises accounts and construction of buildings at the educational institutions.

The Hutchinson bill proposes to put each institution under the control of a separate board of trustees, to be appointed by the Governor, and who will receive no salary, but who will be paid actual expenses. The local boards will have the selection of heads of institutions and the fixing of their salaries within specified maximum limits. The State Capitol is to be managed by the Governor, Secretary of State and Auditor.

Mr. Hutchinson is prepared with flashlight photographs showing the alleged defects in the building at the Eastern Washington Hospital for the Insane, and also a statement signed by six prominent Spokane building contractors declaring the building unsafe. Senator Hutchinson condemns the board for mismanagement also, because the building, which cost \$55,000 was not put in use until 20 months after its completion.

He has photographs to show that the two upper floors of the building are now put to no other purpose than the drying of onions raised on the asylum farm. It is claimed the basement is a mud-hole drained by a ditch, that the foundations are defective, and the cement floors sagging.

Abolish Grain Commission.

The abolishment of the State Grain Commission is also now proposed by Senator Cox, of Walla Walla. The Cox claims that under the present management the wheat shippers are short-weighted at the warehouses without charge for the same, and that the warehouse employees are sworn in as deputies, and that nearly every car of wheat is reported under the weight claimed by the dealer in the city.

Cox will present a bill abolishing the State Grain Commission and putting the grain inspection under the control of the Highway Commission, which has mission to name the grain inspector, who is now appointed by the Governor. It is also planned in the bill to give the commission supervision over all grain elevators, so that abuses may be corrected. The laws of some of the Eastern states which have warehouse commissions will be adopted in the proposed Washington statute.

RATES UNJUST IS PLAINT

CHEHALIS CITIZENS CLUB TO MAKE UNITED PROTEST.

Northern Pacific Accused of Discrimination Against Inland Points in Freight Rates.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—Dan W. Bush, president of the Citizens Club, of this city, called a meeting of the shippers of the principal inland towns of Southwestern Washington, to be held in Chehalis next Friday afternoon, January 23, to consider the matter of the increase of local railroad rates which was imposed on the people of this section of the state by the Northern Pacific a few months ago. The advance was explained on the ground that other points that had water competition were entitled to lower rates. The claim was made that dealers in the cities of Puget Sound, on Gray's Harbor, and Willapa Harbor can buy Oregon products in that state and ship them across the western part of Washington at a less cost for freight than can local producers in Southwestern Washington.

It is proposed to get the shippers together, have them organize and see if the State Railroad Commission can relieve the situation. In a recent letter to the Chehalis Citizens' Club, the State Railroad Commission announced that it proposes to draft a complaint, alleging the reasonableness of all rates in effect within the state, and then proceed to a hearing, at which time testimony will be taken and an order issued indicating what rates are reasonable.

INSANE MAN ATTACKS GIRL

Victim Almost Squeezed to Death Before Rescued From Assaultant.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special).—John R. Hendrickson, a Finn, aged 21 years, was this afternoon adjudged insane and committed to the State Asylum at Stellacoom. Hendrickson has been working in the logging camps at Tacol for several years, and saved up \$700. He gave away his money freely and now has nothing left. A few nights ago at the house of H. Joensuu, near Hockinson, he became excited and attacked a little girl in the house. Before she could be rescued he had almost squeezed her to death. Hendrickson was tied with a rope and the Sheriff was sent for. He is now in the county jail under close guard.

WATER INCREASES FLAMES

Hubbard Youth Has Narrow Escape Pouring Gasoline Into Stove.

HUBBARD, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special).—

What came very near being a destructive fire due to the addition of gasoline to the stove fire, occurred at the farm residence of J. L. McKinney, one mile northeast of here. His parents being absent, Louis McKinney, 15 years old, sought to surprise them with a nice, warm kitchen fire, and also to hasten dinner. The fire did not respond to his satisfaction, and, having had some experience with gasoline in making an engine go, he reached for a quart bottle of the liquid explosive and administered it through the open top of the stove. The stove, being open, did not explode, but the bottle did, filling the kitchen with fire and the boy with excitement. A few buckets of water dashed upon the spluttering flames that filled the room helped only to increase its scope. The plucky boy, however, had presence of mind enough to remember that there was a fire extinguisher in the house, and this he managed to get the fire under control.

BAILEY'S BILL HITS SNAG

CHARTER BLOCKS WAY FOR PUBLIC PLAYGROUND TAX.

Proposed Measure Changes Corporate Power of City of Portland, It is Learned.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special).—Senator Bailey's bill to create a public playgrounds board in Portland is likely to run against a constitutional objection. While it does not expressly purport to amend the charter of the City of Portland, it creates a board with power to levy a tax in Portland and to purchase and manage property and public institutions, which property is to be owned by the City of Portland.

In effect, the bill gives the City of Portland powers it does not already possess, or changes its corporate powers. Apparently it would be an amendment to the city charter by implication, or the creation of some new municipal corporation. If this is its character, it would seemingly be in violation of that section of the constitution relating to the creation of corporations, wherein it is declared that "corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by the Legislative Assembly by special laws. The Legislative Assembly shall not enact, amend or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town. The legal voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to amend and amend their municipal charter, subject to the constitution and the criminal laws of the state."

The bill creates a board composed of the Mayor, Judge of the Juvenile Court, City Superintendent of Schools, president of the Multnomah Club and the librarian of the public library. The board is to have a secretary at a salary of not to exceed \$100 per month. The board may levy a tax of not to exceed 1/2 mill for the first five years, and 1/4 mill thereafter, upon all taxable property in Portland. The board is to have charge of all public playgrounds and gymnasiums.

FORGER ADMITS HIS GUILT

J. B. Dalziel Bumbles in Attempt to Get Ready Money in Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special).—A young man giving the name of James R. Dalziel, but whose real name is said to be Hoffman and whose home is at Vancouver, B. C., is now in the county jail here awaiting action of the grand jury on a charge of forgery. He confessed his guilt when arraigned before Recorder Redford.

He visited the Albany Planning Mill last evening and bought a bill of lumber amounting to \$69.40 and tendered in payment a check for \$87.90, which purported to be signed by W. P. Morris, a local blacksmith. C. W. Sears, proprietor of the mill, was unable to make change so gave Dalziel a check on the First National Bank for \$18.50. Dalziel went to different business houses in an effort to cash the bona fide check, but being a stranger, he encountered difficulty and in the mean-

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