

WASHINGTON OFFICES TOPPLING

Adverse Report Filed on Highway and Land Commissioners by Solons.

TIMBER FRAUDS ALLEGED

Dishonest Cruisers Rob State, Says Committee — Eight-Hour Labor Law for Women Hard Fought. Better Road System Sought.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Feeling among different members of the legislative body over certain state officials is likely to break forth in a bad storm any day.

Special commissions appointed since the last Legislature to investigate the two offices and their departmental work have completed their labors and submitted their reports. The result of their findings is now known to every member of the House and Senate. A special study of the reports has been made and that there are many things yet to be explained that would affect both offices materially.

It is therefore not to be unexpected that fireworks will begin to pop in earnest when the reports are taken up and threshed out before the present Legislature.

Good Roads State Hobby.

The good roads movement in Washington is at high pitch. The people in this state have the good roads fever. The situation here is similar to that in Oregon. No Moses has yet appeared to solve the problem and to direct the lawmakers along a line that would appear to be for practical economy in the cause of road construction and road laws. In this connection, it is believed, the bills to be considered will bring every particular, and that would appear that there are many things yet to be explained that would affect both offices materially.

State-Aid Way Disturbed.

The present state-aid road law is condemned on all sides, and there are many taxpayers over all the state here voicing their disapproval of the law and urging that it be repealed. One of the arguments advanced against the law is that very little actual road construction is completed, compared with the large amounts of money collected for the purpose.

Fraud Is Alleged.

According to the report of the legislative investigating committee, which filed its report some time ago, the department in a bad state of affairs. The report contains the history of many sales of state and timber lands which, it says, have been made and shown to be under "incompetency." The report further says:

The looseness and laxity of the land laws, the dishonesty, incompetency and inefficiency of cruisers, with all conditions, convinces the committee that the state has been for years systematically defrauded and that the state has lost millions of dollars by the sale of state and timber lands for grossly inadequate consideration. Reliable cruisers that have been made under the direction of the committee, careless, inaccurate and perhaps dishonest cruisers, heretofore made by state cruisers, have resulted in the loss to the state of great amounts of money, running into incredible figures.

Inquiry Not Complete.

"Another source of even greater loss to the state has been the poor judgment disclosed in the selection of indemnity school lands and state granted lands." Senator Allen, of King County, chairman of the committee, says that the work of the committee is still incomplete, as not sufficient time was had to investigate the sales of lands in the state and the state.

Eight-Hour Law Attacked.

One subject of legislation that is becoming of state-wide interest is the proposed eight-hour labor law for women. It has been sanctioned by the State Legislature and is really an organized labor measure. It is receiving strong support from various women's organizations in the state and from churches and religious organizations. Mrs. May Arkright Hutton, of Spokane, one of the leaders for women's rights in Washington, has been in Olympia two weeks in interest of the measure.

Oriental Influx Feared.

At a meeting of the House and Senate committees on about the question was discussed Thursday night before more than 300 persons who were directly interested in the subject. Employers held that an eight-hour law for women would result in seriously affecting many industries in the state. It was intimated that if the bill were passed, it would be necessary to employ Oriental labor more generally and that wages would be reduced proportionately. Supporters of the bill said such a law would relieve the conditions which female employees are now compelled to face and that it was time to stop the slave-driving system in Washington.

Lien Bill Interests Many.

Contractors, material men, architects and homebuilders in Washington swarmed to Olympia last week to take up the

question of legislation on property liens with the lawmakers. Each interest seems to be divided on the subject and as a result some want the present law kept intact, others want it amended and others want it repealed and a substitute passed. The material men have a measure in the House while the architects and homebuilders have a bill in the Senate known as the arts and crafts bill. The contractors want the old law to stand. The subject has been discussed jointly with the judiciary committee of the House and Senate. The Senate bill appears to be popular and it is not improbable that it will be passed in an amended form.

PARRICIDE IS INSANE

John Dorst, Slayer of Father at North Bend, Sent to Asylum.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 28.—John Dorst, who killed his father, Peter, on the latter's farm near North Bend Tuesday, will not be prosecuted for the crime, but will be sent either to an asylum or to the insane ward at the Walla Walla prison, the Coroner's inquest yesterday having developed the fact that he is insane.

MAN, WHOSE FATHER BROUGHT FIRST REAPER AND MOWER TO OREGON DIES.

David A. Herren. Word has been received of the death of David A. Herren at Spray, Oregon. Mr. Herren was a brother of George Herren, a commission merchant of Portland. Mr. Herren was born in April, 1849, on his father's ranch, four miles east of Salem, and when a young man moved to Eastern Oregon, of which section he was a pioneer merchant and sheepman. His father, W. J. Herren, came to Oregon in 1848, and was the first man to import the reaper, mower and thresher into this state. Mr. Herren is survived by four children, Mrs. Mabel Slaght, Misses Wallah and Eva Herren and Claude Herren, all of Heppner.

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RAYMOND MILLS RUSHED

Cut for 1910 Shows Gain Over 1909 of 31,000,000 Feet. RAYMOND, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Despite the fact that the year 1910 was not considered a good year in the manufacture of lumber, the mills on the Willapa harbor have been kept busy and have exceeded the cut of 1909 by more than 21,000,000 feet. The following table shows the cut of each mill for the year 1910:

Table with 2 columns: Mill Name and Feet. Includes Willapa Lumber Company (32,271,996), Kibb Lumber Co. (26,794,250), Columbia Lumber Company (22,685,288), South Bend Mills & Timber Co. (18,891,129), Cresh Tree Lumber Company (17,237,253), The Lumber Company (14,990,000), Clear-Hamilton Lumber Company (22,717,358), Quailcut Lumber Company (22,717,358), Raymond Box Company (3,257,000).

COUNTY DIVISION IS UP

Idahoans Consider Bill Calling for Creation of "Snake."

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The first of the many county division bills pending before the Legislature broke in the Senate yesterday when the committee of the whole considered and recommended for passage a bill providing that Snake River County be created out of the north half of Bingham. The recommendation was secured only after a heated debate and following a motion to hold up the bill indefinitely. The adoption of the amendment changes the name from Snake River to Bonneville. There are nine county division bills pending.

Hammond Lumber Company Sued.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Suit for \$500 damages was filed in the Circuit Court this afternoon by Olof Anderson, administrator of the estate of Axel Johnson, deceased, against the Hammond Lumber Company. The complaint recites the fact that Axel Johnson came to his death on October 17, 1910, in the defendant's mill by a platform on which was piled about three tons of lumber and under which he was working, giving away so that the lumber came down, crushing and killing him. Negligence on the part of the defendant is alleged.

Father Refuses Son Bail.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Because his father declined to put up a bond of \$500, E. W. Keller, charged with larceny by bailment and burglary, remains in the county jail under commitment to the grand jury. His younger brother, H. M. Keller, was released, there being no evidence to connect him with the crime. E. W. Keller is charged with renting a restaurant at Sandy and stealing the silverware and is also accused of breaking into a store at Sandy.

MAJORITY LIGHT DRAWS TO GILLESPIE

Seattle Contest Marked by Much Oratory—Women Are Factor.

GILL'S HUMOR SCORES

Mayor Uses Style of Speech That Appeals to Voters—Dilling Hot on Trail—Women Are Taking Active Part in Campaign.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—With women voting and with the largest registration in the history of Seattle, the election for Mayor Gill this week passed from the stage of newspaper publicity into that of campaign oratory. The oratory was begun at Ballard on Monday by Gill. He went Tuesday to Rainier Beach, then to Green Lake, Georgetown and West Seattle; during that time he has made a brief interval between the present and February 7 so that the bulk of his effort will be devoted to the people of the outlying districts. At least one day or two before the vote is taken, George W. Dilling, candidate of the Public Welfare League, began his campaign Tuesday. The oratory was the most earnest management which has distinguished that organization from the first Dilling has kept steadily after his opponent. He spoke at Rainier Beach Tuesday evening, then at Rainier Beach and so on. In that way compelling Gill to take the initiative so that Dilling might follow the present Mayor and answer whatever arguments he might have advanced.

Gill Strengthens Weak Points.

Anyone familiar with the political history of Seattle will have observed from the foregoing that the battle is being waged in precisely those districts where Gill was weakest at the election last March. The ground so far covered includes portions of the Thirtieth, Twelfth, Eleventh and Fourteenth Wards. In the order named—exactly those portions of the city where Gill was weakest at the election—where William Hickman Moore, Democratic nominee, beat him at the election, only to lose through the heavy down town vote. Gill hopes to gain the outskirts; Dilling hopes to retain them for the league, and even to come to the center of town with strength largely increased. Gill does much of his own talking. So far, aside from chairmen at the meetings, the only assistance he has had has come from John E. Dore, a young lawyer who last November successfully conducted a speaking tour in the interest of Sheriff Hodge. Dilling is ably seconded by men like John C. Higgins, George H. Walker, George F. Cottrell and Orlinson; and there is no doubt that before the end of next week the list will grow to somewhat formidable proportions. Dilling, it would appear, has the advantage in that respect, the support that has come to him, but on the other hand Gill is amply equipped to take care of himself.

Gill Is Humorous.

He has a fund of humor all his own; a plain, straightforward manner; a tongue which he does not scruple to use with biting and merciless sarcasm, and a humble dictation that is always blunt and abrupt. He has a sense of humor which is not thin-skinned. He has given his 10-year service in the Council has given him a command of facts and figures that makes him a dangerous antagonist, and his reticence in debate appears that the man who dares to meet him must be sure of his ground unless he courts defeat. "He is a fine rough-neck orator," exclaimed one of the audience. "He is a fine rough-neck orator," exclaimed one of the audience.

INDIANS FOR LIQUOR BAN

Prospect of "Wide Open" Reservation Stirrs Opposition. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—Indignant at the news of a bill introduced by State Senator Allen of this city, providing for the sale of liquor to Indians, provided they are holders of real estate, L. V. McWhorter, a white man who had been adopted into the tribe and has the Indians' interests at heart, has sent a letter to Senator Allen asking that he withdraw Senate bill No. 56.

Emma Devote Quiet.

"I will take a chance with you ladies," he said in a speech at Mount Rainier a few nights ago. But Gill may find himself outclassed by the maneuvers of the league. That organization made a shrewd move in having actively enlisted Mrs. Homer M. Hill, Mrs. Tom Murphree, Mrs. E. P. Fick and others, and in having first established women's headquarters in the Seattle Hotel. The Gill forces have attempted to counteract this play by securing the adherence of Leonia Winsor Brown, and by establishing women's headquarters at the Rainier Grand Hotel. Mrs. Emma Smith Devolve, who has always been a factor in every step looking toward suffrage, has not yet come strongly to the front in the present contest. Admittedly the small registration of women is a disappointment to the Billings organization. The registration of men last November was approximately 48,000, and the argument is made, therefore, that if the small registration of women qualified to vote as men, but the registration has uniformly shown only about one-third as many women as men. There are fully 15,000 working voters in Seattle, while the total registration of women is somewhere in excess of 20,000.

Disabled Janer In Tow.

FAYAL AZORES, Jan. 28.—The British steamer Georgian, from Boston for London, came in here today, bringing to port the British steamer British Sun, which she had taken in tow 400 miles to the westward. The British Sun had lost her propeller blades and anchor but her cargo was not damaged. The crippled freighter was bound from London for Philadelphia when she broke down.



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Gill Willing to Accept.

The socialists are making a stand about the candidacy of E. J. Browne. Their standard-bearer has challenged both Gill and Dilling to debate, and Gill answered that he will accept, provided Browne can also induce Dilling to take part. Dilling has stood aloof from any arrangement of that kind, insisting that the only issue of the campaign is the vice issue, and that all other matters may be settled after that has been disposed of.

A few stray ballots taken early in the week indicated, in business blocks like the New York, where Dilling has his office; the Colman, owned by the Colman estate and managed by Lawrence J. Colman, one of the leading spirits of the league; and the Alaska, where is located the Scandinavian-American Bank and J. E. Chibberg, all of them unfriendly to Gill—that Dilling would win by about 3 to 1. The bets are being made at even money. Dilling funds came into view Thursday, and since then the Gill supporters have had all they could do to cover the bets. One bet has been made, \$1000 to \$100, that Gill would not get 10,000 majority, and another, \$200 to \$100, that Gill would not get 5000 majority. H. S. Turner taking the long end in each instance. The largest sums offered seem to be in the hands of Turner, "Jimmy" Jones and Matt Reids.

MRS. JACKSON IS BURIED

Funeral is Held From Home of Parents in Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Harry W. Jackson, who died at her home in Portland Friday morning, was held this afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McCoy, in this city. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. P. White, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Albany, of which Mrs. Jackson had been a member for many years.

Income Too Small

Idaho Legislature Puzzles Over Appropriations.

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