

HEAD OF ASYLUM
PRAISED, REVERED

Dr. Steiner's Management Is
Commended by Committee,
Some Expense Unwise.

WAY OF BUYING DISLIKED

More Pay for Physicians Recommended
That They May Main-
tain Own Homes—System of
Accounts Is Extolled.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The commendation of Dr. R. E. Steiner, superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, are interspersed in the report of the special legislative investigating committee filed with the House today.

The findings of the committee were not unexpected, being manifestly a compromise reached between the members—James C. Clackman, chairman; Clemens of Multnomah, Beals of Tillamook, Buckley of Gilliam and Collins of Multnomah.

The committee indorses the purpose of the receiving ward on which work was begun by Superintendent Steiner, but declares the building appropriated by the Legislature and used in beginning the construction of this building was intended by the Legislature for building another ward only. The committee points out that the unintended use of this appropriation cannot be charged alone to Superintendent Steiner since the plans for the elaborate building were approved by the Board of Trustees of the institution.

Outlay Called Unwise.

In its report the committee pronounced as unwise and extravagant the expenditure of \$16,000 for the building of the physicians' cottages and the further expenditure of more than \$100,000 for the salaries of the doctors at the institution should be increased, that they may maintain their own homes. In this connection the committee makes the further suggestion to the Legislature that the members of that body should ascertain the exact amount of the salaries as are required for the several state institutions and, after making the appropriations, see to it that the money so appropriated is expended for the purpose for which it was voted.

Although the asylum farm, managed in connection with the main institution, yields a return of \$20,000 for the original investment, the committee declares that if placed in the hands of a competent farmer its earnings would be increased.

Purchase Method Condemned.

Some criticism is made of the practice of purchasing in the open market supplies for this institution aggregating about \$20,000 annually. Under a different method, suggests the committee, a saving of at least 30 per cent could be effected by purchase in bulk. The committee, however, makes no recommendation as to what system should be substituted for the one now in vogue. While a large number of employees is maintained at the institution than under the former administration, the committee finds that as a result the unfortunate patients are accorded more humane treatment.

In part the findings of the committee are:

Care Deemed Excellent.

"We are convinced after investigation that the care and treatment afforded the inmates of the hospital are excellent.

"From testimony we have taken we find the institution was considerably run down (from lack of the appropriation of 1905) and that the superintendent took charge, and much credit is due him for improved conditions. The main buildings we find to be in excellent condition but the condition we find will be relieved by the construction of the Eastern Oregon hospital for the insane and the new receiving ward at the asylum.

"At the Cottage Farm we find three buildings that are old and entirely lacking in fire protection and in means of egress. We find the laundry and the drying-room directly over the pumping plant and the engine-room, so that fire originating in either laundry or drying-room would immediately render useless the whole pumping plant. We strongly recommend better fire protection at Cottage Farm.

Attendants More Numerous.

"We find that the relative number of attendants under the present administration is larger than under former administration yet we believe this increase to be reasonable and proper and that it has resulted in better and more humane treatment and care of patients. The standard now would be better policy to pay the doctors more salary had let them maintain their own homes.

"While it is suggested from the statement herewith submitted that the farm shows a profit, yet we believe with a different management it could show a far greater profit, by which we mean that the employment of the number of employees now used on the Asylum farm with work done by inmates ought to result in greater gains to the state if the farm were under the control of a competent farmer.

"We find that under the system of purchasing at this institution there are purchased made annually on the open market in the sum of approximately \$20,000 some of which are at prices higher, by 25 per cent, than those which the articles could be purchased under a different method.

Warmth Not Sufficient.

"We find that by the 12th biennial report of the board of trustees and the superintendent of this institution, on page 21, it was estimated that \$999 would be required for the purchase of a heating system and an appropriation was asked for this purpose and granted by the Legislature of 1907, but no money was used for this purpose and we find that the inmates numbering about 90 in wards 22 and 24, are uncomfortable because of the low temperature which on the average is 52 degrees F., and from sworn testimony of witnesses we find that the temperature cannot be raised above 52 degrees F.

"We also find on said page 21 of said report an estimate of \$20,712 required for open courts in wards 22, 23, 24 and 25. The Legislature of 1909 appropriated this money for this purpose but we find it was not expended as requested and expected.

"We also find on said page 21 of said report an estimate of \$10,000 for an amusement hall of concrete and brick. The Legislature of 1909 appropriated money for this purpose. We find that \$10,000 has been expended on the amusement hall and

that a further appropriation is now required for its completion.

Expense Called Extravagant.

"We find that something like \$15,000 was expended in building and furnishing two physicians' cottages at the asylum. This amount we find to be extravagant and in the furnishing of these cottages we find that \$2576.26 of the maintenance fund was used. This four committee believes to be unwise. We would suggest that in the matter of these appropriations the Legislature should first determine the amounts necessary for the several items for which money is appropriated and then make appropriations for particular sums of money for specific items. We have carefully inspected the new receiving ward and find it to be a well-built, modern, thoroughly fire-proof building and well equipped for the purposes for which it was intended, which is for the receiving of new patients and for the treatment of those coming from being thrown into the company of chronic insane until they are pronounced incurable. There is no question in our opinion that the results will be of great benefit to the unfortunate who will hereafter be sent to this institution, and in no sense do we want it to be construed that we wish to criticize the purpose for which it was intended.

Account System Praised.

"But inasmuch as the superintendent came before the Legislature in 1909 and requested \$125,000 for building a new receiving ward and hydrotherapeutic plant and the Legislature did appropriate \$100,000 for this purpose, we feel that it was not the desire or purpose of the Legislature that the money appropriated should be expended in a building of this character, and in its present condition, without further expenditure of money, would be practically useless for the purpose for which it was intended, and the Legislature of 1909 expected the money appropriated would be used to build a complete building. And it is the opinion of your committee that practically two hours had been consumed in discussing the building which has served the purpose, but in justice to the superintendent we wish to call attention to the fact that the plans for the building were submitted to and approved by the board of trustees.

We are pleased to report that the system of bookkeeping accounts and the records of the institution are in excellent condition and the system of bookkeeping particularly commendable.

HOUSE WOULD AID STUDENTS

Approval Put on Plan to Reimburse Some With Travel Expenses.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Senator Nottingham's bill, providing that students attending the Monmouth Normal shall be reimbursed their travel pay from their homes to the institution and return, passed the House today with only a few dissenting votes. Buchanan and Peterson, in speaking for the measure, said it was in keeping with the announced wishes of the people of the state to maintain only one normal school and proposed a method by which the advantages of the school might be enjoyed by those wishing to attend although residing in remote sections of the state.

The bill provides that the actual expense of traveling in order to reach the institution shall be paid to all students residing 100 miles or more from the school. These expenses are to be paid out of the fund created by the people of the state last November when they voted a special standing tax of one mill for the maintenance of the Monmouth institution.

PEOPLE'S WISHES BLOCKED

Senate Passes Bill Repealing Initiative Fish Measure.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—With but little argument the Senate today passed the House bill repealing the initiative bill closing Rogue River against commercial fishing. Chase spoke briefly in favor of repealing the people's measure, declaring that it is plain an injustice has been done. Von der Hellen protested against the measure on behalf of his constituents. Voting on the bill was as follows:—

Yea—Abraham, Barrett of Umatilla, Barrett of Washington, Bowerman, Burgess, Clackman, Chase, Haas, Hoskins, Killebrew, McKinnon, Norton, Nottingham, Oliver, Parrish, Patton, Sinnott—13.

Nay—Albee, Bean, Joseph, Dimick, Lester, Malarkey, McCulloch, Miller, Von der Hellen, Wood, Selling—12.

BOX IS MADE STANDARD

LAW PASSED AT SALEM'S FACTORY TO GROWERS:

Size Is Adapted to Apple Pack That Has Made Oregon Product Famous Everywhere.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—This standard apple box prescribed in the bill that was passed by the Legislature today is the standard now for British Columbia, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, said Representative Westlund, introducer of the measure today.

"This is the box desired by the growers as against the box described in the Lofson bill, which was defeated in Congress. The Lofson box is the one desired in the East. These men object to our box because they say that it does not contain quite as many bushels. But, as a bushel is as feasible in making the fine apple pack that has made Oregon famous that pack has largely made our apple industry the success that it is and the growers insist on having a standard size box which will also keep the pack up to the standard.

"Oregon has been behind the rest of the Northwest states in this respect and our bill now puts us on the same plane. A special box provided is somewhat larger and may be used by the growers who prefer it, and that amendment was perfectly satisfactory to us, as added in the bill.

Representative Westlund said that growers had given virtually unanimous approval to the standard box, as indicated in the bill. Governor West has not yet determined his action as to the Westlund bill.

Majority Vote Up to People.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Providing for a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters which would require a majority of all votes cast to pass a constitutional amendment through the initiative and referendum, a resolution was passed today which will place such proposed amendment on the ballot at the next general election.

Fire Marshal Looms.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The Hollis bill creating a Fire Marshal, was introduced today.

PROMINENT FIGURES SNAPPED ON CAPITOL STEPS.



Senators Locke, Malarkey and Albee.

Senators Kellaker and Sinnott.

W. F. Drager, Chief Clerk of the House.

SENATE THWARTS AX OVER BAILEY

Upper House Defeats Bill Representatives Passed to Oust Official.

GOVERNOR IS ASSAILED

Abraham Denounces West for Threatening Legislature if It Did Not Remove Dairy Commissioner—Vote 16 to 13.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, said today that he was not in office by the present Legislature. A House bill which provided for the abolishment of the present office of Oregon Dairy and Food Commissioner and for the creation of the office of State Dairy and Pure Food Commissioner, was followed by Joseph, who talked nearly an hour in defense of Bailey. Barrett of Washington also spoke in favor of Bailey, while Albee advocated his removal.

Abraham Raps Governor.

Abraham spoke strongly in reference to the declaration of Governor West, that the Legislature would not vote somebody's pet measure unless Bailey is put out of office, he said. "Senator Joseph has always been a staunch supporter of the administration, but now he has the courage to stand against the administration, and I say he is more honorable than a Governor who allows a statement to be printed in the leading journal in Oregon and allows it to go uncontradicted.

"What a crying cry would the man be who would vote against the dictator who would vote to dishonor his state merely to save one of a pet measure valued at \$2000.

Following the vote by which the Senate decided to substitute a minority report for a majority report of the committee on the measure, the minority report being favorable to the bill and in defense of Bailey, it would favor Bailey out of office.

Yea—Albee, Chase, Dimick, Hawley, Hoskins, Killebrew, McKinnon, McKinnon, Norton, Nottingham, Oliver, Selling, Sinnott—13.

Nay—Abraham, Barrett of Washington, Barrett of Washington, Bowerman, Burgess, Clackman, Chase, Haas, Hoskins, Killebrew, McKinnon, Norton, Nottingham, Oliver, Parrish, Patton, Sinnott, Von der Hellen, Wood—12.

Some Defend Bailey.

While the Thompson bill was before the House, Miller of Columbia denounced it as an outrage, since it proposed legislation to raise a valid and defense of the necessary to a public official against whom nothing of a serious nature had been proved.

Bigelow said the incumbent, while possibly not dishonest, had done things not in keeping with the conduct of an honest state official. Abrams was the only Representative to raise a valid and defense of the accused official, who, he stated, was not dishonest, although several years out-of-date with the requirements of such an office.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 24 to 13. Those voting against the bill were:—

SENATE RIGHT, SAYS LAWYER

Samuel White, Attorney for Bailey, Sees Justice in Step.

"I am not at all surprised at the action of the State Senate in this case," said Samuel White, attorney for J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner when informed that the Upper

our tide lands can be sold or disposed of, as other lands of the state, or must be held in trust for the people.

Judge's Salary Not Increased.

The Governor refers to the people's veto of another salary bill in his message of disapproval of Thompson's bill to increase the salary of Judge Henry Benson \$1000 a year. He says: "At the last general election the people of this state were asked to express their sentiment upon the proposed measure, except that it went to the salary of the judge of the Third Judicial District. At that time they voted the option by casting 71,503 votes for the increase and 71,503 against it. And on this subject, too, the people of the Thirteenth District were at the time asked to express their opinion by casting 260 for and 833 against the increase, and 83 for and 411 against in Lake County.

"The bill will open the way for fraud and may result in the confinement of sane but helpless victims in asylums by designing persons in order to deprive them of certain property rights. The bill is objectionable in that it removes that beneficial provision in the present law which permits a husband or wife of an insane patient to sell and convey any and all real estate acquired during the confinement of the husband or wife in such an institution must await the five-year period before being able to sell or dispose of the same."

COUNTY ATTORNEYS NEAR LAW

Senate Passes Bill House Approved.

District Prosecutors Provided.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—By a vote of 19 for to 8 against, one of the most sweeping pieces of legislation adopted this session passed the Senate tonight. It was the Hollis bill providing for creation of County Attorneys, which will go into effect if it receives the sanction of the Governor.

By this bill every county in the state is given a Prosecuting Attorney, with the exception of Union and Willamette, which were left to the jurisdiction of the urgent request of Senator Oliver.

MULTNOMAH TO BE DISTRICT

Members of Congress Given County, and to East and West.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Governor West objects which is considered as only a remote possibility. Multnomah County will have one Representative in Congress under the new re-districting bill, which passed the Senate today.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY PROPOSED

Seven Lawyers Provided as Investigators of Present System.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Plans for an investigation into the whole question relating to the judicial system are incorporated in a bill which has passed both houses.

House Turns Down Carson's Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Amendment of the registration law as it existed was turned down by the House today, when it refused to pass Senator Carson's bill requiring County Assessors to make the registration of all voters in their respective counties.

CHIEF CLERK EXALTED

HOUSE WANTS SECRETARY'S AID TO BE OFFICIAL.

Albee's Bill Authorizing Subaltern to Act in Superior's Absence Passes After Fight.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—After McKinney and Brown repeated attempts either to secure the indefinite postponement or reference of the measure to committee for amendment, the House today authorized the chief clerk in the Secretary of State's office to act officially during the absence of the Secretary.

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STATE NOT TO BE PAUPER

In Grave Emergency, Boards Will Have Power to Buy Needed Materials—Increase of Judge's Salary Not Approved.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—In two of the five vetoes he sent to the Legislature today, Governor West promised that there would be no deficiencies during his term as Governor, unless "caused by the acts of God or public enemy," as he said in one of the messages. The bills were designed to prevent the occurrence of deficiencies. One of them provided that the Secretary of State should not audit a claim for which an appropriation had not been made, and the other made state officials and employees financially responsible for their acts.

ECONOMY PLEDGE GIVEN IN VETOES

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"Deficiencies are bad and good business demands that they be not allowed, but there is no demand for such radical legislation as is offered by this bill should it become a law and the Legislature at any time intentionally or through oversight fail to provide funds sufficient for the maintenance of the several institutions, or should a fire destroy any of the buildings and necessitate repairs or reconstruction of said buildings, the Board would be absolutely helpless.

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"The state, in such cases, would be placed in the position of a pauper debtor, who, pressed for the necessities of life, was compelled to pledge his word alone for supplies to meet his needs and to pay such prices and accept such goods and conditions as he was able to obtain, and it stamps the measure as a vicious one.

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"The demand for the bill grows out of the past practice of old boards in allowing large deficiencies to accumulate at the end of each biennial period. This present board has endeavored to avoid the affairs of this state will be so conducted during the next biennial period as to give you no cause to wish the enactment of this measure."

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"Extending the thought to the second bill, the Governor said:

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"Inasmuch as there are going to be no deficiencies during this administration, unless they are caused by acts of God or the public enemy, the passage of this bill is unnecessary and would only encumber our statute books with useless laws and further complicate our already complicated system of government.

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"I pledge you that the affairs of this state will be so conducted during this administration that they will stand as a justification for this veto.

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"The bill gives the said ports full power to lease, for an unlimited period, any and all lands thus acquired. This is a power which could easily be abused and is one of the most objectionable features of the bill.

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SECRET COMPACT BARS MULTNOMAH

Agreement Signed by 18 Senators to Block All Re-apportionment.

COUNTY'S LOSS EXPLAINED

Upper House Postpones Joseph's Bill Indefinitely With Aid of Parties to Plot Against State's Biggest District.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—"We, the undersigned members of the State Senate, in this regular biennial session, promise each other and mutually bind ourselves that we will vote against and oppose in every way any bill having for its purpose the changing in any way, manner or form of the present representation in this body and the House, but we will insist upon and vote for only such bills as propose to leave the representation as it is now."

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The above, signed by 18 members of the Senate, spells the reason why Multnomah County's representation in the State Legislature when it meets in its next biennial session and explains why, without scarcely any friction, the Legislature has postponed indefinitely the Joseph re-apportionment legislation as far as this session is concerned.

Pact Signers Hidden.

Profound secrecy is maintained as to the members of the Senate who signed the above binding pact to keep the representation in the Legislature as it is at present. While it is evident that some of the signers are men who took part in the indefinite postponement of the Joseph re-apportionment legislation, it was not by roll call and was so general that more than 18 aided in the indefinite postponement. It is impossible to determine from the roll call who the men who signed the compact and who are the men who know nothing of it.

Every member of the Senate has kept his lips sealed as to this pact, and it was only by accident it was discovered.

Selling's Friends Included.