

\$631,700 PASSED FOR STATE NEEDS

House Only Able to Cut \$19,000 From Appropriations Recommended.

FISH FUNDS ARE RESTORED

Agricultural College Denied \$4000 for Seed Testing Purposes and \$15,000 for Purchasing Brick Clay Land is Eliminated.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Although members of the House got down to work this morning with large pruning knives ready to apply on the appropriation bills, they did not use them.

While but a single appropriation bill was passed, only \$19,000 was trimmed from the recommendations of the ways and means committee.

The members found that Chairman Cobb and his associate economy experts on the ways and means committee had been doing a good bit of pruning themselves, so the reports that they presented to the House embraced only the actual necessities for conducting various departments of the state government.

Upon motion of Representative Schuebel, the House voted to sidetrack the bill carrying \$4000 for seed testing work at the Oregon Agricultural College.

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It merely means that the House and Senate have passed a bill that changes the name of the Railroad Commission to the "Public Service Commission of Oregon."

SENATE FAVORS HOUSE BILLS

Mr. Stott's Measure Creating Small Claims Department Approved.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Senate passed the following bills today:

H. B. 229, by Stott—To create small claims department in District Court.

H. B. 228, by Weeks—Empowers surveyor to lay out pipes for marking division lines.

H. B. 237, by Littlefield—To amend chapter 4, title 44, Lord's Oregon laws, governing organization of co-operative associations.

H. B. 475, by committee on game—Creating a Fish and Game Commission of five members with Governor an ex-officio member and power to appoint others.

H. B. 498, by Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln delegations—To divide Second Judicial District and to create Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth districts.

H. B. 505, by Anderson—Fixes salary of Wasco County School Superintendent at \$1800 a year.

BANK BILL VOTED DOWN

HOUSE KILLS ACT AIMED TO RULE TRUST COMPANIES.

Measure Passed by Senate Is Fought as Poe to Little Concerns—Dr. Smith Lauds It as Safeguard.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—After a long debate in which lobbyists and lobbying were arranged by both contending sides, the House this afternoon killed the Senate bill proposing regulation of trust companies.

The bill had been introduced by the Senate committee on banking and was passed in the upper house with a good-sized majority.

Representatives Olson, Littlefield, Schuebel and others opposing it in the House, while Representative Andrew C. Smith defended it.

"It will drive all the little fellows out of business," said Mr. Olson. "Every concern looks at a safety deposit business would have to subscribe to its regulations."

The measure would have required all trust companies not operating a general banking business to have at least \$100,000 in cities of more than 15,000 population and at least \$50,000 capital in cities of smaller size.

Dr. Smith said it would protect the honest companies, but would stop the fly-by-night concerns. He declared that the measure would rule out the trust companies that have been lobbying against the bill and accused them of tampering with the bill between the time it left the House desk and the time it was introduced.

He pointed out that the proposed bill does not contain the words "or banks," as the original measure provided, saying that omission would make a serious difference in the law had it not been detected. He said the legitimate trust companies were behind the measure and that they were agreed that there really should have some regulation.

His opposition was overwhelming and the measure went down to defeat.

SPIRITS PUT MAN IN JAIL

MEDIUM DIRECTS DETECTIVES TO MISSING HOTEL CLERK.

Fugitive, Sought at Seattle, Is Found at Street Corner Indicated—Thief of Jewelry is Charged.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—J. E. Bausman, former night clerk for the Arcade Hotel, at 1814 Second avenue, Seattle, was arrested today after being detected in a hotel room by police officers.

The spirits accredited with having effected his arrest.

Spirits were put on Bausman's scent after he had thwarted persistent efforts of the police to catch him for the alleged theft of jewelry from the Arcade Hotel.

The spirits were brought into the man hunt by Mrs. Bertha Nelson, a medium to whom Mrs. Edward Boyd, proprietress of the Arcade, took her troubles. When Mrs. Boyd had finished telling about the theft, she says Mrs. Nelson closed her eyes and lapsed into deep silence. She spoke when the spirits had probably completed their detective mission.

"Your man is now at First and Washington streets. I can see him plainly," the medium informed the astonished Mrs. Boyd. Mrs. Boyd rushed to the phone, told the police what Mrs. Nelson said, and Detectives Tom Hayden and Bill Peterson hurried off. Four heavy detective hands descended on the unsuspecting Bausman as he was buying a paper from a newsboy at First and Washington streets.

"Subsequent borings attempted when insisted upon by the committee, which was acting at all times under the legal advice of the attorney-general, failed to reach the water table. In order to determine what waters were under state jurisdiction a request was made to the various Federal departments to furnish us with maps showing the water table in California, Oregon and Washington. Nothing was accomplished thereby. It being stated that the maps required would cost \$20,000, the committee finally appealed to Secretary of the Interior Lane, who promptly provided the committee with the maps.

The committee then set out to get in detail all of the information asked so far as it was available in his department. This map has been transmitted to the Legislature.

In the disbursement of \$30,000, approximately \$4000 has been expended by the committee and \$26,000 by the State. The committee in July asked for a detailed statement showing the purpose of the various expenditures. This was refused and the committee ordered the Secretary of the Interior to furnish the information. This information was not available to the committee until this session of the Legislature was in large measure for the delay of the committee in making its final report.

ENGINEERS' REPORT ON PROJECT SCORED

Senator Day Makes Startling Allegation as Chairman of Committee.

DEVELOPMENT HALT IS AIM

Statement of Engineer of Reclamation Service That Only 4000 Acres Are Available Under Project for Aid Criticized.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—In making the report of the legislative committee on the investigations of the feasibility of the Columbia River power project today, Senator Day, chairman of the committee, made the startling allegation that had a report been prepared for the purpose of forestalling any development it could not have more effectually accomplished it than the one returned by Project Engineer Harza and endorsed by Chief Engineer Hopson, of the Reclamation Service.

Senator Day said the committee was disappointed in the character of the Government report, which is of the opinion that a conference be called of representatives of Oregon and Washington and the United States Government with a view of agreeing upon a plan of development.

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FERN OFFERS TO QUIT

RESIGNATION PROPOSED TO SAVE COMPENSATION ACT. Senator Day Declares Fight Is Not Aimed at Miss Hobbs, but at Man Who Gave Her Job.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Miss Fern Hobbs, State Industrial Accident Commissioner under appointment by ex-Governor West, because the storm center of debate in the Senate today, after a letter from her offering to resign if the Senate would pass the Schuebel compensation act, as passed by the House, had been read by the Senate.

The letter tried to make it appear that important legislation was being blocked because of an alleged fight on the part of a woman in Oregon in order the way it would be passed. Several Senators thought it bore the marks of the ex-Governor, and Senator Day, in urging the Senators not to lose their tempers, declared no attack had been made on Miss Hobbs, but what had been done was aimed at the man behind the scenes.

Before reading the letter, Senator Garland said Miss Hobbs had promised to give up the most lucrative position supervising a woman in Oregon in order to save the compensation act.

He thought it a noble motive that prompted her act and dramatically exclaimed:

"This is a monument to the unselfishness of woman and to the ingratitude of man."

Senator Kiddle, chairman of the Senate conference committee on the measure, characterized the statement of Senator Garland as "a dastardly attempt to put the conference committee in a false light, and is entirely uncalled for."

Upon request of Senator Garland, it was ordered that the letter of Miss Hobbs, which is as follows, be placed on the minutes:

"Please be advised that while holding a public office, I am more deeply concerned with the preservation of the workmen's compensation law and the protection of the thousands of widows and orphans, who will become its beneficiaries, than with my own position."

"I will offer, therefore, in consideration of the Senate's acceptance of the Schuebel bill (House Bill 22) without amendments, which will insure the stability of the compensation act and the preservation of the three commissioner plan, which is absolutely necessary for the just balance and harmony as between affected interests are to be maintained, to place my resignation in the hands of the Governor to become effective 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, the date said bill will take effect."

BILL FOR HOME GOODS LOST

House Refuses to Concur in Senate's Change of Act.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Oregon manufacturers have lost their fight for a 5 per cent favorable differential on all goods sold by contract to the state and its political subdivisions.

The House refused tonight to concur in an emergency clause be attached to the bill, and it probably will not be passed at all.

ASHLAND Postmaster in Senate.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—President Wilson today sent to the Senate the name of E. J. Kaiser for confirmation as postmaster at Ashland. Mr. Kaiser formerly was editor of the Record here. He will succeed J. F. Casey, who has held the position for 12 years. The change will go into effect March 4.

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GIRLS' SCHOOL VICTOR

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AGREE TO APPROPRIATE \$35,000. Harmony Comes After 45-Hour Conference Over Fund—100 Out Off for Economy.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—After repeated conferences extending over 48 hours, members of the House and the Senate reached an agreement over the appropriation for the Girls' Industrial School.

The Senate agreed to restore \$2490 of the proposed appropriation that it had lopped off the bill. The House committee promptly concurred and the bill now becomes a law, carrying an aggregate of nearly \$35,000 for the support of the school for the next two years. An item of \$15,000 which some House members wanted to appropriate for new cottages was cut off, due to the pressure of economy.

The Girls' School appropriation has been the subject of much controversy all through the session. The joint ways and means committee decided first to abolish the school, the House overruled both the House and Senate committees and two weeks ago, after

on account of private business matters needing his entire attention.

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