

## NINE LEGISLATIVE MEASURES KILLED

### Veto Ax Freely Wielded by Governor.

## REASONS FOR ACTION GIVEN

### Bill to Regulate Abstracters Held Too Drastic.

## JITNEY BILL PROTESTED

### Proposal to Raise Salaries of Officers of Klamath Disapproved, Likewise Several Others.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The veto ax was wielded effectively by Governor Olcott today, and when the chopping block was cleared nine measures passed by the recent session of the legislature had been disposed of. The short titles of the vetoed bills follow:

S. B. 574, by committee on Judiciary—Establishing liability for abstracters.

S. B. 24, by Messer—Providing for the supervision and regulation of transportation of persons and property for compensation.

S. B. 137, by Upton—Providing an increase of salaries for officers of Klamath county.

H. B. 112, by Overturn—Relating to boards of directors of irrigation districts.

H. B. 249, by joint committee on ways and means—Vetoed as far as it pertains to appropriation of \$150 for payment of claim of Dr. William M. Campbell for medical services rendered the Oregon military police from April 11, 1918, to May 30, 1918, inclusive.

Eddy—To declare franchise contracts obligatory where the product is sold to a municipality.

S. B. 324, by committee on revision of laws—Relating to conveyance of land shall be made.

S. B. 375, by Strayer—Relating to eminent domain, irrigation and drainage districts.

S. B. 327, by committee on revision of laws—Relating to failure of corporations, stock companies, etc., to pay annual license fees, tax delinquency and barring same from taking action in court.

## BILL HELD TOO DRASTIC

"Under the bill designed to regulate abstracters," said the governor's veto message, "no one would be a qualified abstractor unless he possessed a general abstract index covering records back to January 1, 1909, a section which in itself would establish a unique precedent in the history of retroactive legislation.

"Numerous faults of a minor character might be pointed out in the bill. For instance, provision is made for complete annual examination of all plants which might be licensed under the law. This would seem to be a virtually impossible task. Perhaps it would be unless the law brought the results for which it apparently was devised—the cutting down of the number of plants to so few that such examinations would then require but comparatively little time. Other similar objections might be cited, but I will make no effort to outline them in this message.

"The outstanding fact remains that the terms of the bill are so drastic, its regulatory provisions so prohibitive, that it would develop a small class of licensed men and shut out from legitimate business enterprises a large number of honest, conscientious and capable abstracters who have devoted their lives to the business and have rendered satisfactory and capable service to the public."

## BACHELOR TAX APPROVED

### Special Levy Measure Passed by Montana Legislature.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 26.—A bill providing for a special poll tax of \$3 annually on all bachelors residing in Montana was passed by the senate today. It had formerly passed the house and now goes to the governor. The senate committee amendment to make the law applicable also to spinsters was killed by the senate.

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## SPOOKS CUTTING UP; TOWN CAN'T SLEEP

### PILLOWS, STICKS, SILVERWARE FLIT OUT WINDOWS.

### Aged Woman, Bowled Over by Frolicsome Piece of Wood, Says Spirits Just Communicating.

## HOSTILITIES' SPREAD FACED

### Central America and Colombia May Be Drawn In.

## OIL DISTRICT INVADED

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They also have asked the Colombian government what action it is willing to take officially to protect a member of the new Union of Central American States. Other members are Guatemala, Salvador and Honduras.

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A presidential decree issued today declared that the country has been invaded, recited the necessity of expelling the invaders, suspended the constitution and called upon all Panamanians between 18 and 40 to register for military service and convoked the assembly for a special 10-day session beginning March 1.

**Strict Censorship Begun.**

An order was issued by the secretary of the treasury and the interior abolishing the constitutional provision regarding freedom of the press and establishing a strict censorship.

While nothing has been learned regarding the status of hostilities in the Colorado district, it was learned authentically today that hurriedly gathered forces are being sent from Panama toward Bocas del Toro.

Lack of arms and munitions to equip government forces being organized still was proving a difficulty. The belief was strongly held in official circles that the United States government was in duty bound to furnish the Panama forces with arms, since the country disarmed after signing of the Panama canal treaty.

**Dual Obligation Cited.**

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### Penobscot Indian Women Demand Vote in Tribal Elections.

OLD TOWN, Me., Feb. 26.—Indian women of the Penobscot tribe today started on the warpath to obtain the right to vote in the tribal elections and share in the conduct of reservation affairs. Already some squaws have nailed the suffrage colors to the totem pole.

Last night the women began rejoicing when they received a ruling from Attorney-General Shaw that they could go as far as the tribe allowed, for the state would remain neutral.

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### OBLIGATION WITH INTEREST IS PAYABLE AT ONCE.

### No Steps to Collect Sum Taken as Yet, Says Secretary Houston in Reply to Senate.

## BIG ROAD OUTLAY PLANNED FOR 1921

### Equipment and Cost May Limit Programme.

## WHOLE STATE TO BENEFIT

### Work to Center on Pacific and Columbia Highways.

## OTHERS TO BE IMPROVED

### Main Traffic Arteries of Oregon Included in Paving Mapped Out by Commission.

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