

Saturday, February 23.

Salem, Feb. 23. — The legislature adjourned today...

Among the most important senate bills enacted was the Haines banking bill...

PASSED IMPORTANT BILLS.

What the Legislature Accomplished During the Session.

Salem—Many important bills passed both houses of the Oregon legislature...

Several bills for new revenue were defeated. Among them was that of Representative Beals to tax timber...

One of the defeated measures of large moment was that of the Portland board of trade, for control of the water powers of the state.

First of all the enactments was that for a railroad commission. The bill for this law was introduced by Representative Chapin...

Representative Jones, of Polk, is father of a successful bill appropriating \$300,000 for free locks at Willamette falls...

Representative Eaton, of Lane, has the credit of having secured enactment of a bill granting to the State university an annual standing appropriation of \$125,000.

Representative Perkins, of Jackson, has the credit of securing for fruitmen a law to prevent false labeling and branding of packed fruit...

Representative Slusher is father of a successful bill creating a sheep commission and a sheep inspector...

Representative Vawter of Jackson had a bill passed to create one board of regents for all the normals...

Representative Barrett of Umatilla did the same for the Weston normal, in the sum of \$35,000.

Representative Edwards was promoter of an important enactment to raise the per capita tax of school districts to \$7.

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Representative Driscoll introduced the bill for the act creating the Port of Columbia District of Multnomah, Clatsop and Clatsop counties...

Senator M. A. Miller, of Linn, has to his credit a compulsory education law, which promises to be the most effective measure of the kind ever proposed in Oregon.

Salem—The state land board has made an order permitting a number of holders of school land certificates...

In doing so they must make affidavit that they don't already own 320 acres of land of that character.

PLAN TO STOP SACK GRAFT.

Palouse Farmers Will Carry Their Wheat to Elevators.

Waverly, Wash., Feb. 26. — The farmers and wheatgrowers of this district have decided to do away with the "sack profit" and elevators for handling wheat...

The company will be organized to enable the wheatgrower to handle his grain in the most economical manner...

Wagon boxes that will hold 100 bushels of wheat to haul to the elevators will cost the farmers but \$15 each...

TRUST IS REALITY.

Farmers Holding Back Produce for Better Prices.

Chicago, Feb. 26. — The farmers' trust has arrived. It has stretched its big, strong hands over the states of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas.

"You can't have any of this until you pay us what we think is coming to us. Now do your worst."

Ever since early last fall, board of trade men and shippers of grain have been talking about the scarcity of cars.

Senator Nottingham interested himself in the improvement of public morals as usual, and secured the enactment of a law for the punishment of persons guilty of enticing away children...

Senator Bingham was father of a new forest fire law, the efficiency of which has yet to be shown. It requires the burning of the debris of logging operations...

RATES ON DECLINE.

Senator Elkins Files Long List of Railroad Statistics.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, has just completed and filed in the senate minority report on the railroad rate law.

The average passenger rate," says the report, "advanced slightly from 1870 to 1880. During the next 24 years there was a decline equal to 17.85 per cent of the average for 1880.

The report says that the cost of transportation in 1904 was nearly \$2,000,000,000 less than it would have been had the rates for 1870 still prevailed.

Dry Farming in Malheur.

Vale, Or., Feb. 26.—Persons here from Pendleton and Walla Walla state that they will take up some of the bench land just west of Vale and use dry farming methods.

To Enlarge Irrigation Project. Pendleton, Feb. 26.—More than \$6,000 will be expended this spring on the work of extending the Hinkle ditch...

Goes to Naval Academy. Portland—Clarence W. Walls, has received an appointment from Senator Mulkey to fill a vacancy at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Forty of Crew Perished. Canea, Island of Crete, Feb. 26.—All the passengers on board the Austrian steamer Imperatrix, which ran on a rock Friday evening near Cape Elaphonios, were saved.

TRIAL TO CONTINUE

Judge Stafford Refuses to Dismiss Hermann Case.

LETTERS TELL OF CONSPIRACY

Prosecution Has Two That Hermann Wrote to ex-Register of Roseburg Land Office.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Justice Stafford today overruled the motion of the defense in the trial of Representative Binger Hermann to take the case from the jury and dismiss the charge on the ground of fatal variance between the indictment and the evidence before the grand jury.

The trial was halted last Thursday, when Mr. Worthington for the defense made a motion on the evidence submitted by Hermann's former secretary, Hough, as to his testimony before the grand jury. Mr. Worthington also argued that the prosecution could not adduce evidence of conspiracy on the part of Mr. Hermann with others to defraud the government out of public land in order to show a motive for the destruction of records, as alleged by the prosecution, on the ground that Hermann was not on trial for conspiracy.

J. T. Bridges, ex-register of the land office at Roseburg, testified that he had received many letters from Hermann of a private character that he had destroyed. Two were found in his desk when the desk was broken open at the time he was suspended in 1905.

WATCH SEVERAL SUSPECTS.

Secret Service Men Have No Clue to Identity of Thief.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Although a score of detectives are at work on the case, the theft of \$173,000 from the sub-treasury in this city last Wednesday seems as far from solution as the day on which the robbery was committed.

MAY STOP FIGHTING.

United States or Mexico Threaten to Intervene in War.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Unless Nicaragua and Honduras speedily agree to arbitrate their difficulties in response to the suggestion of the United States and Mexico, it is not improbable that intervention will be resorted to in order to bring an end to the present hostilities.

STEAMER EMPIRE AT OLD GAME.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Advices received by the State department today through Minister Corea of Nicaragua are to the effect that the small steamer Empire, which in the past has figured conspicuously in filibustering expeditions, is being utilized for the transportation of munitions of war from Salvador to Honduras.

Big Air Ship Ready to Fly.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The Examiner says a new flying machine, arranged to carry 15 persons, is now ready at Pleasanton to start on its initial voyage. This machine measures 225 feet in length, and has a diameter of 40 feet.

Alaska Loses by Much Wrangling.

Washington, Feb. 26.—All important Alaska legislation now pending before congress will fail because of disagreement among the Alaskans now here. The most Alaska can expect is the passage of the bill creating land offices at Nome and Fairbanks, a new game law, a bill requiring the recording of assessment work on mining claims and the bill relieving the Tanana Mines Railroad company from the payment of taxes.

Bandits Get Big Plunder.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26.—Bandits raided the hacienda of Jesus Urangon Salenz in the village of Durango, Mexico, Sunday night. After making prisoners of Salenz and his servants, the bandits robbed his safe of \$7,000 in gold and gathered up many thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry and plate.

SUB-TREASURY ROBBED.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollar Theft Uncovered in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The Tribune today says: One of the largest—if not the largest—thefts from the United States treasury has been unearthed in Chicago.

Somewhere between \$175,000 and \$200,000 was stolen from the local sub-treasury last week. The money has disappeared as completely as if it had vanished from the earth.

Chief Wilkie, of the United States Secret service, has been keeping informed by telephone and telegraph of every development, and, according to telegraphic advices, he will leave Washington today to take personal charge of the investigation.

Secretary Shaw, of the Treasury department, was told of the big theft when in Chicago last week, and was in conference with Sub-Treasurer William Boldenwick and secret service officials. The money was stolen either a week ago Saturday, the next day or Monday.

All the money taken was in large bills—bills of the denomination of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Just who discovered the loss the sub-treasury officials would not admit last night. Neither would they tell from what department the money was taken, nor how the loss was discovered.

DANGER TO HARBOR BILL.

May Be Killed Entirely to Avert Big Treasury Deficit.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Since Chairman Tawney, of the appropriations committee, called attention to the probability of a deficit of \$100,000,000, in consequence of the large appropriations made this session, there has been considerable talk around the capitol about defeating the river and harbor bill, thus removing the possibility of such deficit.

The river and harbor bill as passed by the house carried \$83,000,000. As amended by the senate, it carries \$92,000,000, and the prospects are that, if the conference committee agrees, it will report a bill carrying in the neighborhood of \$90,000,000, or approximately the amount of the deficit predicted by Mr. Tawney.

Friends of the river and harbor bill, since the rumor started, have become active in urging prompt agreement on the bill in conference, so that it will not run the chance of being talked to death in the last day or two of the session.

STOP FOREST RESERVES.

Fulton Would Give Congress Authority to Create.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Fulton has offered his amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, prohibiting the creation of further forest reserves in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado, except by authority of congress.

Western men in congress are thoroughly aroused at the Forest service for its attempt not only to regulate all government timber land but public range land as well, and in consequence legislation recommended by the president, looking to the leasing of the public range and the reservation of all public timber land now in reserves, will be tabled.

Japanese Will Investigate.

Seattle, Feb. 25.—The Japanese association of Seattle has appointed a committee of five to make a full and impartial report on conditions existing in the Pacific Northwest, as regards their countrymen. The result of the committee's investigations will be sent to the government at Tokio, through the Japanese ambassador at Washington.

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No Hope for Seattle Fair Bill.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Piles has about abandoned hope of securing the passage through the senate this session of Senator Ankeny's bill appropriating \$700,000 for the Seattle exposition. Senator Hale refuses to withdraw his objection. As the bill cannot pass the house this session, the whole matter will go over to the next congress, when it stands a fair chance of passing.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The Nebraska legislature has passed an anti-pass bill.

The British premier favors action on disarmament at The Hague.

Reform of land laws will go over to the next session of congress.

Russian terrorists have planned a wholesale massacre of officers.

The president may create many forest reserves before the new law takes effect.

Forty-two Greek laborers were injured in a smashup of a construction train on the Salt Lake road at Leith, Nev.

Railroads affected by the 2-cent passenger rate laws passed in several states will combine to carry the fight to the courts.

Fighting between Nicaragua and Honduras is now general. The former seems to have the advantage, though Salvador is helping Honduras.

Sylvester R. Rush, of Nebraska, has been appointed special assistant to the attorney general. He is to have charge of the land fraud investigations in the Northwest. He has had much success in convicting land thieves in Nebraska.

Chinese famine sufferers are dying by thousands.

Hill has purchased the Astoria & Columbia River railroad.

A number of senators and representatives will visit Hawaii this summer.

General Koslevsky was assassinated after joking about threats made to kill him.

The National Arbitration and Peace congress will meet in New York April 14 to 17.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have been asked to urge the people to help the Russian famine sufferers.

A Baltimore & Ohio express train was wrecked near Connellsville, Pa., and two persons killed and eight injured.

The Iowa legislature has adopted a resolution calling on congress to call a convention to amend the constitution so that United States senators may be elected by direct vote of the people.

The San Francisco water board has revoked the franchise supplying the city with water on the ground that the company has been collecting excessive rates. The property is estimated to be worth \$5,300,000.

The French accuse the church of having meddled in politics.

The St. Paul railroad has stopped all improvements till popular wrath cools.

Sixteen children and their teacher were burned to death in a Montreal school.

Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia narrowly escaped being blown up by a terrorist bomb.

Stoessel is called a coward by Smirnoff, one of the generals at Port Arthur during the siege.

Fire at Los Angeles destroyed property valued at \$200,000. Firemen rescued 12 people from the flames.

A British naval paymaster at Victoria, B. C., is to be court martialled because his carelessness caused a loss of \$1,550.

The English parliament will arrange a loan of \$5,000,000 for Kingston, the money to be used to rebuild the business portion of the city.

George Von L. Meyer, former American ambassador to Russia, has returned to the United States to become postmaster general in President Roosevelt's cabinet.

The Texas senate has voted to exonerate Senator Bailey.

A Denver man has confessed to killing his wife that he might marry another woman.

The senate has approved of another Federal judge for the Northern district of California.

The senate has refused to consider a measure to reduce tariff on sugar, tobacco and rice from the Philippines.

Secretary Shaw will leave the cabinet March 4 to become president of the Carnegie Trust company, of New York.

Pittsburg has just had a fire in the heart of the business district, the loss amounting to several hundred thousand dollars.

E. H. Harriman is now before the Interstate Commerce commission. He has refused to tell some things the commission wants to know and the matter will be carried to the Federal courts.

The Union Pacific and Burlington have lost a case carried to the United States Supreme court. Back taxes over \$3,000,000 were involved. The various county treasurers of Nebraska represented the other side in the case.

Jerome aims to have Thaw declare permanently insane.