PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Saturday, February 23. s been appropriated. The senate refused to adopt the house

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PASSED IMPORTANT BILLS.

what the Legislature Accomplished During the Session.

Salem-Many important bills passed both bouses of the Oregon legislature st the session just ended, and a considesble number were defeated. The apto some \$3,500,000—and no bills passed nising any considerable amount of revense by new methods.

Several bills for new revenue were holdings on the basis of cruisings subnitted to assessors by their owners. another was that prepared by the late ur commission and introduced by Repmentative Freeman taxing public serset earnings. A third was that of Repreentative Settlemier for collection of tars on land that had escaped taration in the last six years.

One of the defeated measures of large noment was that of the Portland board d'trade, for control of the water powes of the state. Another was that for 1\$60,000 appropriation for extension of the portage road to The Dalles.

First of all the enactments was that to a milroad commission. The bill for this law was introduced by Representative Chapin and the three commissioners already have been appointed-7. K. Campbell, C. B. Aitchison and Oswald West.

Representative Jones, of Polk, Is father of a successful bill appropriating \$300,000 for free locks at Willamette falls, contingent on the national govemment's appropriating an additional sm sufficient to provide the locks and 18 years for immoral purposes.

Representative Eaton, of Lane, has il standing appropriation of

Representative Jackson, of Douglas, introduced a successful bill appopriating \$100,000 for National Guard arm-

Representative Perkins, of Jackson, has the credit of securing for fruitmen also to prevent false labeling and banding of packed fruit, and of another law to prevent false marking of nursery stock A third bill of his permits echardists to kill birds that destroy crops, but this bill is in danger of a

Representative Slusher is father of a soccessful bill creating a sheep commising inspectors of the bureau of animal industry to exercise police powers in the state for eradication of sheep scab. Representative Settlemier's bill passed both houses to appropriate \$100,000

for the Seattle exposition in 1909. Representative Edwards was premoter of an important enactment to dozen. mise the per capita tax of school dis-

mal. Representative Barrett of Uma- ducks, 16@18c; tills did the same for the Weston normal, in the sum of \$35,000. Senator box; choice, \$1.50@2.50. State Agricultural college, and Senator 17c per pound. Johnson of a \$75,000 appropriation for

Representative Beals is author of an enactment creating the office of cheese, \$1.40; common, 75c@\$1. dairy and creamery inspector, as deputy to the state dairy commissioner.

Representative Driscoll introduced the bill for the act creating the Port of steers, 514@614c. Columbia District of Multnomah, Columbia and Clatsop counties, for regulation of towage and pilotage at the mouth of the Columbia river.

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.

Board Fixes Terms.

Salem-The state land board has made an order permitting a number of holders of school land certificates purchased from A. T. Kelliher to secure certificates and making new purchaser.

be sold to one person.

Among the most important senate Salurday, The legislature bills enacted was the Haines banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bill, which, though and banking today went down in bills are to be a second today went down in bills are t siem, Feb. today went down in bill, which, though acknowledged to be sich adjourned to a lavish Oregon has imperfect, is believed to be a wise short as the most a total of \$3,500,000 measure for the reason that it is the beginning of state supervision of bank-

Senator M. G. Miller, of Linn, was the author of a bill that has passed The house resident two bills giving farm both houses providing for the loaning plorers and threshermen liens on of surplus funds in the state treasury to banks giving security and paying interest on daily balances.

Senator F. J. Miller, of Linn-Marion mestate, the state went down to de tablishment tablishment of an institution for the feeble-minded, an institution for which The house Unished up its business at there has been general demand in or-The house the der to place under control a class of 11:30 but it was notices people not fit for the asylum but who long enough, and they have to decided

Senator Sichel fathered two bills li was announced to the members of that will have considerable effect. One that it would be more provides for the working of husbands the legislature of nusbands anyenient to buy tickets at the depot | who fail to support their families, and the payment of \$1.50 a day to the famthat to pay a the new anti-pass law ily for their support. The other provides a uniform insurance policy.

Senator Coshow will be remembered kindly by all jurors hereafter, for he secured the enactment of a law raising the fees of jurors from \$2 to \$3 a day. Senator Hart of Baker was author of the bill which places restrictions upon

the pasturing of foreign sheep in Oregon, so as to protect Oregon sheepmen. Senator Malarkey introduced three measures which will be of considerable popriations are very large—amounting importance. One limits the hours of labor of trainmen, another makes the husband's courtesy the same as a wife's dower, and the third provides for the building of a bridge across the Willambleated. Among them was that of ette at Oswego, thus affording the Representative Beals to tax timber means of taking the trains off Fourth street in Portland.

Senator Mulit of Jackson remembered the widows and orphans by securing the enactment of a law which raises from \$3,000 to \$7,5000 the recorporations on their capitalized amount that may be recovered for acts causing death.

Senator Cake framed the bill which ment of two Supreme court commission- and the trust has said to the dealers of ers to assist the court in catching up the world: with its work.

Senator Kay pleased the merchants everywhere by securing the enactment of a law which provides for the garnishment of wages of public employes. Such employes are very often judgment proof without such a law.

Senator Schofield fathered a number of fishery laws, and has had the census law amended so that it is now suited to modern conditions.

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 under

Senator Bingham was father of a new forest fire law, the efficiency of which the credit of having secured enactment has yet to be shown. It requires the da bill granting to the State universi- burning of the debris of logging opentions, and there were conflicting opinions as to the practical working of the Senator Elkins Files Long List of

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 70c; bluestem, 72c; valley, 70c; red, 68c

Oats-No. 1 white, \$29; gray, \$28.50. Barley-Feed, \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50. Rye-\$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

Corn - Whole, \$24.50; cracked, 22.50 per ton. Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$14@

15 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, son and a sheep inspector, and author- \$17@18; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$14. Butter-Fancy creamery, 3214@35c

per pound. Butter fat-First grade cream, 33 1/4 c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Eggs - Oregon ranch, 18@19c per Poultry - Average old hens, 14@ Representative Vawter of Jackson 14 %c; spring, 13 %@14c; old roosters, 9 net saving to the shippers averaged had a bill passed to create one board of @10c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; tur- 11.09 mills per ton per mile." fegents for all the normals, also to ap- keys, live, 16c; turkeys, dressed,

Apples-Common, 75c @ \$1.25 per

Loughary secured enactment of his bill | Vegetables-Turnips, \$1@1.25 per providing \$36,000 for Monmouth and sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, Representative Jackson put a successful \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7@ rider on it appropriating \$27,000 for 8c per pound; sweet potatoes, 31/2c Drain. Representative Carter of Ben- per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per doz ton secured passage of a \$125,000 ap- en; celery, \$3.50@3.75 crate; sprouts, propriation for new buildings at the 9c; rhubarb, 11c per pound; asparagus,

Onions-Oregon, \$1@1.15 per hun-

Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, fancy, Veal-Dressed, 51/2@9c per pound. Beef-Dressed bulls, 234@334c per

Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 816@9c per

pound; ordinary, 6@7c. Pork-Dressed, 6609c per pound. Hops-81 @10 1c per pound, accord-

ing to quality. Wool-Eastern Oregon average best, ley, 20 @ 23c, according to fineness;

mohair, choice, 27@30c per pound.

Goes to Naval Academy Portland-Clarence W. Walls, bas received an appointment from Senator port Land & Construction company, and Mulkey to fill a vacancy at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, title to the land by surrendering their Md. Mr. Walls is a native Oregonian, having been born at Prineville 18 years In doing so they must make affidavit ago. His friends are confident that that they don't already own 320 acres of he will have no trouble in passing trian steamer Imperiatrix, which ran and of that character. This in a the entrance examination. measure enforces the legal requirement is to be held in this city April 16 next Elaphoniso, were saved. Forty memthat only 320 acres of school land shall by the United States Civil Service com- bers of the crew, of whom 32 were Aus

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 in bulk will be be built all along the Spokane & Inland Flectric road. A very enthusiastic meeting was held here recently and the matter thoroughly discussed by the farmers. The meeting was addressed by a representative of the elevator company, who explained the advantages to be derived Prosecution Has Two That Hermann from the farmers handling loose instead of sacked grain.

The company will be organized to enable the wheatgrower to handle his grain in the most economical manner, and thereby save the price of sacks, which sell for from 10 to 11 cents each. The farmers feel that they have been imposed upon by the "sack grafters" to stop buying sacks and handle their

wheat in bulk. Wagon boxes that will hold 100 bushels of wheat to haul to the elevators will cost the farmers but \$15 each, and these boxes can be used from year to year. All elevators will be equipped with the most modern machinery for the handling and cleaning of grain in the most economical manner. Wheat can be handled fully a cent a bushel cheaper than through the warehouses in sacks. Wagon dumps and shipping scales will be provided at every elevator. These elevators will probably be built all through the Palouse country this season, as farmers all over Eastern Washington are anxious to do away

TRUST IS REFLITY.

Better Prices.

Chicago, Feb. 26. - The farmers' trust has arrived. It has stretched its big strong hands over the states of In big, strong hands over the states of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas. Its knotted finof grain and fruit and thousands of polypracy." It was identified by Mr. has passed providing for the appoint- bales of cotton into a mountain heap,

"You can't have any of this until you pay us what we think is coming to 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. To that scarcity they have attributed almost entirely the fact that corn, move to the market centers with more haste. The dearth of cars is an everyday theme in the speculative and comercial gossip. That there is a great deal in it nobody disputes, but a still more significant phenomenon of the day is that grain is being held back betheir own property.

RATES ON DECLINE.

Railroad Statistics.

pleted and filed in the senate is minor- the money disappeared. ity report on the railroad rate law. It presents a comprehensive history of the economic development of American railroads, together with exhaustive United States or Mexico Threaten to tables which tend to show a constantly decreasing freight and passenger rate, and the relation between such rates and

"The average passenger rate," savs there was a decline equal to 17.85 per cent of the average for 1880. The net decline from 1870 to 1890 averaged 16.14 per cent. The decline in the average rate per mile per ton of freight duras, in effect conveying this threat. was 58.71 per cent during the years from 1870 to 1904, the rate for the earlier year being about, two and one-

The report says that the cost of propriate \$40,000 for the Ashland nor- choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 9@10c; transportation in 1904 was nearly \$2,-000,000,000 less than it would have been had the rates for 1870 still pre-

Dry Farming in Malheur.

tion of the county, and the outcome is Honduras. being prophesied as a failure by some of the old settlers, but those who are pound; cows, 41/2 @ 51/2c; country studying the situation state there can be no doubt as to success.

To Enlarge Irrigation Project.

by Attorney J. T. Hinkle, of this city, are eight feet in diameter. The contract has been let to the Newthe work will be started at once.

Forty of Crew Perished.

Canea, Island of Crete, Feb. 26 .-All the passengers on board the Austrians and eight Indians, perished.

TRIAL TO CONTINUE

Judge Stafford Refuses to Dismiss Hermann Case.

LETTERS TELL OF CONSPIRACY

Wrote to ex-Register of Roseburg Land Office.

Washington, Feb. 26 .- Justice Staford 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. Hearings were resumed 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.

After hearing the argument on Thursday. Justice Stafford adjourned the trial until today, in order to consider the how the loss was discovered. points made by the defense.

J. T. Bridges, ex-register of the land Farmers Holding Back Produce for office at Roseburg, testified that he had received many letters from Hermann of a private character that he had destroyhe was suspended in 1905. One of these mentions the name of Agee, who is identified by the government with what has been designated as the "Agee Bridges, District Attorney Baker stating that he desired to show the intimately friendly relations existing between them. He further said that this transaction in which Agee was involved took place while Hermann was at the head of the land office, and that he should have knowledge of it.

WATCH SEVERAL SUSPECTS.

wheat and other farm products do not Secret Service Men Have No Clew 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 subtreasury in this city last Wednesday seems as far from solution as the day on which the robbery was committed. cause the farmers are determined they The general impression prevails that shall get the price they have set on the thief must have been a government employe, and several of these men are being closely watched, but, as far as known tonight, no tangible evdience has been discovered.

Among those under surveillance is George W. Fitzgerald, who was in charge of the teller's cage from which Washington, Feb. 26 .- Senator El- the money was abstracted, but he inkins, of West Virginia, has just com- sists that he has no knowledge of how

MAY STOP FIGHTING.

Intervene in War.

Washington, Feb. 26 .- Unless Nicathe price of commodities and cost of ragua and Honduras speedily agree to objection, and it was generally agreed the suggestion of the United States and the report, "advanced slightly from Mexico, it is not improbable that inter-1870 to 1880. During the next 24 years vention will be resorted to in order to be expects to have the amendment acbring an end to the present hostillies. It became known today that within the taken up. last day or two a second note was sent to the presidents of Nicaragua and Hon-

No replies have been received and, while in official circles the hope is expressed that further bloodshed may be 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 14@ half times that of the latter, and the averted, there is an underlying belief that it will be necessary for either the force an arbitration.

Steamer Empire at Old Game.

Washington, Feb. 26. - Advices received by the State department today through Minister Corea of Nicaragua are Vale, Or., Feb. 26 .- Persons here Empire, which in the past has figured Pacific Northwest, as regards their from Pendleton and Walla Walla state conspicuously in filibustering expedithat they will take up some of the bench tions, is being utilized for the transland just west of Vale and use dry farm- portation of munitions of war from ing methods. They feel certain that Salvador to Honduras. Minister Corea the soil is similar and better than that will request this government to have lent returns are being made. No dry cruiser Chicago, believing that she carfarming has ever been tried in this sec- ries supplies ultimately intended for through a sense of national pride to in-

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 ini-Pendleton, Feb. 26 .- More than \$6,- tial voyage. This machine measures one of the small private reclamation is built of 18,000 feet of aluminum. iston. The announcement was made the ship drive the propellers, which

Bandits Get Big Plunder.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26. - Bandits

SUB-TREASURY ROBBED.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollar Theft Uncovered in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 23 .- The Tribune to-

One of the largest-if not the largest -thefts from the United States treasury has been unearthed in Chicago.

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

The authorities here and in Washington have been working night and day on the robbery since it was discov-

Chief Wilkie, of the United States Secret service, has been keeping inform- an anti-pass bill. ed 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 The money was stolen either a week ago effect. Saturday, the next day or Monday. The chances are it was abstracted on Monday. The loss was discovered Tuesday.

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

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 him. amended by the senate, it carries \$92, 000,000, and the prospects are that, if the conference committee agrees, it will 14 to 17. 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 not run the chance of being talked to jured. death in the last day or two of the session. If the report is delayed until the middle of the week, and a few senators determine to kill it, they will have the bill entirely within their power. -

STOP FOREST RESERVES.

Fulton Would Give Congress Authority to Create.

Washington, Feb. 25 .- Senator Fulton has offered his amendment to the agricultural apropriation bill, prohibiting the creation of further forest : 1eserves in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado, except by authoriy of congress. Senator Lodge, who threatened to raise a point of order against the amendment, withdrew his school. arbitrate their difficulties in response to that the amendment would be permitted to go in the bill if it was not debated cepted by the senate when the bill is

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 \$1,550. United States or Mexico to step in and 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 imparto the effect that the small steamer tial report on conditions existing in the countrymen. The result of the committee's investigations will be sent to the government at Tokio, through the erate Senator Bailey. Japanese ambassador at Washington. A. Hattori, president of the assocition, around Pendleton, on which such excel- the steamer Newport intercepted by the declared that the meeting was not called as a government function, but merely vestigate conditions.

Alaska Loses by Much Wrangling.

Washington, Feb. 25. - All important Alaska legislation now pending measure to reduce tariff on sugar, tobefore congress will fail because of disagreement among the Alaskans now here. The most Alaska can expect is 000 will be expended this spring on the 225 feet in length, and has a diameter the passage of the bill creating land work of extending the Hinkle ditch, of 40 feet. The frame of the structure offices at Nome and Fairbanks, a new game law, a bill requiring the record-13@18c, according to shrinkage; val- projects in the viginity of the govern- The six propellers are moveable and ing of assessment work on mining ment's East Umatilla project at Herm- adjustable. The engines located within claims and the bill relieving the Tanana Mines Railroad company from the dollars. payment of taxes.

No Hope for Seattle Fair Bill.

Washington, Feb. 25 .- Senator Piles raided the hacienda of Jesus Urangan has about abandoned hope of securing Salenz in the village of Durango, Mexi- the passage through the senate this co, Sunday night. After making pris- session of Senator Ankeny's bill approoners of Salenz and his servants, the priating \$700,000 for the Seattle expobandits robbed his safe of \$7,000 in sition. Senator Hale refuses to withgold and gathered up many thousands draw his objection. As the bill cannot This on a rock Friday evening near Cape of dollars' worth of jewelry and plate, pass the house this session, the whole destroying all they could not carry off. matter will go over to the next con-Officers are searching the mountains for gress, when it stands a fair chance of

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

The Nebraska legislature has passed

The British premier favors action on lisarmament 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 for-Boldenwick and secret service officials. est reserves before the new law takes Forty-two Greek laborers were in-

jured in a smashup of a construction

train on the Salt Lake road at Leith, Railroads affected by the 2-cent passenger rate laws passed in several states will combine to carry the fight

into 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 inestigations 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 representa-

tives will visit Hawaii this summer. General Koslevsky was assassinated after joking about threats made to kill

The National Arbitration and Peace congress will meet in New York April

President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have been asked to urge the people to help the Russian famine suffer-

A Baltimore & Ohio express train was wrecked near Connellsville, Pa., the bill in conference, so that it will and two persons killed and eight in-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

rates. The property is estimated to be worth \$5,300,000. The French accuse the church of hav-

city with water on the ground that the

company has been collecting excessive

ing 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

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 proper-

y valued at \$200,000. Firemen rescued 12 people from the flames. A British naval paymaster at Victoria, B. C., is to be court martialed because his carelessness caused a loss of

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 exon-

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

bacco and rice from the Philippines. Secretary Shaw will leave the cabine

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 los amounting to several hundred thousand

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

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

Jerome aims to have Thaw declare permanently insane.