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## ROGUE RIVER BILL PASSES

House Votes to Rescind Initiative Law Prohibiting Commercial Fishing There.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—With the solemn warning of Belland ringing in their ears, that if they took such action it would be evidence on its face that they had left their consciences at home, and the timely injunction of Buchanan that experience has demonstrated that an effort to destroy a measure passed by the people, "though it be false and pernicious as hell," will surely bring its punishment, 32 members of the House voted to repeal the initiative enactment closing Rogue river to all except hook and line fishermen.

This is the first time in Oregon legislative history that either branch of the legislature has had the temerity to overthrow the law of the people. The excuse generally offered was that, owing to a lack of understanding of the initiative law, the people had put out of business the Hume cannery at the mouth of Rogue River, representing interests worth \$250,000, in the interest of a "few hook and line anglers." The fallacy of this argument, said the opponents of the bill, lay in the fact that the people were well aware of what they were doing as the purport of the measure was plainly printed in the initiative petition, and that if time showed a mistake had been made it would be up to the people and not the legislature to rectify the error.

**Buchanan Has Learned.**  
"The members of this House should remember that under the initiative every voter in Oregon is a legislator," declared Buchanan, in opposing Peirce's bill. "Whether the law is right or wrong should not concern this body—the people have spoken I want to tell you that you should beware of monkeying with the laws of the people. If the people say it is right, you should swear it is right. The people can do no wrong, and by 16,000 majority they have said you shall not do this thing."

"The people are sovereign in authority. They knew what they were doing when they passed the law because the measure was plainly written on the ballot. Again I urge you to beware. Two years ago I tried to monkey with one of the people's laws, and the voters of Jackson county and a couple of papers in Portland have not ceased to howl about it yet."

Brownhill jumped to his feet as Buchanan concluded and caused laughter by congratulating him on his "conversion." "Well," retorted Buchanan, "I have been taught the political lesson by experience that if a thing is as wrong, as pernicious and as false as hell, and the people say it is right, we all should swear it is right."

Clemens said the legislature exists to right wrongs as well as to pass laws. If the people had known the purpose of the initiative measure, he continued, it would never have been passed. Two thousand persons were said by him to have petitioned for the repeal of the law.

"Yes," remarked Buchanan, "but nearer 100,000 persons voted on it under the initiative."

**Bills Passed.**  
H. B. No. 289, by Peirce of Coos—Repealing the law prohibiting crab fishing on Coos Bay.

**Indefinitely Postponed.**  
H. B. 250, by Rackleff—Requiring cities to pay to counties \$400 annually for every saloon license granted.

H. B. 286, by Rackleff—Prohibiting wearing of calked shoes in public places.

H. B. 319, by Peirce—Prohibiting road supervisors from contracting indebtedness against the county.

**Bills Passed Senate.**  
S. B. 246, by Sinnott—Requiring employers of labor who employ over three persons to report to the state labor commissioner all accidents resulting in death or disability and in all cases where a physician is called.

S. B. 14, by Kellaher—Providing for approval of annexation of any

## ABSENTEES TO LOSE OFFICE

Bill Introduced In Oregon Legislature Requires Them to Attend to Duty.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—As a sequel to the debate on Senator Bowerman's bill creating the office of Assistant Secretary of State, Representative Brownhill introduced a bill providing that any public official away from his post or duty for 30 days shall be deprived of his salary.

The bill provides that any person holding an elective or appointive office or public position within the state, who is absent from his office for more than 30 days in a year, shall not be allowed to receive any payment or compensation for the time of absence exceeding 30 days. If the absence exceeds 60 days, the office becomes vacant and shall be filled in the manner provided by law in case of vacancy in office or position caused by death or resignation.

Any absence for more than 60 days, the bill provides, shall be declared to be delinquency in public office. Its applications are not confined to state officials alone but extend to all elective and appointive public officials.

Introduction of the bill was suggested to Brownhill by the protracted absence of Secretary of State Benson.

**No Mixed Marriages.**  
With Clemens, Clyde, Mann, Peirce, Reynolds, Smith and Simpson voting no, the House passed Peterson's bill prohibiting the intermarriage of whites with Japanese or Hindus. The bill also prohibits such marriages between whites and persons having one-fourth Japanese or Hindu blood.

Providing for annual payment on theoretical horsepower for water power development, Carson's bill passed the Senate, there being 10 negative votes.

Members of the House backed up the Senate in its demand for cleanliness among pupils in the public schools and passed Senator Chase's bill which empowers the Board of Directors of any school district to enforce sanitary regulations governing the personal appearance and cleanliness of untidy pupils.

**Season Deer Limit Cut to Two.**  
Representative Church's bill, limiting the number of deer that may be killed in a season to two, regardless of sex, passed the House. Under the present law the limit is five bucks, but Mr. Church explained that this did not prevent the killing of females by hunters, who now leave the carcass untouched.

Fouts' bill, providing that any person having in his possession more than 35 ducks shall be liable to a fine, passed the lower House. This does not change the number of ducks that may be killed in a week, but it prevents any hunter returning home with a greater number and explaining that the number in excess of the legal limit belonged to Jones and Smith and that he was merely bringing them home as an accommodation.

Representative Neuner has introduced a bill defining what shall constitute a scalp for collection of bounty territory to city or town by vote of the people of the district affected before the city can act on taking in outside territory.

S. B. 77, by Chase—Shortening the season for duck shooting on Coos Bay.

S. B. 153, by Merryman—Increasing bounties on timber wolf and cougar.

S. B. 270, by committee on commerce and navigation, substitute for S. B. 132, prohibiting possession of liquor or presence of intoxicated persons on trains, boats and stages.

Among the new bills in the senate is the following:  
S. B. 249, by Chase—Authorizing liens to be placed on property for drainage district work.

**DON'T forget that 30 CT. COFFEE at the ANONA GROCERY.**

## LINES DOWN FROM STORM

Telegraph and Long Distance Telephones Out of Commission from Coos Bay.

As a result of yesterday and last night's storms, Coos Bay is isolated today from the rest of the world. The Western Union's telegraph line from here to Roseburg is out of commission, going down yesterday afternoon. The company has a number of linemen out but it is uncertain when communication will be reestablished.

This morning, all of the long distance telephone lines were out of commission but at noon, the service to Bandon had been restored. They hope to restore service to Roseburg soon.

Besides the heavy gusts of wind that made the storm like a squall, considerable rain, sleet and hail fell. Today, more hail fell.

Aside from the damage to the telephone and telegraph lines, no damage was done.

In consequence of the wires being down, The Times was not able to secure its regular Associated Press report today.

## DIRECT VOTE FOR SENATORS

Senator Brown Points Out to Senate That People Will Have the Say.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Supporting the resolution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, Norris Brown of Nebraska, made reply in the Senate to Lodge and Dewey, opposing the amendment. "The American people," he said, "cannot be joked, or smiled at, or by scholarly scoffers driven from their determination to have a direct voice in public affairs."

"Representative government is dear to them. They would preserve and perpetuate it."

"How natural and logical, then, is their desire to become more closely and more directly identified with their servants and representatives, whether in the National Congress or in state legislatures, and to have a more direct voice in the laws of the land?"

Mr. Brown supported the principle of direct primaries and predicted that "the time is not more than six years distant when every delegate to every National convention will be chosen by direct vote."

**WED IN NORTH BEND.**

**Tom Juza and Miss Laura Sheppard Married.**

A very pretty wedding took place in North Bend, Saturday night, February 11, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheppard when their daughter, Laura, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Juza. The Sheppard home was beautifully decorated with huckleberries and fern. Rev. Hisey of the Methodist church officiated with a brief but impressive ceremony.

After Mr. and Mrs. Juza had received congratulations of their assembled friends, the party repaired to the dining room where a bounteous repast was served.

Later in the evening the happy pair were taken to the boat to Marshfield where they will reside. These young people are both well and favorably known as they have lived here a number of years.

Some beautiful presents were received. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brainard, Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette White, Miss Julia Holm, Mrs. Mary Anderson, Clifford Downs, Hansey Hansen, Johnnie Sheppard and Miss Frances White.

## WILL PROTEST ON NEW GRADE

O. C. & N. Company and C. E. Nicholson Remonstrate On North Front.

A new complication in the improvement of North Front street has arisen and may delay it even if the dredge Oregon is able to go ahead and fill it. C. E. Nicholson and the Oregon Coal and Navigation company are circulating a petition among the property owners protesting against raising the grade of the street.

It is claimed that the new grade established under the last plans and specifications prepared by P. A. Sandberg for the improvement of the street will mean the raising of it between two and four feet above the present planing. This will make it about two feet and a half above the floors of the Cold Storage plant and the Ocean dock.

It is also claimed that it will make the north end of Front street higher than the portion of Front street already paved with hard paving.

## DUCK HUNTERS IN ACCIDENT

Ben Sandborg of North Bend and Companion Nearly Drown Yesterday.

Ben Sandborg, a longshoreman residing at North Bend and a companion were almost drowned by their boat overturning while hunting ducks on North Inlet yesterday. When rescued, one was hanging to the overturned boat and the other was standing on an island with the water up to his chin. They were taken off by the launch Vega which was towing a pile-driver up the inlet.

The accident occurred on or near N. Rasmussen's ranch. The hunters were rowing over the slightly inundated flats and the wind and high tide caused the accident.

Owing to the cold, Sandborg was nearly overcome when removed from the chilly water.

## J. H. GREVES IS NEW TRUSTEE

North Bend Man Will Represent Rapid Transit Company Creditors.

The creditors of the Rapid Transit company have elected J. H. Greves of the North Bend National bank trustees in the bankruptcy proceedings begun against the company.

Mr. Greves qualified today and will at once begin to ascertain the assets of the company and secure charge of the property.

Claims against the company thus far proven before Referee McKnight amount to about \$22,000.

What the assets will amount to cannot be ascertained until a careful investigation is made.

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## BANQUET HERE IS SUCCESS

Many Participate In Observation of Lincoln's Birthday In Marshfield.

The first annual Lincoln Banquet by the Marshfield Republican club at The Chandler, Saturday evening, was a decided success. There was a good attendance of leading republicans, a fine repast was enjoyed and some good talks made.

The dining room of The Chandler was prettily and appropriately decorated for the occasion. An enlarged picture of Abraham Lincoln enshrouded by a large American flag marked the head of the banquet table and the room was effectively set off with smaller flags and bunting. As a centerpiece, F. K. Gettins contributed a clever and artistic piece of decoration—a miniature log cabin with a miniature railroad.

M. C. Maloney presided as toastmaster and there were responses by Judge John S. Coke, J. V. Smeaton, Ch. B. Selby, A. S. Hammond of Coquille and C. I. Reigard of Marshfield.

In opening the program, M. C. Maloney paid high tribute to Abraham Lincoln as a foremost American citizen and exponent of republicanism whom all republicans regardless of factions united in honoring.

Judge Coke's response was to the "The Republican Party in Oregon." He paid tribute to Abraham Lincoln as the founder of the republican party and the broad and high principles he inculcated in the organization. He also spoke of the work the party had accomplished and of the progress it had stood for and at the same time protected the welfare of the American people. As to the party in Oregon, Judge Coke said that some of the self-constituted leaders of the party had by their actions, especially on state matters, aroused criticism that reflected on the organization. However, he said that Oregon had nearly always lined up with the party on national issues and elections.

J. V. Smeaton responded to "Politics in Business." He said it was hard to separate the two and still harder to combine the two for the individual. He pointed out the close union of the large business interests, typifying the worker with the brain, and labor, typifying the toiler with his hands and declared that any politician or demagogue who tried to align them against each other was a danger to the public welfare. He made a plea for greater cooperation between the two. In opening his remarks, he called attention to the fact that he, as well as Lincoln, had been born in a log cabin.

Ch. B. Selby responded to "Party Organization." He dwelt particularly upon the recent election and the democratic victories and attributed the defeat of the republican party to lack of organization and lack of party principle that stood higher than the candidates. He declared that organization was as necessary in politics for success as in business and he roundly scored members of the party who opposed the organization of the party. His remarks were interpreted by some as reflections on those who had opposed the "Assembly in the recent campaign and brought from M. C. Maloney a brief reply in which the latter declared that organization and principle were well and good when founded on the right principle. However, he pointed out that the strongest organizations in politics were sometimes not founded on the right principle and were against public welfare, citing the Tammany organization as an instance.

A. S. Hammond responded to "Buncombe" and dwelt largely on the Oregon situation. He roundly criticized Senators Chamberlain and Bourne and U'Ren. He also denounced the Initiative and Referendum because it made lawmaking too easy and criticized the amendments to the constitution under it. He suggested as a means of preventing "jokers" slipping through under the

## RAILWAY FOR GRANTS PASS

Company Formed to Build Line From Idaho Through There to Crescent City.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Articles of incorporation have been filed with the county clerk by the Grants Pass & Rogue River Railroad company. The capital stock is placed at \$900,000, divided into 9,000 shares at \$100 each. The incorporators are H. L. Chapin, J. G. Griggs and A. D. Bowen, of this city.

The purpose of the company is to build railroads from Grants Pass to a point on the coast and to Idaho, according to the articles.

This is the proposition for which the people of Grants Pass have been subscribing a subsidy of \$75,000 and it is understood that the Pacific coast terminal of the road will be Crescent City, Cal. By way of Grants Pass the road is to cross the state to Idaho, where it is believed it is intended to connect with one of the transcontinental lines. The proposed line will tap the rich Applegate Valley.

**Work to Begin at Once.**

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 13.—A. D. Bowen, projector of the Grants Pass and Rogue River railroad, with associates arrived from Portland in order to be present at the big railroad mass meeting at the opera house. Mr. Bowen says they have placed an order in the East for 3,000 tons of steel rails, to be delivered as early a date as possible. A 60-ton locomotive and ten flat cars for construction work have also been ordered and will be delivered, it is expected, within 30 days. Work will be so far progressed that the celebration of the driving of the first spike will be held on March 1. Already grading on the roadbed has been in progress for several days on the company's property on the south side of the river and it is probable that many more men will be put to work in a few days.

**AFTER FAKE ADVERTISING.**

The Salem Statesman says: "At the meeting of the Salem Business Men's League a blow was struck at the practice of advertising in programs, menu cards, hotel registers, calendars and similar things, and steps were taken to discontinue future advertising of this nature." Other cities on the line should follow the good example set by the Capital City, and the day of fake advertising would soon become extinct. Your local paper gives the advertiser the best possible publicity and the cost is usually about one-fourth as high as you would pay for a like space on some alleged advertising scheme which usually does the business man more harm than good—in the long run.

Representative Huntington has introduced a bill abolishing "Blank A," now used by non registered electors in qualifying as voters, and providing that in the future only registered electors shall be allowed to participate in primary and general elections.

initiative that merely the questions as to whether new measures be adopted be submitted to the voters and that it be left to the legislature to enact the law.

C. I. Reigard responded to "Lincoln Republicanism" and paid high tribute to Abraham Lincoln for his progressiveness. He said that the people who were criticizing the present day progress evidently forgot that Lincoln in order to carry out his abolition of slavery had to be progressive enough to amend the constitution of the United States. Mr. Reigard strongly urged the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people.

It was just midnight when the meeting closed and a resolution of thanks to the committee arranging the banquet was adopted. Much credit is due J. C. Kendall, A. M. Ross and F. K. Gettins for the success of the party.