

RIGID LIQUOR LAW IS PASSED

Provides for Collection of Damages from Saloon Men for Sales to Intoxicated.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—The Calkins senate bill creating a right of action for damages against the person of saloonkeepers who shall sell or give away liquor to an intoxicated man or habitual drunkard is now a law, the house passing it today after ineffectual efforts had been made to amend it by inserting the word "knowingly" before "gives or sells."

The house committee on alcohol traffic amended the bill after the senate had passed it inserting the word. Bonebrake of Benton immediately attacked this change when the bill came up for third reading and the house in committee of the whole struck out the word despite efforts of friends of the liquor element to keep it there.

Bonebrake argued that would pull the teeth out of the bill and would enable saloonkeepers to escape conviction by compelling proof that they knew that a man was intoxicated.

Eight Hour Bill.

The action of the house in defeating the senate bill specifying eight hours daily and only 48 hours a week on state contracts was a general surprise, as this matter was voted upon favorably by the people at the last general election.

It is probable, however, that the bill will be reconsidered and passes as Lawrence, who fathered the bill in the house, changed his vote to no and members generally said they would vote for it, if it were amended to allow a man who obtained a small state contract to work on that job as long as he wanted to.

The senate bill changing the fees paid by applicants for admission to the bar from \$10 to \$20 for Oregon applicants and from \$20 to \$30 for those outside the state was passed, as was the senate bill relating to costs and disbursements in condemnation proceedings. The senate bill relating to railroad, freight and amending the present law so as to make it enforceable, by the state railroad commission, also became a law.

Though this law received a heavy popular majority, it was declared defective by the supreme court because it did not have an enacting clause. It was introduced in the senate with this defect removed by Senator Smith of Coos and Curry, and passed without opposition.

Anti-Lobbying Bill.

The Schuebel anti-lobbying bill was passed by the house this afternoon with only two dissenting votes. This bill would prohibit all lobbying on a bill except in open committee meetings, would make all lobbyists be registered together with whoever employs them, and with a statement as to what bills they are working for or against. The penalty of violation is from \$100 to \$500 fine.

Governor West Acts.

Six more house bills were signed by Governor West and will become laws as soon as the time fixed by the statute runs. Two of them have attracted a great deal of attention, these being the widows' pension bill, which is H. B. 159, and H. B. 179, which provides for the establishment of trade schools for dependent girls in school districts with a population of over 20,000.

There is no doubt now that 100 pounds is to be a sack of potatoes in this state, because another of the bills signed by the governor is H. B. 24, which makes such a provision.

The governor signed H. B. 46 by Reames, which provides that when a child dies leaving property the mother will precede brothers and sisters in the right of inheritance.

H. B. 104 was signed. It gives the state dairy and food commission authority as milk inspector.

The sixth bill signed was H. B. 179, which prohibits swine from running at large in certain townships in Malheur county.

Two more bills are in the governor's hands and are apt to be looked at long and rather coldly by the chief executive. These are house bills 98 and 81. The first provides for relieving circuit judges of the necessity of reading in tota any statutes in instructing grand juries. The latter is the circuit judge salary raising measure. It gives all circuit judges \$4000 a year.

The following bill has passed both the house and senate:

S. B. 103, by Smith of Coos and Curry—Making time of meeting of presidential electors conform to United States law.

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WATER SYSTEM AT NORTH BEND

Councilmen and Citizens Confer with Engineer Richardson About Supply.

Last evening, members of the North Bend city council and other citizens met with Engineer Richardson and discussed the feasibility of putting in a new water system for North Bend, using a supply on the Major Kinney properties in Pony Slough. The matter is still in tentative form.

Engineer Richardson said that from a preliminary investigation he felt sure there was sufficient water to be secured in Pony Inlet to meet the needs of a town somewhat larger than North Bend. He said the plan would not be expensive. The idea would be to put in a pumping plant and put a reservoir on the Union street hill. A new distributing system would be put in. While the expected growth of North Bend will require a greater supply, he said that the Pony Slough system could still be used as an auxiliary or emergency supply, thereby reducing insurance cost.

It is expected that definite action will be taken on the matter soon.

North Bend Complaint.

A Portland paper prints the following dispatch from Salem regarding the complaint which the North Bend council filed with the Railroad Commission against the Coos Bay Water Company:

"Formal complaint against the Coos Bay Water company has been filed with the Railroad Commission by the city of North Bend. The complaint alleges that the water being supplied the city is unfit for human consumption, that the reservoirs are small, unprotected from the intrusion of persons and animals and subject to contamination.

"It is asserted that the reservoirs consist simply of excavations in the ground without lining or other protection and that they are utterly without means of cleaning out or removing the accumulation of filth. It is alleged that they have not been cleaned for years and are filled with dirt, vegetable matter and carcasses of animals.

"Complaint is also made against the inadequacy of the service because of too small and decayed pipe lines and of the alleged exorbitant price charged for the service."

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(Continued from Page One.)
Mr. Wilsey was leaving Monday night for North Bend, which would mean his arrival today.

Other Business Up.
An ordinance prohibiting saloonkeepers or other employees being in their places of business after 12.30 at night or on Sundays or holidays was adopted. It provides a fine of \$50 to \$100 for the violation and also for the forfeiture of their license.

An ordinance fixing the license of bowling alleys at \$1 per day or \$7.50 quarterly in advance was adopted.

To Reduce Streets.
Engineer Richardson of Portland who is making a new survey of the north part of the city, north of Virginia, was present and recommended that the streets be narrowed down. He proposed that all streets west of Union be made sixty feet wide and that all east and west streets north of Virginia with the exception of Virginia and Montana be made sixty feet wide. He favored the dedication of a strip ten feet wide on each side of the streets to the abutting property owners. He said this would leave the streets amply wide and greatly reduce the expense of improving them. The streets are now eighty feet wide.

The plan will probably not be carried out as the wide streets are generally desired. The cost of improving them can probably be kept down by paving only sixty feet and parking the balance.

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F. W. Stevens Wins Judgment of \$132.10 Against Stutsman & Company.

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The note was one of many obtained by Mr. Averill and assigned to Mr. Stevens and also to other parties, and the court held that as the note was regular on the face and negotiated to Mr. Stevens for a valuable consideration long before it became due, and that there was no proof that Mr. Stevens accepted the note in bad faith, that he could recover. The court also held that bad faith could not be attributed to Mr. Stevens simply because of the fact that he printed the circulars, which seems to have been the inducement for defendants to execute the note. Stutsman & Co. were represented by Harry Hoy, while Mr. Stevens was represented by Mr. McLeod and Mr. Maybec of North Bend.

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