



PRESIDENT MALARKEY OF THE SENATE PRAISES WORK OF

COOS COUNTY SENATOR.

SALEM, Feb. 18-Senator Smith of Coos and Curry counties was given high tribute by President Malarkey of the Senate for his work in settling the fight in the senate over the eight-hour bill. In speaking of Senator Smith's work, President Malarkey said: "I want to congratulate Senator Smith on his work on House Bill No. 38. He cut the Gordian knot and in so doing has rendered a most praiseworthy service.

As passed by the House, the Schuebel bill prohibited the employment of labor for more than 10 hours in any one day or for more than 60 hours in any one week. Dimick sought to have the bill passed without amendment but the senate by a vote of 7 to 22 refused to accept it in that form and adopted amendments proposed

by Smith of Coos. These amendments, preserving the general ten-hour day for all mills and factories, permit overtime where necessary if paid for at twice the usual wage scale, and eliminates the 60-hour a week pro-These amendments are a vision. concession to the lumbering and flouring interests, which asserted that it was necessary for them to be able to employ men more than 10 hours.

Dimick asserted that unless the bill is passed by the regislature a more radical measure is likely to be passed by the initiative. He referred once more to the conditions at Oregon City and said many men there for six months in the year see their families only in the lamp light, going to work in the dark and returning in the dark.

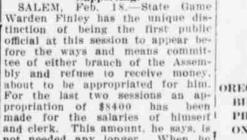
The bill now goes to third reading and appears certain to win as now amended.

CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT UP.

Effort to Amend Present Law Fails

to Pass in Senate. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17.-Senator Smith, of Coos and Curry, met defeat again, when his bill to amend the corrupt practices act failed to pass with 17 votes against it. The debate waged largely around the question of whether the present act should be amended so as to prohibit friends of candidates or clubs from adding to subscriptions for aid in promoting the nomination or election of candidates. Charges were made that the corrupt practices act has been abused.

Another feature of the bill was a provision which would require any newspaper, after it had attacked a candidate, to allow the candidate ov er his name space to answer the at tack Malarkey, in explaining his vote. stated that he belived the proposed bill defective, but also believed that there should be some amendments to the corrupt practices act, which as now used, he stated is considerable of a farce.



not needed any longer. When he went before the House ways and means committee Chairman Abbott queried:

"Well, Finley, what do you want money for now? "I don't want money," was the answer. "I want to return money. Every member of the committee sat upright in astonishment, hardly trusting his ears. Abbott asked him to explain and was told that, as the office of the state game warden now is self-supporting, the

\$8400 included in the general appropriation budget for the office might be stricken out. "Holy smoke!" exclaimed Abbott, "you are the first state offi-cer to refuse money offered to him

since I have served on this committee, and that is for more than one session.

FARMERS' BILL FAVORED. Senator Smith Speaks in Favor of

the Measure. SALEM, Feb. 18-Senator Smith of Coos and Curry counties, who with Senator Thompson was joint sponser of Senate bill No. 72 providing for agricultural college farm extension work, has been one of the strongest advocates of the measure and in supporting it he declared he would rather see this enacted in a law than any other piece of legislation before the present session.

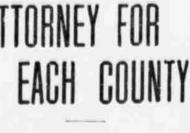
He declares that he intends to assist in any manner possible to push it through the House.

In commenting on the bill, Senator Smith said.

"I feel unbounded satisfaction the action of the Senate In over passing Senate bill 72, providing for the dissemination of practical. usable information among the farmers of Oregon and those engaged in the other industries. I am convinced that this measure will mean more for the development of Oregon than any measure before this

Legislature. "The bill provides a distributing system which will carry helpful in-formation to practically every point where it can be used to best ad-vantage. It will reach the farmer in all of his lines of work. It reach the housewire, and eswill pecially the farmer's wife. It will help in the solution of the good roads problem, the improvement of our marketing and buying facili-

It will improve the work of ties. will redirect the energies and the ideals of the rural districts."



OREGON LEGISLATURE EXACTS BILL TO ABOLISH DISTRICT PROSECUTORS AND HAVE ONE IN EACH COUNTY.

SALEM, Feb. 18-With but few members voting against it, the Hill County Attorney bill was pass

ed by the House. The measure abolishes district attorneys and substitutes for them county attorneys It is a companion bill to Latourette's bill passed by the House and which substituted superior courts for county courts. The yearly salaries for the county attorneys for the counties were fixed, including the following: Coos, \$1800; Douglas \$2400; Curry \$800.

KILL SMITH'S BILL.

Measure to Change Qualifications in School Elections. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18-Property

qualifications for voters at a school election will remain on the statute books, as the senate has refused to pass the bill introduced by Senator Smith of Coos, which provided that legal voters who had children in school would be qualified to vote the same as property holders.

"Every friend of the public school system ought to vote for this bill,' declared Senator Smith. "It will "It will prevent miserly old bachelors and others without children, who sometimes own most of the property in a school district by refusing to vote for improvements.

But only 14 senators, lacking two of being enough, took that view of the situation.

ROGUE RIVER FISHING.

House Passes Measure Opening

Stream for Thirty Miles, SALEM, Or., Feb. 18-After buffeted about about for weeks, slammed by committees and lambasted on the floor of the house, the Rogue River fishing bill, which amends the Initiative measure of 1910, closing stream altogether, by opening it for thirty miles to commercial fishing. passed the house

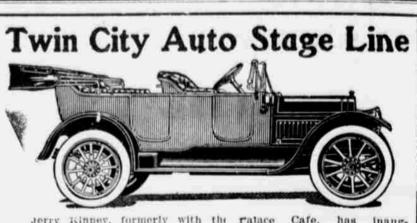
On the final alignment, after one amendment to prohibit all seining and another to put the people of Josephine County on the same footing as those at the north of the Rogue, had been defeated, the vote was 38 to 14

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JOKE ON SMITH.

One of the best stories of the session is being told at the expense of Senator I. S. Smith, of Coos and Curry.

"One of Smith's bills was before my committee," said a Senator, "and because of its provisions and the way in which it was drawn it had to be shot to pieces with amendments. We did not want to kill it, because it contained two or three good provisions.

"Well, we made the amend ments, and the next morning I met Smith and told him I was BOTTY but we had to amend his bill in so many particulars that he would hardly recogniz; it when he saw it again. I began to tell him of the changes made, to see if they would meet with his favor, when he interrupted me.

"'Did you leave my name on the bill,' he asked.

"Oh, sure,' I answered. There was no need of taking your name off, as we do not intend offering a substitute.'

"Well,' he remarked, 'as long

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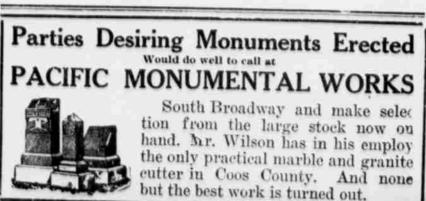
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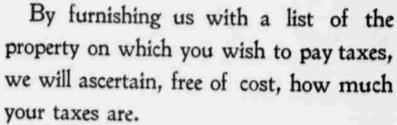
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