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FAVOR COMMISSION

House Committee Will Report Chopin Railroad Bill.

UNDECIDED ON DEMURRAGE

One Member Still Holds Out Against Commission—Question of Reciprocal Demurrage and Manner of Selection Undecided.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—Although amended in each section, the Chapin railroad commission bill will be reported back to the House tomorrow favorably. There are two points still undecided by the House and Senate railroad committee. These are how the railroad commission shall be appointed and reciprocal demurrage cause remains, but it and the manner of selecting the commission will taken up this afternoon.

There is still one member of the committee holding out against a commission. This is Senator Bowerman. When the committee first entered on executive session it was decided to plunge into the subject of commission first. To bring the matter before the committee, Representative Coffey moved that there be a railroad commission and this motion received a second from Senator Miller of Lun and Marian. Sparring began and continued for some time, the wavering ones waiting to see which side had the majority before cumbering into the band wagon. When the committee finally agreed that there should be a commission, only Bowerman cast a dissenting vote.

The committee appropriated \$50,000 for the commission and the salaries were arranged at \$5,000 for the commissioners, \$2,400 for the clerk and \$1,200 for a stenographer. The bill provided for more clerical assistance, but all were cut out except the one stenographer. There being no disposition to handicap the commission, it was stipulated, however, that in case of need the number of stenographers could be increased.

COLD RAINS AVERT FLOOD.

But Change of Weather May Yet Bring Disaster.

TACOMA, Feb. 6.—Cold rains which began shortly after 10 o'clock last night relieved the danger of a disastrous

flood in the rivers on the west of the Cascade mountains, for a few hours at least and allowed the Northern Pacific Railroad officials an opportunity to proceed with the clearing of the tracks. Both sides of the mountains, east and west, are covered with an unusual depth of snow and until last evening it was feared that the warm weather prevailing would melt this and precipitate a flood, perhaps more disastrous than the one last November. The snow in the Cascades now lies to a depth of from eight to ten feet and during the greater part of yesterday was melting rapidly.

The cold rain which began last evening on both sides of the range stopped the thaw on the west and relieved the situation on the east.

At present conditions on the east side are uncertain. The rain, while it is not making the situation worse, is still not aiding materially. If the weather turns colder and the rain changes to snow the conditions will be made much worse, and if the weather should moderate and the snow begin to melt there is a vast danger of a flood.

NO NEW ASSISTANT.

Secretary of State's Plan Set on Hard in Ways and Means Committee.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—A bill was brought to the ways and means committee providing for another assistant attorney general. This came directly from the attorney general's office, but on investigation it was discovered that the attorney general did not especially care about this increase in his staff, but that the request came from the secretary of state's office. A man who wanted the job appeared before the committee to advocate the bill, and instructed the committee that the office was imperatively needed to collect the corporation occupation tax imposed by the state.

The committee roamed around a bit farther and discovered that under the law the district attorneys were instructed to collect this tax, and that they would have to do so if instructed by the attorney general. On inquiry at the attorney general's office it was found that the secretary of state had never notified him of the law's provisions nor ordered that the corporate taxes be collected as provided by the act. Then the committee went on record to the effect that the secretary of state had better get busy and that no assistant attorney general was going to be created to do the work of officers already constituted.

An amusing feature of the controversy was the attempt made by the man who wanted the job to show the need of the taxes being collected. A list of alleged delinquent corporations was read and about half of them were found to be defunct, among them being two Portland baseball clubs and one outlaw league.

HARDWARE MEN ORGANIZE.

Delegations from Northwest, Nevada, Montana and Utah Expected. WOODBURN, Ore., Feb. 6.—Henry J. Alton of this city, president of the Oregon State Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association, expects an attendance of from 200 to 250 dealers at the convention to be held at the Chamber of Commerce building, Portland, February 12-14. The object of the convention is to discuss subjects of interest to all hardware and implement dealers in the state and to bring up certain matters that are of importance to retailers.

On February 11 and 12 there will be a convention in the Chamber of Commerce building of delegations from hardware and implement associations of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Nevada, the purpose being a Pacific Coast federation along the same lines as the national association of the East. The Spokane dealers have chartered a car for the occasion and will be present in force. These delegations will be the guests of the Oregon association.

A banquet will be given the Oregon association by Portland manufacturers and jobbers on the evening of February

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FIGHT BURNS BILL.

Full Weight Measure Does Not Meet Approval of Jobbers.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—Of the many exciting meetings, the palm goes to the farm and dairy committee of the House, which had under consideration Representative Burns' pure food law. To oppose the full weight provisions of the bill were Allen Lewis, Ed Ehrman, Henry Hahn, Sam Kerr and A. H. Boyd, Portland jobbers and wholesalers. To support the measure were Representative Burns, who was also

chairman of the committee, Mrs. Evans, the Portland market inspector, and two other women. They went at it hammer and tongs, without arriving at any conclusion.

"If this bill becomes a law," said the jobbers, "we will have to sell canned oysters and canned tomatoes and other canned goods by weight, and if they fall under the weight we will be violating the law. We favor a full weight regulation on articles which can be sold by weight, but you sell oysters by the can, not by the ounce." They suggested that the full-weight clause be stricken out, whereupon Mr.

Burns objected to the alteration of a line. Mrs. Evans testified that she had weighed many articles in the Portland markets, and found them short weight. She had not confined herself to canned goods, but to produce which is sold by weight, and which is supposed to be up to a standard. Articles supposed to weigh a pound frequently weighed but 12 ounces.

State Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey offered to prepare a substitute for the sweeping section which should satisfy both jobbers and consumers by specifying which articles should be sold by weight, and which

by the can or package. He is now working on this.

To the consumers this measure and this particular clause is more vital than the settlement of the railroad question or the many proposed amendments to the constitution.

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