



OREGON LEGISLATURE WILL ADJOURN SATURDAY AT 2 P. M.

House Stops Clock so Can be Presented

HOUSE USES THE AX

Large Number of Bills Killed Among Which is the Eastern Oregon Asylum

RAILROAD BILL GETS SETBACK

Washington Passes the Eight-Hour Law and Defeats the Employers' Liability Act—Senate Bills Bill Providing or Calling Grand Juries.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Joshua, in day of old, caused the sun to stand still until he carried out his work. The House clock has been standing at 2:55 p. m. in order that the House might circumvent the joint resolution passed by both Houses that no bill should be submitted from one branch to the other after 3 o'clock Tuesday. To carry this out the House clock was stopped this afternoon and the House continued to grind out bills and send them in a flood to the Senate. Even during the night session the clock stood officially at five minutes to three.

This evening the House began killing the appropriation bills. The measure to amend the local option law and place it on a footing more equitable for "wets" and "drys" was indefinitely postponed. A similar fate overtook the bill to create a state auditor and one providing for reforestation was indefinitely postponed.

Eastern Oregon's demand for a branch insane asylum was defeated by a slight margin. This was practically the only measure that the Eastern Oregon contingent has united on. The House defeated the bank guarantee bill but it is to be submitted to the people through initiative. The Senate killed the measure providing all sports on Memorial day and passed the bill appropriating \$30,000 for an experimental station at Umatilla which is to be operated by the general government.

Speaker McArthur's proposed amendment to the constitution permitting the State to construct railroads received a setback in the House tonight when the bill creating a highway commission was indefinitely postponed. Senate and house by

TERRIBLE MINING DISASTER OCCURS

One Hundred and Eighty Lives are Supposed to be Lost in English Mine

NEW CASTLE, Eng., Feb. 16.—A terrible disaster has occurred at West Stanley, a small mining town 12 miles distant, in which it is feared 180 lives have been lost. There were explosions at 4 o'clock this afternoon in West Stanley which employ 400 men. Nearly 200 men were in the pit at the time and up to a late hour tonight none of them had come to the surface although rappings have been heard and it is supposed these are from miners who escaped death. The mine is a fire and it is impossible for rescue parties to descend.

joint resolution agreed to adjourn Saturday at 2 p. m.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE. One Important Measure Passes and One is Killed.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 16.—After defeating the eight-hour bill for women employees the house late this afternoon reconsidered and passed it. Lacking one vote and with 21 members absent or not voting, the employers' liability act was defeated in the house today. Attempt to reconsider it will be made tomorrow. The Senate today killed the bill providing for calling grand jury each year in every county on the ground that the bill was unconstitutional. The Senate approved the measure providing for issuing of \$209,000 bonds to take up invalid warrants issued in 1895, the proceeds of which were used to build Whatcom and Cheney normal schools. The Senate passed the bill providing for a state health commissioner. The bill makes the commissioner Secretary of State Board of Health and requires him to investigate causes of epidemic and prevalent diseases.

TO AID GERMAN GIRLS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—With the unveiling of a portrait of President Roosevelt, which he sent for the occasion, to the New York branch of the Grand-American Friendship Club, an organization which was started in Hanover last March, by the Countess von Waldsee, was opened in New York last evening. The Countess von Waldsee was formerly a Miss Lee of New York and the Friendship Club was formed to promote the welfare of German girls, in this country. The club house, which is in Park Avenue is to be used as headquarters for young working women from Germany and they will be taught English and aided generally in procuring work and familiarizing themselves with the country.

Pamphlets will be published from time to time, giving advice and suggestions to the young women.

DISASTER AT ACAPULCO.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—Late dispatches from Acapulco place the loss of life from the burning of the Flores Theatre at from 200 to 350. The fire is charged as due carelessness and inexperience of the operator of the moving picture machine. Search of the ruins thus far revealed no recognizable human form. The charred bodies of legs and arms had been burned have been taken from the ruins and there is no chance of identifying them. All have been buried in a common trench. The greatest loss of life is caused, according to survivors, by the fall of the roof which crashed down on the

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PITTSBURG ELECTION.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 16.—While Pittsburg voters are determining today who shall be their mayor for the next three years, fourteen boroughs and sixteen townships in Allegheny County will decide whether liquor shall be sold in their boundaries in the future. Most of these townships are already "dry," but the majority of the boroughs have license. In nearly all the alpees the liquor question is the only issue.

trapped people. Previous to this men in the pit had fought like demons, striking down women and children in their efforts to escape. The fall of the roof, however, stilled the screams of the fighting victims. Firemen and crowds on the outside could do nothing to help the victims. After the first five or ten minutes no cries were heard and there was no noise save that made by crackling of ames. Latest reports are that no Americans were killed.

LOCAL OPTION BILL.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 16.—Result caucus on local option held tonight indicate the Senate will stand 21 to 21 tomorrow on passage of Falconer or anti-saloon league bill but that on tie vote enough members will desert ultra local optionists to effect the passage of the Nichols senate bill with amendments making first, second and third class cities separate units.

Nichols bill as introduced excludes such cities and provides for submission of saloon question at general elections in country precincts.

JAP QUESTION AGAIN UP IN CALIFORNIA

SHARP PRACTICE IS RESORTED TO BY ANTI-JAPANESE LEADERS.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 16.—An unavailing attempt was made late this afternoon in the lower house of the legislature to accomplish by an amendment to an innocent looking school bill introduced by Sackett of Ventura the segregation of Japanese pupils in public schools. The Sackett bill is an act to amend the code by determining the number of hours of instruction in day and evening schools; determining the age of admission to and providing for separate schools for Indian, Mongolian and Chinese children. The amendment which was offered by Polsley of Red Bluff was to insert the word "Malay" after "Mongolians." Sackett objected to this amendment as it might result in the exclusion of Japanese children as this race claims to be Malay and not Mongolian. On roll call the amendment was defeated by a vote of 27 to 18.

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STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Having worked half last night and adjourning only when the milkman was coming, the Senate was unable to work up enthusiasm this morning, and 14 bills of the House were passed without any argument. Heavy eyed and tired, the Senate was in no mood to ignite fireworks, and the bills slid through readily. The majority of these, however, were for raising salaries of county officers in various parts of the state.

Of chief importance to Portland was the passage of the bill to abolish compulsory pilotage at the Columbia River bar. The Senate also passed the bill compelling six months of school in every district, and McCue's bill permitting counties to levy a tax for advertising purposes.

An appropriation of \$10,000 was passed for an interstate bridge at Ontario, yet during the midnight session the Senate had refused to pass an appropriation of \$5000 for preparing specifications for an interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver.

WITH BOMB AND REVOLVER

Demands \$7,000 in Cash of Wealthy Merchant

AGREES TO GET MONEY

Then Turns Tables on Robber and With Assistance of Son Captures Him

IS DRY GOODS MERCHANT

Police Officers Were Afraid to Investigate Bomb—At Police Station Robber Said After Getting Money Would Have Chained Merchant up

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—Armed with a revolver in one hand and a dynamite bomb in the other, a man apparently about 40 years of age today entered the home of Lawrence M. Jones, president of the Jones Bros. Dry Goods Company of this city, and demanded \$7000. By a ruse Mr. Jones overpowered the man, who was arrested.

At the police station the bomb-thrower gave the name of C. H. Garnett. He said he was 40 years of age. The man appeared at the Jones home, 2613 Troost avenue, shortly before noon, and asked for Mr. Jones. He was shown to the library. Mr. Jones, who was in another part of the house, upon entering the library, was confronted by the intruder's revolver. The man told Jones to be seated. He then drew from under his overcoat a dynamite bomb. He explained to Jones that unless the latter gave him \$7000 he would immediately blow him to pieces. In an endeavor to calm the man, Mr. Jones talked with him over half an hour. Mrs. Jones, feeling apprehensive on account of her husband's long interview, entered the library at this point. The intruder ordered her to be seated. The conversation was resumed. Chester L. Jones, secretary of the Jones Company, a son, followed his mother, and he, too, was ordered to be seated. Mr. Jones then suggested that as he did not have the necessary funds in the house, the man accompany him to the bank. This was agreed to. As the pair were passing through the lower hall Mr. Jones stepped suddenly back and placing his foot in front of his visitor, hurled him to the floor. Mr. Jones and his son then overpowered the man, and stripping him of his weapons, called the police. The bomb did not explode when the intruder fell. At the police station it was said that the officers had not investigated the bomb and would not.

Mr. Jones is one of the best known dry goods merchants of the country. He is reputed to be worth over \$1,000,000.

At the police station the man said he planned, after securing the money from Mr. Jones, to take him to Independence, a suburb, where he would have chained him up in a house he had fitted up for the purpose. He said he had been planning the scheme for several months.

AN UNIQUE GIFT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt soon is to receive 2000 press clippings on the world cruise of the United States fleet. These, which fill two volumes, 14 by 14 inches, are the gift of a Chicago admirer, who does not want his name used. More

than a year ago this admirer instructed a clipping company of this city to gather all editorial comments on the tour. The books are handsomely bound in black morocco.

WELL OF HOT AIR.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 16.—While hunting in the vicinity of Ute Pass above Manitou on the side of Pike's Peak yesterday, Bert Webb formerly of the Colorado City Police Department, claims to have found a huge crevice in the side of the mountain from which a strong current of hot air issues. Webb says he will acquire the property and pipe the air to Manitou and Colorado City for heating purposes if the scheme is feasible.

SLOW WORK GETTING JURY.

Will be at Least Another Week Before Calhoun Comes to Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Three of the 12 jurors temporarily passed to try Patrick Calhoun had been excused or dismissed when today's session of court ended and another citizen had unexpectedly qualified for a place in the jury box. With two places remaining to be filled, the completion of the jury appears retarded at least one week and the fact that the peremptory challenges are yet to be exercised indicates that the trial will establish a record for duration. It was clearly shown today that the conduct of every juror heretofore accepted has been subject of surveillance by agents of both prosecution and defense. In two instances members of the panel subsequently excused were obviously to learn the extent of information relating to their private lives possessed by the prosecution and indicated that there would be further attacks upon the integrity of jurors comprising the original complement of 12 and nearly a dozen witnesses summoned for some purpose not yet revealed were excused with the understanding that they be called at some later date.

PLAY AT VANCOUVER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The Wallabies, the champion Australian rugby football team left this city last night for Vancouver, where they will play a series of games with the teams of British Columbia. The players were given a warm farewell by a large crowd which had gathered at the ferry.

ALBANY ELKS WILL ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

FIFTEEN HUNDRED OF THE ANTLERED HERD WILL TAKE PART.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 16.—This is Elks week in Albany. Practically all arrangements have been perfected for the entertainment to be held under the auspices of the local lodge. Fifteen hundred Elks are expected at the big round-up to assist in the dedication of the new temple just completed at a cost of \$50,000. This gives the local lodge the finest quarters in the State outside of Portland.

Invitations have been sent to all the lodges in Oregon and a response is expected in every instance. Delegations from some of the Washington lodges too have sent word that they will be here. The ceremonies and preliminary exercises begin tonight with a reception in the lodge quarters for the wives and families of Elks. After the preliminary program the guests will repair to the dance hall.

Thursday night the dedication exercises proper will take place for the members of the Elks only. The exercises will be in charge of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Levens, of Baker City. His assistants are to be chosen from the various delegations present that night. Mr. Levens represents Oregon in the grand lodge.

SENSATIONAL MURDER TRIAL BEGINS AT NASHVILLE

LIEN AGAINST BABY.

DENVER, Feb. 16.—Charged with holding a baby two weeks old, as lien for a bill its father cannot pay, Dr. Charles Graef has been arrested at the instigation of the father, J. S. Miller, and will have a hearing today. The infant it is alleged, is being held at a "baby farm" where it was born. The mother was a patient there for more than two weeks and Graef claims that she has not paid for the treatment and attendance he gave her.

The complaint is one of the most peculiar ever filed with the district attorney who could find nothing in the law on the subject of babies when used as liens. It was finally decided to arrest Graef on the technical charge of disturbing the peace, and he will be heard on this charge.

WILL CHALLENGE JOHNSON.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 16. Willis Britt, manager of Stanley Ketchell, middleweight champion of the world, announced upon Jack Johnson's arrival from Australia he will issue a challenge to him in behalf of Ketchell to battle for the heavyweight championship.

HALF OF U. S. NAVY FOR PACIFIC COAST

SUCH IS OPINION OF SENATE IN AMENDMENT TO THE NAVAL BILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—One-half of the United States navy should be kept on the Pacific Coast at all times is the opinion of the Senate. Amendment to the naval bill was agreed to tonight, provided that in the discretion of the President, one-half of the navy be kept in Pacific Coast waters so far as practical. The President already had such authority to so divide the fleet but this amendment amounts to an expression of congress in favor of such action. The Senate tonight agreed to the provision that no part of appropriation for powder in naval bill shall be paid to any trust or to any corporation having monopoly of sale or manufacture of gunpowder except "in case of war." By an amendment to the naval bill adopted tonight size of the two battleships authorized is limited to 21,000 tons and cost, exclusive of armament and armor, to be \$4,500,000.

HOUSE PASSES DRASTIC MEASURE

Mahone's Bill for Enforcing Local Option Provisions Goes Through With Big Majority

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Despite the objections of a number of Representatives, headed by Brooke, H. B. 272, Mahone, containing drastic provisions for enforcing the provisions of the local option law in dry counties, was passed by the House last night by 42 to 13, with five members absent.

Fault was found by Brooke with clause 11 of the bill, which allows considerable authority to private prosecutors. He said it was setting a dangerous precedent to take authority out of the hands of Judge and District Attorney and place it in the hands of a private citizen. Munkers and Buchanan defended the measure, recounting the difficulties of enforcing the law and expressing the opinion that this bill would help out wonderfully. The vote was as follows: Ayes—Altman, Barrett, Beals, Bean, Bedillion, Belknap, Bonebrake, Bowes, Brady, Brandon, Brattain, Bryant, Buchanan, Calkins, Carter, Davis, Eaton, Farrell, Hattberg, Hughes, Jackson, Jaeger, Jones (Douglas), Leinenweber, Libby, Mahone, Mann, Mariner, McDonald, McKinney, Miller, Murray, Munkers, Orton, Patton, Philpott, Purdin, Reynolds, Richardson, Rusk, Smith, McArthur. Noes—Applegate, Brooke, Campbell, Clemens, Conyers, Couch, Dimick, Dodds, Greer, Hines, Jones (Clackamas), McCue, Meek. Absent—Abbott, Corrigan, Hawley, Jones (Lincoln and Polk), Mahoney.

First Day Marked With Dramatic Incidents

TWO GAVELS BROKEN

Mrs. Carmack Widow of Murdered Man First Witness Put on the Stand

COLLAPSES UNDER STRAIN

Mrs. Eastman, Who Took Revolver Found Near the Editor's Dead Body Re-enacted the Tragedy With Dramatic Effect.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 16.—Filled with dramatic incidents and marked by scenes bordering on the sensational was the first day of actual trial of the Cooper-Sharp case. Whether Duncan B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John Sharpe killed former Senator Carmack in self-defense or as a result of conspiracy was the issue. Scarcely had the attorneys been rapped to order, the judge having broken two gavels in the work thus far, than first sensation was produced.

Mrs. Carmack, widow of the slain man, was half carried into the room and assisted to a seat. Great surprise was caused when the State called Mrs. Carmack as the first witness. She was almost carried to the witness stand by a relative, Frank Landers, a few questions were asked but she became hysterical and was excused as she left the stand.

Her little son Ned, aged 10, who had accompanied her to court, turned squarely toward the defendants and fixed on them a look full of intense hatred. Next came the testimony of Mrs. Eastman who took the revolver said to have been found near the dead editor's body and re-enacted the tragedy. Mrs. Eastman told how she met Carmack and identified the exact spot.

"Senator Carmack came swinging along," said she. "His eyes lighted up with a pleasant look, and we both stopped. He raised his hat and was looking into my eyes in a listening attitude. Suddenly from behind me

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