

WILL REPAIR THE CAPITOL

Joint Committee Asks
\$15,800.

Some Pending Bills and What
They Are Intended to
Accomplish.

(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—The joint committee from the Senate and House which inspected the capitol building and grounds has rendered a report through its chairman, Senator Myers of Multnomah, that the sum of \$15,800 is needed for improvement. This is considered by some to be far too much, and there is little doubt there will be serious opposition to granting it should the matter come to a vote.

It is held in the committee report that while the care of the building and grounds has been of the best, the wear upon the second or "executive" floor, has been excessive, and it now shows

in very bad condition. A tile floor should be substituted for the present wooden one, the committee think, and this work would cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Renting the third floor, providing additional committee rooms, repainting and remodeling the obsolete elevator is placed at \$10,800. This sum is asked to be made available for the work which will be done as cheaply as possible, probably for much less than the forecasted amount.

There has been great complaint because of the unserviceable condition of the elevator, which works so slowly that it often takes five minutes time to be "lifted" one floor.

To Change Ballots.
(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—Questions that are to be voted upon by the people are of great importance, and no one should cast his ballot regarding them without first thoroughly understanding their import. That is the view taken by Senator Hunt of Multnomah, and to carry his plans along this line into execution he has presented in Senate Bill No. 198, an amendment to the present code, which provides that all matters which are submitted to vote of the people at elections shall head the ticket. This is to call them more prominently to public notice and render voting upon them less subject to error.

Wandering Children.
(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—The care of children and prevention of those of tender years from wandering into temptation and becoming "tramps" is looked after in Senate Bill No. 200 and its companion measure, No. 201, introduced by Senator Mulkey. The age limit at which children may be traveling without being accompanied by parents or guardian is placed at 16 years, and officers are empowered to arrest and hold without warrant all such children found in the State of Oregon. It is specified in the bill that when children are taken into custody officers must exert every effort to communicate with those who should have rightful care of them. They must be confined in places "apart from all criminals."

Road Masters.
(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—Because it is not within the rights of any one county under the constitution to operate under special road laws it became necessary for Senator Miller of Linn County to alter Senate Bill No. 180, in order that it might include every section of the state. Under the present law it is imperative that a county roadmaster be appointed each year, whether he is needed or not. The new bill, which has been advanced on the calendar to Senate Bill No. 196, and is now before the House, it is made optional and it is expected that a large saving in salaries will result.

School Funds.
(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—The surplus irreducible school fund must be invested in warrants of the various school districts of the state as long as such warrants exist. This is provided for in House Bill No. 46, which has passed the Senate and is now in the hands of the Governor for signature. This is a matter that has been under discussion for years. Under the present law it is in the power of the commissioner to invest the money as he sees fit.

Special Tax.
(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—House Bill No. 82, which passed the Senate, amends the code, permitting special tax for library maintenance in municipalities. The barber regulating law, indorsed by all the leading barbers of the state, has passed the Senate and is now before the Governor.

SEWELL MEMORIAL.
(Journal Special Service.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Representative John J. Gardner of New Jersey has completed arrangements for the memorial ceremonies to be held in the House tomorrow afternoon in commemoration of the life and public services of the late Senator William J. Sewell. Representative Daisell of Pennsylvania and other members of the Senate and House who were personally acquainted with the late Senator, will deliver addresses setting forth the long career of the deceased in the United States Senate, and his valuable work in behalf of his constituents and the Government.

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DEMOCRATIC POSSIBILITY

Judge Alton B. Parker
May Be Named.

Senator "Tom" Platt Likely to
Retire From New York
Politics.

(Journal Special Service.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The recent conference held here between ex-President Cleveland, the Hon. Richard Olney and the Hon. William C. Whitney has given spice to the various rumors concerning the Democratic presidential nomination. That there is a strong sentiment in this state for Judge Alton B. Parker is unquestioned, but it is interesting to note that while some of the committee-men from Southern states pronounce almost unqualifiedly for Judge Parker, Norman E. Mack, the representative from the Empire State, will not commit himself in any way. This is, of course, political wisdom, but it also indicated that Judge Parker is not at all certain to find favor among the Democratic politicians of this state, whose votes would mean so much at election time.

Platt May Retire.
Another political rumor of intense interest is the one to the effect that Senator Thomas C. Platt will not serve out the term to which he has just been elected. One of Mr. Platt's close friends is responsible for the statement that the "Easy Boss" will retire within a year or two. Mr. Platt is nearly 70 years of age and realizes that his delicate health will not permit much longer the exertions of the heavy role that he has played so long. His ambition to again demonstrate his power over his party in this state has been satisfied and his resignation may be looked for at any time.

MIXED TOURNEY GREAT SUCCESS

Miss Mary Price Carried off Bowling
Honors.

The regular mixed bowling tournament took place at the Multnomah Club Friday night and resulted in a very close and exciting contest until near the end of the last game, when the team, captained by Mrs. Mathena, made a spurt which landed that team a winner on total number of pins scored, although there was an even break on the number of games won, each team winning two. The honors of the evening fell to Miss Mary Price of the winning team, her score of 156 flat, an average of 41 1/2 to the game, being higher than any score made by any of the contestants, with a single exception, and a number of the club's best bowlers participated. The ladies bowled unusually well, while the male element seemed to be woefully out of form. These contests take place on the first Friday of each month and are very popular. The scores of the contestants follow:

Mrs. Mathena, 125; Mr. Ford, 139; Miss L. Burkhardt, 129; Mr. Muehe, 157; Miss Price, 166; Mr. Green, 153; Mrs. Judge, 119; Mr. Stuber, 155; total, 1,111.

Miss B. Burkhardt, 132; Mr. Abendroth, 130; Miss Mathena, 132; Mr. Mallory, 170; Mrs. Vasey, 144; Mr. Shea, 144; Mrs. McMonies, 114; Mr. Kerrigan, 145; total, 1,111.

Boxing Bouts Tonight.
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SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 7.—Preparations for the Grand Army of the Republic's national encampment in this city next August are rapidly assuming definite form. The State Legislature now in session is expected to appropriate

at \$25,000 towards the expenses of entertaining the veterans and this sum will be augmented by local subscriptions. Letters of inquiry are being received daily from all parts of the country and from all indications the encampment will be well attended, despite the great distance some of the veterans will have to travel.

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