

REASONS FOR A VETO

Governor Finds Strange Possibilities in the Forest Bill.

State Might Have to Pay Out Immense Sums If It Came a Law.

(Journal Special Service.) S.A.L.E.M., Feb. 18.—The delegation favoring the forest protection bill worked hard all the morning planning to override the veto by the Governor of the fire prevention measure.

(Journal Special Service.) There was great surprise in the Senate yesterday afternoon when a message from the Governor was submitted vetoing Senate Bill No. 50, for the protection of Oregon forests from ravages by fire.

"First, it appropriates \$500 annually for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act, but while this appropriation is made, the bill by its very terms authorizes the creation of claims against the state and the several counties which may reach as much as \$50,000 or more in one year, for which deficiency appropriations would have to be made at the next session of the Legislature to cover the state's portion thereof.

"Second, another objection to the act is the fact that the Legislature undertakes to deprive the executive of the state of the power given him by the constitution. It will be noticed that this act names the five commissioners, who are to hold their offices for four years, after which the state may elect to appoint. An admission on the face of the act that the executive is the proper person to appoint the commissioners, and not the Legislature."

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"I cannot believe that it will be for the best public interest that this proviso be eliminated from the present law. The taxpayers should have the largest voice in questions affecting their vital interests and the imposition upon them of taxes."

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CITY BRIEFS.

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper, they will confer a favor if they will call up Main 550 and order their complete.

WEATHER FORECAST. No rain or snow of consequence has fallen in the Western half of the United States during the last 24 hours.

Western Oregon—Tonight, fair, except showers near coast; warm south portion; light easterly breeze; Friday, showers, southerly winds, increasing Friday along coast.

Western Washington—Tonight and Friday, showers; warmer in the interior tonight; southerly winds.

Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho—Tonight and Friday, fair; warmer tonight.

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Tonight, fair; warmer; Friday, increasing cloudiness, with probably rain or snow north portion.

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Chief of Police C. E. Hunt is ill with the grip. He spent but a few minutes at his office today, returning home as quickly as he could after performing his early morning duties at the station.

The regular monthly meeting of the Portland Credit Men's Association was held last night in the rooms of the Commercial Club. R. L. Rubin, secretary of the Merchants' Protective Association, addressed those present.

E. L. Cortell, the engineer who will spend the intervening days in seeing the sights of Portland.

The office of the United States Engineer is advertising for 149,000 pounds of iron and steel, 1,464 piles, 759,910 feet of lumber, and for steel rails, angle splice bars and spikes for jetty construction work at the mouth of the river.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder. Finest lunch in the city. Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.

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ORGANIZING A LINE OF STEAMERS

Henry Hahn Is Again Out for Progress.

C. D. Frazer, Just Back, Tells of the Marvellous Riches of Alaska.

Henry Hahn, president of Wadwams & Company, local wholesale grocers, is still agitating the establishing of a line of steamers between Portland and Southeastern Alaska.

C. D. Frazer, one of the firm's leading salesmen, has just returned from a five-weeks' business trip through that section of the country, and his report is what has renewed Mr. Hahn's activity toward getting the steamship line established.

To the Journal Mr. Frazer said this morning: "I have just returned from a five-weeks' business trip to the cities of Southeastern Alaska, and what I saw has made me quite sick at heart. Portland has not a single steamer running between this port and Alaska. People up in that country want to buy everything that we produce and receive, from a potato to mining machinery, and from needles to paint brushes. We are handicapped in getting our goods to that country, because we have no direct connections with ships.

Seattle has thirteen boats. "Seattle is wide awake and realizes the importance of having direct steamship lines to our Northern territory. The following list will certainly show you that there must be some business in the North or the steamers running from the Sound would be withdrawn. The list is as follows: Pacific Coast Steamship Company, four steamers to Skagway; The Packing and Navigation Company, four steamers to Valdez; the Alaska Steamship Company, four steamers to Southeastern Alaska. The Pacific Packing and Navigation Company also has a fleet of steamers running from Valdez to Unalaska and Dutch Harbor.

"It is all foolhardiness for Portland capitalists to sit back in their chairs and say that there is no business for a line of ships from Portland to the far North. The people of Alaska want our vegetables, our fresh eggs and butter—at least they want all that we ever raise in this state. They also want our furniture and other manufactured products and are willing to trade with us if given half a chance. They want Portland to send a line of steamers into that country and compete for their business. Portland merchants are favored by the merchants of the North whenever it is possible to do so. On my trip to Alaska there was one thing that I heard of that I reached that I didn't do some business. I would have done a much larger amount if the goods could be sent as quickly as they could from Seattle.

To sum up the whole thing in a nutshell, Alaska merchants are willing to pay their goods from us from A to Z, if we will only come up and compete. The amount of business I did was remarkable when you come to consider that it has been two years since our firm has sent a representative to that country. We were compelled to withdraw all our men when the line of steamers which formerly ran from this port were taken off.

Valdez to the Front. "The Valdez country is coming to the front among Alaska mining centers. The town is situated on deep water, has a heavy population, and is well supplied with wharf facilities and another in course of construction. The country back of the city is flooded with gold and copper. The copper is not taken out on account of the lack of transportation facilities. It is estimated that most of it will run nearly 100 per cent of the real thing. It would cost about 30 cents a pound to transport the stuff to the outside by pack team, and the entire product is being thrown out of the state because of the lack of a market. The hope that sometime in the future that section may have a railroad and be able to obtain cheaper transportation facilities.

"The people of Valdez laugh every time a Portland steamer comes by and say that a steamship line will be established from this city to Alaska. They say that they wouldn't believe it even if they heard the steamer blow for the landing at the Valdez wharf. We will not believe it, said one merchant, until the steamer is tied up at the wharf, and then it would be hard to convince us."

"The people up there say we are dead and asleep and if we should happen to awake they would say that we are dead and asleep. This spring will witness the greatest rush to the Far North that this country has ever known. Already people are going into that country and are preparing to start for the mines as soon as the government force breaks the trail.

JUDGE HOGUE'S LECTURE. "Johnson, do you want to live very much longer?" asked Judge Hogue yesterday afternoon of James Johnson.

"Why, sure, judge."

"Well, look here; if you want to live several years longer, Johnson, you must quit drinking whisky."

"I know it, judge—what can I do to quit?"

"Exercise your will power, and make up your mind to quit—stick to it until you conquer."

"Judge," said Johnson, and his voice trembled. "I'll try it."

"With a look of the old man turned from the judge and walked back to prison. He had been charged with the theft of two coats from the residence of Mrs. Williams, 313 Third street, and the evidence was pretty much against him. He took the stand, though, and said he was innocent. He said a friend, whose name he did not know, had sent him to the place after the coats, and he was arrested.

SUPERINTENDENT OF GROUNDS

Oscar Huber Is Selected by the Fair Directors.

As predicted in The Journal, no director-general of the Lewis and Clark Fair was selected by the executive committee of the Fair yesterday afternoon. The committee held a meeting, and for the reasons stated in Monday's Journal, did not agree on a director-general, but instead, a temporary superintendent of grounds was appointed. The reason for the non-selection of a director-general is because there is no one in Oregon at the present time who is considered capable of filling that office.

There were present at the meeting the following members of the committee: H. W. Scott, A. L. Mills, Paul Wessinger, W. D. Wheelwright and Rufus Mallory.

There was some discussion as to the proper person to appoint as superintendent of grounds. After discussing the merits of various men in connection with this office, the committee decided on Oscar Huber as the one most fit for the office. Mr. Huber is a civil engineer of standing, and is of the firm of Huber & Maxwell. Mr. Huber was instructed to make a topographical survey of the Fair grounds and to prepare a clay model of them.

The agricultural committee was instructed to arrange for the collection of trees and shrubs. These are to be placed in hot houses until the grounds are ready to receive them. Yesterday's meeting of the executive committee of the Fair marks the beginning of the actual work necessary to make the Lewis and Clark Fair a genuine success.

TO ASSIST IN THE EXERCISES

The Sons of the American Revolution will this year participate in the exercises to be held in most of the public schools of this city in the observance of Washington's Birthday.

Members of the society have been selected to deliver appropriate addresses in connection with the exercises which will be held on the afternoon of Friday, February 20.

The following named gentlemen will speak at the exercises: Atkinson School, Mr. W. B. Wells; Chapman School, Mr. Benj. I. Cohen; Central School, Rev. Dr. House; Clinton Kelly School, Mr. R. W. Montague; Couch School, Mr. E. B. Beckman; Falling School, George S. Jones; High School, Major A. S. Searr; North Central School, Mr. F. I. McKenna; Park School, Mr. Robert Treat Platt; Stephens School, Rev. W. S. Wright; Sunnyside School, Mr. Thomas N. Strong; Thompson School, Mr. Wallace McManam; William Howard School, Colonel S. H. Harrington; Harrison School, Hon. M. C. George; Holladay School, Mr. Robert F. Bell.

COUNCIL MEETS.

Contrary to expectation, the Council yesterday refused to accept unequal parts of the ordinance granting the Standard Oil Company rights in the present oil district and in the quarter block at First and East Main streets. Councilman Flegel proposed the ordinance, and in support of it brought forward the report of the special committee and the communication of Alfred Stillman to the Board of Underwriters.

Another ordinance of Councilman Flegel was that authorizing the Executive Board to advertise for bids and to award contracts for the lighting of the city for a period not to exceed five years. The lights to be gas, electricity or other illuminant, and the contract to be in force from the first of next January.

The matter will come up again at the next meeting.

Streets For the Fair. "That Portland may have streets worthy of her natural beauty, an elaborate system of improvements is being considered. These improvements will be in every part of the city. Pavements of bituminous macadam, a Tacoma experiment, vitrified brick, asphalt, wood block, stone block and macadam are proposed. Resolutions were adopted yesterday directing the City Engineer to prepare plans for the widening of streets and work on the West Side."

New Ordinances Introduced. Zimmerman introduced an ordinance granting right of way to the West Side & Suburban Railway Company on First street from Jefferson to Couch, to Twelfth to Marshall, to Twenty-third to Lovejoy, thence east to the Cornell road, to Twenty-ninth to Quimby, to Thirty-first, across Fall from Quimby to Pettygrove, to the Cornell road, thence west to St. Vincent's Hospital, along the coast to the Cornell road, along Shattuck and Linden, Fibert, Cross, Cedar, Ariel, Sutter, Alexander and Juniper streets, King's Heights, along the mountain slope and the highway which crosses the Cornell road, and to Wood's Addition and across Irving and Gibson avenues to the city boundary.

An ordinance was introduced authorizing the Executive Board to advertise for the construction of purchase of a trolley car at an expense of not more than \$2,930.

An appropriation of \$2,300 was made for the payment of claims arising from the collapse of the Corbett street bridge.

The Executive Board was authorized to purchase a ten-ton steam roller to cost not over \$2,800.

The City Auditor was authorized to codify the city ordinances at a cost of not over \$750.

THE GREAT DIAMOND ROBBERY

The Marquam—Heart of Maryland. The Baker—All the Comforts of Home. Cordray—Human Hearts. Fredericksburg—Vaudeville.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. The Marquam—"Strathmore," remainder of week.

"Heart of Maryland." At the Marquam Grand last night, "The Heart of Maryland" was the bill and will be for tonight. The cast of the production company is: Gen. Hugh Kendrick, B. J. Murphy, Col. Alan Kendrick, Test Johnson, Capt. Leighton, Herbert Postwick, Lieut. Taylor, Edward Norris, Provost Sergt. Blout, Wm. B. Murray, Tom Boone, Thomas Lowell, Roy Calver, Francis Justice, The Sexton, William McLaughlin, Uncle Dan, Robert McIntyre, Capt. Leighton, Clarence Hamblin, Capt. Blair, Harold Fisher, Lieut. Haybe, Harold Marion, Thomas Hill, Edgar M. Norris, Phil, C. Carstairs, Mrs. Claiborne Gordon, Florence Foster, Annie Calver, Anna Wynne, Maryland Calvert, Alma Kruger.

"The Heart of Maryland" is the play in which Mrs. Leslie Carter created the character of Maryland Calvert, which is essayed in this company by Alma Kruger. The audience was pleased with the actress' situation, and she acted the role, and evinced some enthusiasm from time to time by recalls. The piece is of the military sort, with army life depicted and scenes illustrating the Civil War situations in Maryland during the '60s. The play is well staged.

MANAGERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Great Diamond Robbery. Managers Januchek participated in "The Great Diamond Robbery" when on a tour of this country a few years ago. "The Great Diamond Robbery" is a melodrama in six acts, by Edward M. Alfried and A. C. Wheeler. It tells the story of the theft of some priceless diamonds by a gang of European thieves, some of whom marry an attaché of the American legation at St. Petersburg, who is a friend of the man from whom the diamonds were stolen. When the theft is discovered it is blamed on Frank Kennett, a young man who is in love with a Mary Lovell, who is a servant in the house of the attaché, and by clever work discovers the diamond thieves. With the aid of the detective, she then brings the criminals to justice, and is herself united to the man she loves.

The play abounds with variations of humor and pathos and thoroughly engages the mind of the onlooker. The scenic display in this melodrama will necessarily be very elaborate and requires six settings.

"The Man from Sweden." Unrestrained mirth will hold sway at Cordray's next week when the big laughing success of the season, Broadhurst & Currie's, "The Man from Sweden" will be presented on Washington's birthday, in this city for the first time. This bright comedy drama, written by Mr. Charles Newman, author of "Rudolph and Adolph" and "Mr. Jolly of Joliet," for the express purpose of starring Mr. Knute Erickson. Although comedy is the predominant feature, sensation, action and thrilling climaxes are introduced and the bizarre scene as the finish of the third act is an exciting climax that tenses every nerve and sometimes indeed, brings an audience to its feet. The engagement is for one week beginning matinee Sunday, February 22. Special ladies' and children's matinee Saturday.

"All the Comforts of Home." "Are you receiving all the comforts of home?" is the question which various members of the Nell Stock Company are answering for the past week. The reason for this rather pertinent question is the fact that "All the Comforts of Home" is on the boards at the Baker Theatre, and will continue to be on till next Sunday, when it will be superseded by the powerful melodrama entitled "The Great Diamond Robbery."

"The Great Diamond Robbery" is drawing big crowds at the Baker, and the "S. B. O." sign was not infrequently displayed during the week. The characters assumed by the Nell Stock Company were portrayed in a life-like manner. The excellence of this was recognized by the audience who were not loth to express their pleasure at such remarkable acting. The scene of action of "All the Comforts of Home" is in a drawing room in a private house in London, and the play consists of four acts. It is superbly staged, the scenic effects being excellent.

Mrs. Ellis de Lussan. The sale of seats for the De Lussan concert will open Monday morning at the Marquam.

Mrs. de Lussan returned to America at the close of her Covent Garden season in London at the end of the summer, fully equipped in health, spirits and repertoire of songs for her long concert tour, which began early in November in New York and includes the prominent cities of the Pacific Coast, Canada and Texas. Her concert programs are so selected and arranged as to satisfy all preferences. The songs are chosen from such composers as Mozart, Tosti, Clara Schumann, Nevil, Chamade, Rubinstein, and from the operas in which she has won her greatest triumphs. She will sing at her concert here the "Habanera," from "Carmen," the opera in which she is said to have no rival.

Virginia Drew Treasoot. Virginia Drew Treasoot, who will be seen in this city tomorrow, Friday and Saturday nights, with a matinee Saturday at the Marquam Grand Theatre, in the leading feminine character of the dramatic version of Ouida's famous novel "Strathmore," entitled "Lord Strathmore," is one of the most accomplished and fascinating actresses on the American stage; a lady possessed of rare personal charms, and already well received by the public. She has been compared in her style of acting with Olga Nethersole, and in the rendition of the role of Lady Vavasour portrays a style of work which is decidedly unique, a gem in itself. She is a stately woman, full of fire, portraying passion and pathos equally well, her very presence on the stage holding her audience throughout the entire evening. Her costumes are said to be expensive and gorgeous creations of the latest Parisian modes, and she has long been a criterion for the devotees of fashion. Miss Treasoot has been surrounded by a

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TO LECTURE HERE.

The Rev. Lawrence B. Ridgeley, for many years a resident missionary in Wuchang, China, will deliver a lecture in Trinity Chapel, Nineteenth street, near Washington, on Friday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock. Women workers in church organizations are especially invited to be present, though not at all exclusively for women. The lecture is free. Mr. Ridgeley has lectured very successfully in Eastern cities and it is to be hoped that a large audience will greet him here.

TO NOTIFY MARSH.

Deputy United States Marshal Roberts left Portland for Astoria this morning for the purpose of serving notice of the recent injunction against "crimps" on "Paddy" Lynch, the Astoria sailor boarding-house man.

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AMUSEMENTS. MARQUAM GRAND. Friday and Saturday nights, February 20, 21, with a special matinee Saturday, Feb. 20. Cordray's Theatre. Virginia Drew Treasoot. In Ouida's charming play, "LORD STRATHMORE." Evening prices—\$1.00, \$1.75, 50c, 25c. Special matinee prices—\$1.00, 50c, 25c and 10c. Seats are now selling.