SINGLE NORMAL TO THE PEOPLE

Senate Passes Smith's Measure Providing for Referendum.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—The bill of Smith of Marion submitting the question of a single normal school at Portland to a vote of the people passed the senate last night without a negative vote. The bill proposes the abolition of existing normals, the sale of the buildings and appropriating $100,000 for the new institution. Many of the senators regard this as the coming solution of the normal question, leaving the present normals to be cared for by an independent bill in the meantime until the wishes of the people can be learned.

SENATORS CLASH OVER MULIT BILL

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Senators Selling and Bailey came close to the "shorter and uglier word" in a clash over the Mulit pardon bill in the senate yesterday afternoon. It all came about because Selling had referred to the attitude of Mrs. Millie Trumbull and officials of the Prisoner's Aid society, as being opposed to the bill and to Bailey's having stated that Selling was "talking through his hat."

Selling read several letters, including one from Mrs. Trumbull, to support what he said, remarking that these proved the statements of Bailey to be "absolutely false."

Bailey did not relish this, and as soon as he could he took the floor on a question of personal privileges. He declared that he meant what he said when he accused Selling of articulating through his head covering, and he interpreted the letter of Mrs. Trumbull as bearing out his version. He called on his colleagues to prove that the bill had been amended in the way Mrs. Trumbull wanted it, and that it was due to some later influence that she became an opponent of the bill.

Bailey said the opposition came from the society of "associated graft in Portland which charges 90 cents for 10 cents' worth of charity and now fights the bill because it finds it will not be able to control the board of pardons."

PRIZE FIGHT BILL RECEIVES KNOCKOUT

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—For the second time the Davis prizefighting bill was killed by the house last night. This time it received only eight affirmative votes out of sixty.

Calkins of Lane moved for the reconsideration of the bill. He said Davis had been absent when the bill was defeated which was contrary to custom.

Davis said he had not been treated fairly, that the bill had been brought up during his absence and defeated.

He thought it was only right that he should be given an opportunity to show what the bill was and let the house do as it pleased.

The idea was that the bill was along the line of athletic sports, said Davis. It was not a prizefighting bill in any sense.

Upon motion of McCue, the house went into committee of the whole to amend the bill. The vote was a tie, and McArthur cast the deciding vote and cast his voice with the affirmative. As a result of this the bill was put back in the same shape as originally, which restricted the 10 round bouts to cities of 25,000 inhabitants.

THIRD JUDGE IS PROVIDED BY SENATE

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Notwithstanding the protest of Judges Harris and Hamilton that they do not need another judge to help them in the Second judicial circuit, Senator Chase's bill to provide a third judge passed the senate by 24 to 4. One surprising feature was that an emergency clause on the bill caused only a feeble protest.

Barrett of Washington inquired whether the legislature had not created enough new offices for Governor Chamberlain to fill and hinted that the emergency clause should be removed. But no one made any motion in that direction, and Barrett was among the supporters of the bill.

Chase made the main plea. He said the object was to provide a judge for Coos and Curry counties. He told of the geography of the district that during six months of the years the two coast counties can only be reached from the others by several days' travel by steamer, rail and stage. In Curry county there is only one term of court each year, and a client of his once had to lay in jail nearly 12 months before he could be tried.

BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE LAST NIGHT

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—The following bills passed the house at the midnight session last night:

H. B. 164 (Corrigan)—Appropriation $1000 for Yamhill Fair association.

H. B. 318 (Beals)—Providing for enforcements of judgments against surety companies.

H. B. 328 (Greer)—Regulating peddlers.

The following bills were indefinitely postponed at early morning session today:

H. B. 324 (Beals)—To obtain a better way of taxing personal property.

H. B. 338 (Munkers)—Repealing section 5600 of the code.

H. B. 101 (Rusk)—Appropriating money to reimburse E. R. Boulby.

H. B. 156 (Davis)—Changing legal rate of interest.

H. B. 342 (Reynolds)—Relating to pay for patients in the asylum.

H. B. 285 (McDonald)—Prohibiting sale of adulterated foods and requiring a label.

House Passes Statehood Bill.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Arizona-New Mexico statehood bill passed the house unanimously late yesterday afternoon.

GOOD CHANGE

Coffee to Postum.

The large army of persons who have found relief from many chronic ailments by changing from coffee to Postum as a daily beverage, is growing each day.

It is only a simple question of trying it for oneself in order to know the joy of returning health as realized by an Ills. young lady. She writes:

"I had been a coffee drinker nearly all my life and it affected my stomach—caused insomnia and I was seldom without a headache. I had heard about Postum and how beneficial it was, so concluded to quit coffee and try it.

"I was delighted with the change. I can now sleep well and seldom ever have headache. My stomach has gotten strong and I can eat without suffering afterwards. I think my whole system greatly benefited by Postum.

"My brother also suffered from stomach trouble while he drank coffee, but now, since using Postum he feels so much better he would not go back to coffee for anything."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

NEW JUDGE IN WASHINGTON

House Passes Cushman Bill to Add One in Western District.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 16.—The house today by a two thirds vote, under suspension of the rules passed a bill providing for the appointment of an additional judge for the western district of Washington. The bill as first introduced by Representative Cushman provided that the new judge should be "a resident of the western division of the western district" of the state, but this was stricken from the measure by the judiciary committee.

STATE SANITARY FOR TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Twenty thousand dollars for buildings and grounds for state sanitarium for the treatment of tubercular patients, with an appropriation of $25,000 per year for their support, was voted by the senate last night. This supplements the bill previously passed, authorizing counties to levy a tax for local sanitariums.

The statewide bill is S. B. 253, introduced by the committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, as a substitute for a similar measure framed by Senator Kay. Sites for the sanitariums are to be selected by a state commission consisting of four persons to be named by the governor, acting with the governor and president and secretary of the state board of health. The members of the commission will serve without pay and are authorized to employ a medical director and matron at salaries not exceeding $200 and $100 per month.

PIECE OF ROPE WAS A MOTHER TO HIM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

North Yakima, Wash., Feb. 16.—Humane officers are debating what to do with the 4-year-old son of Bert Churchill, a laborer, who was yesterday found tied to a bed in the house. He had been confined in this manner since last October.

The child's father was found at work as a mason tender down town and explained that his wife left home last fall and was working in Seattle. In order that the boy might be safe while he was at work, Churchill tied him to the bed with a rope and the child was left there in solitary confinement throughout the day.

The humane officers are endeavoring to find a proper home for the child.

NO AMERICANS

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the dead reaching 250, Acapulco, with her 7000 population, is today a city of morgues and hospitals. Of the 600 persons who escaped in the wild stampede from the Flores theatre when it was burned Sunday night, few were not badly hurt. The whole town has been in disorder ever since the disaster; the firemen and the police have been unable to meet the situation. Suffering is intense. Supplies of medicines are exhausted. There is no means of preparing the dead for burial in the usual way.

The place where the theatre stood is marked merely by a pile of ashes. Scores of the bodies taken from the ruins could not possibly be identified. Nearly all are burned to a crisp.

Thousands of persons, in fact, practically every citizen of Acapulco, lost some dear relative or friend. Some whole families were wiped out. The terrible grief of the relatives of the victims is probably the most distracting feature of the scenes. Women have lost their senses and men have resorted in some instances to most extreme expressions of grief.

LET GRAFT

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ought to be kept in mind—protection for all the producers who need any protection, and revenue for the government. These things are not necessarily antagonistic. An intelligent tariff adjustment would furnish both. Therefore free traders and ultra protectionists are equally interested in getting this sort of adjustment.

"By our present tariff farming machinery we cannot make this sort of an adjustment of the schedules because: Like mankind in general most of the persons consulted by the ways and means committee in framing tariff measures are selfish, and thus are biased in the interest of their own industry. The committee lacks the knowledge to enable it to detect extravagance or distortion in the witnesses' statements. Even if the committee had the knowledge it lacks the time to make the inquiry on which it could correct them. The committee is partisan, as it always and necessarily is, under Democratic as well as under Republican sway.

Congress Learns Nothing.

"While reforms, improvements and new departures are the order of the day in all other human activities, congress, in the important work of framing a tariff, clings to the old landmarks.

"The carded wool people say that specific duties are unjust to them, and want ad valorem rates. On the same goods the worsted manufacturers take directly opposite ground. The New England shoe manufacturers want free hides. Most of the western shoe men favor the retention of the duty. Some of the cattlemen want the duties on hides to be advanced. Like divergencies are seen among the manufacturers of chemicals, automobiles, and in many other lines of trade. Mr. Carnegie says that steel manufacturers could stand free trade. Mr. Schwab says the steel men need more protection than ever.

"A board of disinterested men of large experience in trade such as this convention proposes, could adjust all these divergencies. They would have the time, the patience and the impartiality to look at the controverted points from all sides.

A Court Must Decide.

"There is no fundamental difference between tariff divergencies and other sorts of disputes. All need judicial adjustment. Our judicial machinery provides us with juries, trial courts and courts of appeal. The tariff commission would be the jury to sift the testimony given by witnesses who speak for the various industries, to weigh the evidence which is presented, and to render the verdict. The ways and means committee and congress would be the court of appeal.

Objections Answered.

"A few of the objectors say that the work of President Arthur's commission of 1882 was disregarded by congress. This is not true. The tariff of 1883 was largely based on the commission's recommendations. And on the whole that was the best balanced tariff the country has seen in a generation.

"Some of our critics say a permanent tariff commission would keep trade constantly disturbed. Germany and France have permanent commissions. Has any of our critics ever heard that the recommendations of those commissions ever unsettled trade over there?

"But, ask other critics, would not the existence of a permanent commission excite a fear of frequent changes, and thus keep business in perpetual uncertainty? This danger would be guarded against by a provision in the act that a certain stipulated time—six or eight months—would elapse after the passage of the act before the changes could take effect.

Tariff Grafters Denounced.

"One class of objectors, among whom is the American Protective Tariff league, pretends that we want the commission to usurp the constitutional powers of congress and frame tariff bills. Let me tell you, my friends, that this charge is based partly on ignorance and partly on malice. Ignorance makes it because it has not examined our proposition. Malice makes it because it wants to frame a defective tariff, like the present act, and like all recent acts. It wants the existing method retained because of the graft that is in it, or because it wishes to keep the tariff issue in politics. We can convert honest ignorance, and stand ready to do it. But the trickery and dishonesty which is voiced by the American Protective Tariff league have no rights which this convention feels bound to respect.

"Congress is to be called in special session a few weeks hence to revise the tariff. The Republican national convention promised this. Before the election and since, the Republican candidate pledged himself to it. For us, therefore, who want honest, sane tariff revision—a tariff adjusted to the existing trade conditions, abroad as well as at home—the time to act is now.

What Congress Should Do.

"The commission could not now do the work quick enough which the extra session will be called upon to perform, in a provisional way. Let the extra session make the changes in the duties which it believes to be most urgently and most immediately needed, then pass a commission bill, and then go home. All this ought not to take more than 60 days. Thus the promise of the platform and the candidate would be kept. Thus also the business disturbances would end speedily.

"Our object here today is to take the tariff out of partisan politics, and keep it out."

Towne's Outline of Commission.

An address on "The Neutral Line: A Plea for Scientific Regulation of the Tariff," was delivered by Henry R. Towne, president of the Merchants' association of New York. Mr. Towne sketched the present congressional method of tariff revision, pointing out its inequitable features. He prescribed as a remedy the following:

"The remedy is a permanent technical bureau of tariff research, to collect, collate, analyze and report industrial and commercial data, domestic and foreign, for the use and guidance of congress and the executive departments.

"Tariff revision should be continuous, not intermittent, thereby steadily approaching the tariff more closely to the 'neutral line' of the greatest good and the least injury to all interests; adjusting it promptly to current changes in industrial and commercial conditions at home and abroad; obviating the chronic upheavals of business which intermittent revisions involve, and giving to the people continuity and steadiness, combined with reasonable flexibility.

"The influence of the tariff on wage rates is indirect, not direct; it chiefly influences them by affecting the cost of commodities and living, which, in turn, chiefly determine the rate of wages. The true measure of a wage rate is its purchasing power, hence anything tending to enhance the general cost of living operates to depress the purchasing power of wages; therefore the tariff should be adjusted with regard for all its effects on all the people, not with regard to protected interests only.

"Finally congress should now address itself to the creation of a permanent governmental office, or bureau, organized and maintained for the continuous and scientific study of the problems thus indicated, which shall perform, as congress may direct, all of the technical work involved, through a competent staff of experts, statisticians, translators, stenographers and clerks, which shall furnish to the committees of congress such information and assistance as they may call for, and which shall thus effectively aid congress in finding the best solution of our tariff problems."

Senator Brown of Nebraska discussed "The Tariff Commission as a Public Necessity" and Governor Guild of Massachusetts spoke on "The Investigation of Tariff Inconsistency."

A SIMPLE TRICK.

It's an easy matter to keep your joints and muscles supple—no matter what your age may be or how you have suffered with rheumatism. Rub yourself night and morning with Ballard's Snow Liniment. Cures rheumatism, stiffness, cramps, crick in the back, side, neck or limbs, and relieves all aches and pains. Sold by Skidmore Drug Co.

Washington's Plague Spots

Lie in the low, marshy bottoms of the Potomac, the breeding ground of malaria germs. These germs cause chills, fever and ague, biliousness, jaundice, lassitude, weakness and general debility and bring suffering or death to thousands yearly. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "They are the best all around tonic and cure for malaria I ever used," writes R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. They cure Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Blood Troubles and will prevent Typhoid. Try them, 50c. Guaranteed by Woodard, Clark & Co.

Hat Braids at One-Half Price

Get ready for the spring millinery season, for indications are that braids are to be extremely popular for the coming spring and summer, and welcome indeed will be our announcement of a goodly selection of millinery braids in all colors—straw, maline and hair braids. Fine assortment and all good values at regular prices. For Wednesday's selling they are offered at HALF

Knox Tailored Hats

Women's Smart Tailored Hats, famous Knox make, on display and sale in Millinery Section.

$1.79 For Coats and Suits Worth $12, $15, $18—Choice at $1.79

Stupendous reduction on small lots of women's coats and suits. Very few in one style or pattern, and for that reason are phenomenally low priced. In this assortment are:

Twelve suits in fancy stripes or plaids, $12.50 values—eighteen short coats in coverts or other materials, values to $18.00—twenty-eight coats, women's or misses' sizes, fancy wool materials, raincoats and misses' short silk coats, values up to $20. Your choice of any coat or suit in the assortment above mentioned for **Wednesday's Selling $1.79**

WOMEN'S GOWNS AND FANCY DRESSES of Messaline or chiffon; fine assortment of sizes, colors and designs; regular values $25.00 to $45.00 each, special for Wednesday's selling at **One-Fourth Less**

See superb assortment women's spring suits, coats, waists—Fifth-street window display

The 16-Button Gloves $1.98

WOMEN'S SUEDE KID GLOVES in the very dressy 16-button or elbow length, nearly all sizes, white or black, regular $3.50 grade. Tomorrow only **$1.98**

WOMEN'S 16-BUTTON GLACE KID GLOVES, odd lines and sizes, val. to $4.00 the pair, at. **$1.48**

WOMEN'S 16-BUTTON CAPE GLOVES, odd lines; a very good glove for street wear. Nearly all sizes in the assortment. Sell regularly at $4.00 pair. Specially priced for Wednesday at only **$2.48**

Portland Agents for Ladies' Home Journal Patterns

Olds, Wortman & King

Portland Agents for Royal Worcester Corsets

Custom Draperies

We make a specialty of order work in fine Draperies. Plan ahead for your spring housecleaning and get an estimate now on what it will cost to furnish those new curtains, carpets or drapery materials. Accurate estimates cheerfully furnished, expert workmen to carry out your ideas, and an immense stock of materials from which you may choose. Let us furnish you with an estimate now, and your order will be executed in ample time.

New Dress Fabrics

Early spring dress goods buyers find here in a wonderfully comprehensive assortment; and not only is the selection more varied and more pleasing than is to be found in any other Portland establishment, but the very low prices at which these splendid fabrics are marked quickly make shrewd shoppers decide that they will buy here. The preferred shades, weights and weaves in wool or silk materials on display and on sale.

Umbrellas

WOMEN'S TAPE-EDGE FAST-BLACK UMBRELLAS, absolutely rainproof, silk Gloria cover, with neat, attractive handles in natural wood, gunmetal or sterling silver. Another of the good umbrella values that we are famous for. Regular $3.50 grade, special at **$2.89**

The Newest in Trimmings

Spangled bands in black, gold and silver, new beaded fringes and ornaments, new laces in cream, ecru and white, are a few of the late arrivals in the lace and trimming section.

Spring Wash Goods

The immense window display on Fifth and Washington streets will give you a hint of the many pretty weaves we have for you to enthuse over, and, once inside, with countless hundreds of yards spread out before you, we're certain that you'll find the splendid assortment and low prices more than you can resist. Among the new things:

SCOTCH DIMITIES, corded stripe or checked effects, printed in figures of all sorts and shades, stripes, floral designs, etc. Special, the yard **25c**

COTTON MARQUISETTE VOILE, same weave as wool voile, but daintily fine and clinging, much in vogue for the smart directoire styles. Many patterns and colorings, stripes, Persian designs, border effects, figures, etc. Yard, 50¢, 60¢ **75c**

GINGHAMS for neat house and street dresses, all shades, plain colors, checks, plaids, stripes, etc, 10¢ to **25c**

SOISETTES, permanent finish, all colors, fine for filmy frocks, plain colors only. The yard **25c**

MESSALETTE for smart tailored wash gowns, satin-finish weave in chevron effects, plain colors. Yard **25c**

35c Handkerchiefs 19c Ea---75c Hose 39c Pr

A special that will surely bring throngs of shrewd shoppers to our Handkerchief Section tomorrow. Women's Pure Linen Demi-Laundered Handkerchiefs with embroidered edges, regular 35c values. Plenty of them for a busy day's selling, and the price tomorrow is only **19c**

EMBROIDERIES in edges or insertions, 2 to 14 inches wide, openwork or blind designs, fine Swiss or lawn, worth to $1.00 the yard. Special **49c**

RIBBONS in striped designs, Dresden effects and dotted, fine quality, widths up to 5 inches, reg. val. to 45c the yard **19c**

WOMEN'S HOSE of the finest sort, the kind of hosiery that milady reserves for wear with the dressier apparel, the sort sold ordinarily for much more than this price. Lisle hose in plain or fancy effects, fast black or colors, regular values to 75c the pair. Special only **39c**

CHILDREN'S HOSE in fine ribbed cotton or wool, good assortment and reg. val. up to 40c the pair. Special only. **19c**

CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, made with colored border, very good quality, sell regularly at 5c ea. Special Wednesday, TWO FOR **5c**

In Dainty Ruchings

We have just received and unpacked a large shipment of pretty Ruchings in the very popular medium widths. There is a splendid assortment of shades and prices. Supply your needs now, while they are new and fresh. The prices run from 25¢ each to **65c**

Women's $5.00 Shoes at $1.00 Pair

Tomorrow is the last day for the final clean-up sale, and we urgently desire to sell every pair left in odd lots. These low prices must and will attract hundreds of thrifty shoppers.

Slippers, Oxfords and Shoes in all leathers and styles, odds and ends, regular values up to $5.00 the pair. Choice **$1.00**

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS AND SHOES, narrow widths, but all lengths; good styles, a hundred pairs of Mountain Boots included, values $2.50 to $6.00. Choice, the pair **$1.00**

WOMEN'S SHOES, mostly narrow widths, odds and ends of every description, including several dozen pairs of new-style Oxfords for spring wear, regular values from $3.00 to $6.00. Choice Wednesday, the pair, $1.49 and **$1.98**

MEN'S NARROW-WIDTH SHOES in $5.00 and $6.00 grades, also several styles with nearly all sizes in $3.50 and $4.00 grades. Choice Wednesday. **$2.98**

Tremendous shoe bargains for men, women and children. All broken lines and odd lots remarkably REDUCED

Raisins at 3 lbs 25c

Save nearly half on what you are paying for good raisins by purchasing direct from the producer. Mrs. A. V. Mowatt of Fresno, Cal., has on sale at our store a carload of fresh, sun-dried, new-crop raisins. Three pounds Seeded Raisins for **25c**

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The Great Berlin Bass

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Tickets now selling at Rowe & Martin's Drug Store, Sixth and Washington.

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