

SESSION IS HALF GONE; RELATIVELY FEW BILLS PASS

Senate Makes Better Record Than House; Important Measures Still Pending; Attack on Steiner.

With half the legislative session gone, the senate has passed 31 bills out of 191 introduced. It has indefinitely postponed 19 others, and 3 have failed to pass when put to vote. Even with this slim record, and with most of the important measures unacted upon, the senate is much in advance of the house, for the number of bills passed by the more numerous branch is eight less, and these are of less general importance.

The senate has cleared its decks of three good roads bills, has passed the naval militia bill, and has acted on the bill to abolish capital punishment. The latter has been reconsidered after an adverse vote and will be voted on again next Tuesday, when it is expected to pass. This practically covers all the important legislation upon which the senate has acted.

Big Bills Pending.
On the horizon are the public service commission bill, the workmen's indemnity bill, the congressional and legislative reapportionment bills, the anti-trust bill, two other road bills and all the big appropriation bills. This legislative program, with the mass of less important things, is enough to stagger the contemplative mind.

Then the senate has things political in its mind. The resolutions committee has been holding the Albee and Abraham resolutions, which are expected to come out early this week and stir the orators to new flights, to say nothing of the coming report of the special committee on the Eastern Oregon asylum site and Dr. Steiner's request for an opportunity to state his case in open session of the two houses.

In the Albee and Abraham resolutions and the two asylum questions the senate will find ample room for talk, and it will require strong curbing to hold the legislators down to the real work of the session.

Albee wants to amend his resolution to make it more acceptable to some of his colleagues, and he will be given that opportunity. Albee wants to make the issue clear out as possible on the indorsement of the Oregon system, eliminating all language that will inspire quibbling. How well he will succeed without devitalizing the text remains to be seen.

Bowerman Directs Attack.
The Abraham resolution, which contains a long harangue about Jonathan Bowerman before it comes to the point, is another irritant. Under the cloak of instructing Oregon's senators in congress to do what they can to promote the election of senators by the people, it is preceded by insinuations against Bowerman which are to be made the basis of another "dressing down" for the senator by Abraham and others of the Bowerman faction.

Bowerman himself is directing the campaign against Dr. Steiner and watching his move on the Eastern Oregon site. His speech containing the attack on Dr. Steiner and defense of his actions, passed on the vouchers. Steiner's friends assert he was expressly authorized to do many of the things for which he has been criticized, and a different story may be unfolded when Steiner gives his side of the case.

TEX RICKARD TO SOUTH AMERICA

Believing Buenos Ayres Sports Will Take Kindly to American Games.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Tex Rickard, frontiersman and fight promoter, is seeking new fields for his sporting and gambling operations. Shaking the dust of the red rugs of the St. Francis hotel lobby from his shoes last night, Rickard bid himself to New York, where he will hence he will embark for Buenos Ayres.

Along with Tex will go Ollie Elliott, partner of George Wingfield, the Nevada mining man, and a New York sporting man, Elliott, who is now at the St. Francis, will leave for New York tomorrow.

Rickard has heard that American games of chance are a temptation to the South Americans. He has it on the authority of an old chum, who advised him to shift his roulette table and wheel of fortune.

Two Lodges Install.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 28.—The Rebekah lodge of Banks has installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. C. W. Dodson, N. G.; Mrs. Robert Banks, V. N. G.; W. L. Moore, secretary; Mrs. W. Armistead, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. J. W. Prickett, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. R. R. Kinton, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. W. Devision, L. S. V. N. G.; Mrs. Bert Friday, warden; Mrs. J. C. Schulmerich, conductor; Robert Banks, inside guard; C. W. Dodson, outside guard; Mrs. Neil Soehren, chaplain.

Jericho lodge, No. 183, L. O. O. F., of Banks, has elected and installed the following officers: C. W. Dodson, N. G.; J. M. Mills, V. N. G.; W. O. Galt, secretary; R. M. Banks, treasurer; G. W. McGraw, warden; H. B. Dauchy, conductor; C. A. Shipley, chaplain; Orville Prickett, R. S. S. M.; Turner, L. S. S.; H. J. Allen, R. S. N. G.; Clifford Thompson, R. S. V. N. G.; A. E. Mills, L. S. V. N. G.; L. C. Greps, inside guard; J. C. Schulmerich, outside guard.

BANK WRECKER WHO SAYS HE IS NOT INSANE



The most recent photograph of Joseph G. Robin, the New York bank wrecker, taken Friday afternoon in court when he appeared to be examined in bankruptcy proceedings before United States Commissioner Alexander. Robin's memory seemed clear enough regarding many small transactions, but he declared his mind was "muddled" and could recall nothing when asked to locate about \$2,000,000 in cash and securities which he is known to have in his possession. His confinement of one month in the Tombs does not seem to have impaired his health. "All I want," he said, "is time to straighten my affairs out. They are trying to make me out crazy, but I'm not, and before I get through some people here now will be affected by this matter."

WEST FOR STATE FOREST RESERVE

Would Exchange With Uncle Sam; 48,000 Acres in One Body Desired.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Jan. 28.—Governor West has communicated with Forester Graves suggesting an exchange of lands owned by Oregon within the boundaries of national forests, with the federal government. Governor West says Oregon has about 48,000 acres of scattered lands in national forests for which it is entitled to indemnity. Similar tracts have been used from time to time as "base" for indemnity selections, and unless a different policy is adopted by the state, the remaining tracts will also be used. He says:

"Being a friend of the national forest system and wishing to establish a state forest in this state, I hope to be able to arrange with the federal government for the exchange of all the state's scattered lands within the boundaries of national forests, for a compact tract somewhere in the Cascade forest reserve. In my message to the legislature I recommended such an exchange, because I believe that through the establishment of a state forest, the people would become more interested in and friendly to the forestry system and that this would bring about a better understanding and cooperation between the federal government, the state and private timber owners. I suggest that efforts be made to secure the passage of an act by congress which would give your department authority to make this exchange."

Governor West sends descriptions covering 48,000 acres, in townships 1 to 8, 10 to 28, 32 to 34 and 38 to 41. Senator Chamberlain will take the matter up with Forester Graves.

CRACK PORTAGE TEAM WINS OVER O. A. C. FIVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 28.—The crack Portage basketball team defeated the Oregon Agricultural college tonight by the score of 44 to 14 in one of the cleanest games ever played on the college floor. The winning of tonight's game puts the Wisconsin players in a better humor as it makes up their defeat by the Dallas team. Harper and Swenholm were the stars for Portage, while Cooper and Reed starred for O. A. C.

The girls of Waldo Hall gave the teams a banquet and an informal dance after the game.

Billiard Ball in; Necktie Out.
New York, Jan. 28.—A red billiard ball made possible the theft of a \$200 antique necklace from the shop of M. B. Donchian, at 241 Fifth avenue. The janitor was in the basement about 10 o'clock when he heard a crash. Running upstairs he found a hole in the window just large enough for an arm to enter. On the floor was a red billiard ball. The necklace was missing.

"No Treat" Bill in California.
(United Press Pressed Wire.)
Sacramento, Jan. 28.—A "no treat" bill has been introduced in the state senate. It makes it a misdemeanor for any saloon to sell liquor to a person who offers to treat another. Each saloon is required to have behind the bar a sign, in black letters at least three inches long, reading "No treatine."

CIRCUIT JUDGES FAIL TO AGREE

Question of Increase for Court as Proposed in Bill Causes Division.

When the bill comes before the legislative committee next week in regard to the increase from five to seven judges on the local circuit court bench, the legislators will find the Multnomah judges divided on the subject. As the matter now stands, there are two for the increase, two against it, and one judge neutral.

Judges Gatens and McGinn oppose the increase. Judges Morrow and Gantenbohn favor it, and Judge Kavanaugh has not taken sides. The bar association has voted to recommend the increase. The reasons given for the additional judges are that the docket is crowded, and the present five judges are overworked. The reasons advanced against the increase are that the work can be easily done by the present number by injecting more system into the rules of the circuit court, and allowing each judge to make up the issues in a case. It is also argued that the presiding judge be disposed of, and allow him to hear cases like the other judges.

245 Cases in Court.
At the close of yesterday, there were 245 cases in the circuit court waiting to be heard. There are 204 for trial, 31 civil cases on the docket waiting to be set, and 10 criminal cases ready to be set for trial. The nearest open date on the docket, excepting what cases may be disposed of in the meantime by dismissal or settlement outside of court, is in the first week of April. February is entirely taken up, and there are only a few days left in March, where a case can be sandwiched in ahead of a regular place on the trial calendar.

A good general average for disposing of cases is 43 a week. The number filed in a week will average slightly more than this number. There are about ten motions heard each day by the presiding judge, and this leaves him very little time to hear a case. There are also more cases filed in a month at the present time than there were two years ago.

To Consider Charges.
It is further argued by those opposing the increase that with the reorganization of the justice court, and changing that court into a district court, much work will be taken from the circuit court. With the presiding judge relieved of motions and demurrers, he will be available to hear cases, thereby making the full five judges at work hearing cases.

The five judges will meet this week, and consider certain changes in the rules, which are calculated to simplify work in the circuit court. It is expected that the question of disposing of the presiding judge system will be taken up, and each jurist be allowed to handle a case from beginning to end after it is assigned to him. Action is also contemplated over allowing a clerk to retain in which to allow an attorney to notify the court that a case has been settled outside of court. Many attorneys will come in on the morning the case is to be heard and announce the case has been settled. This disarranges the calendar for the day, and may leave one judge idle.

Representative William A. Jones, senior member of the Virginia delegation in congress, has announced his candidacy for the senate to succeed Senator Martin, whose term will expire March 3, 1913.

HONEYED SAVINGS HANDED VISITORS FROM SOUND CITY

For Purposes of Hospitality, Portland During 5 Hours' Visit of Excursion Concedes Superiority of Seattle.

One hundred and seventy-five Puget Sound residents spent several hours in Portland last night as members of the Harriman line midwinter excursion to Oregon and California from the north.

They enjoyed a sumptuous dinner at the Portland hotel and saw the busy street life of the Rose City on a Saturday night.

The party arrived in a special train of 11 coaches at 5 o'clock and pulled out, bound for the south at 10 o'clock. From the depot the excursionists were conveyed to the Portland hotel in special cars awaiting the arrival of the train. In addition to Assistant General Passenger Agent John M. Scott and other railroad officials, a committee composed of Harvey Beckwith, president of the Portland Commercial club; R. W. Hoyt, president of the Portland Rose Festival committee; H. W. Haller, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Frank R. Kerr, and C. C. Chapman, manager of the Commercial club, were at the depot to bid the excursionists hearty welcome.

This reception was not only by word of mouth or handshakes, but each and every one of those on the train was handed a little pamphlet entitled "Greetings from Portland to the members of the second annual Puget Sound Excursion to Oregon and California," worded as follows:

"Portland the former metropolis of the Pacific northwest, welcomes Seattle the present metropolis, to the city which aspires to be the future metropolis of the Pacific coast."

"The City of Roses delights indeed in proffering hospitality to its sturdy, progressive, high spirited neighbor, and rival. We of conservative Oregon admire you of progressive Washington, and congratulate ourselves that you are so close a neighbor, that by contact we can profit by your example."

"Thousands of Portland people visited Seattle during the A. Y. P.—some went to knock but all returned to boost. As a result of what we observed we began to improve our city, and beg to inform you that during the concluding year we laid a larger mileage of hard surface pavement than we had during the entire sixty-three years preceding."

"Nature was generous to Portland, and as you by Seattle's example we are now striving to do things for ourselves. We emulate your pluck, admire your achievements, appreciate your visits and share with you the pride you feel in the progress of Seattle and the Pacific northwest."

"Come again. Come often. Linger longer."

NEGRO PHYSICIAN TO TEST JIM CROW LAW

(By the International News Service.)
Kansas City, Jan. 28.—The Oklahoma "Jim Crow" law will be tested in a federal court here through a suit brought today by Dr. William J. Thompkins, a Kansas City negro, against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway and the Pullman company. Thompkins asks \$100,000 damages for being ejected from a Pullman car at Vinita, Okla., and taken before a justice of the peace when he refused to leave the Pullman.

Thompkins says he bought a ticket here, including a Pullman ticket to South McAlester, Okla., where he had been called to perform an operation. After the train had crossed the Oklahoma line, the physician says, the conductor asked if he was a negro.

"Yes, I am, the physician replied. 'Well, you are violating a law by riding in this car.' When Thompkins refused to leave his berth the conductor had a deputy sheriff meet the train and arrest him at Vinita. Thompkins says he was fined \$15 by a justice of the peace."

NAPOLEON DID LODGE IN A LONDON HOUSE
London, Jan. 28.—The question whether Napoleon Bonaparte ever visited London was raised by Landreux Lucas, and Lord Rosebery, who was consulted on the point, replied that he had never heard of the rumor, and could not conceive any one giving the slightest credit to it.

Lord Rosebery is now put right by John Burns, who declares that Napoleon's presence in London has gone beyond mere rumor, and quotes the following interesting passage from "The Story of Charles Cross and His Neighborhood," by J. Holden Macmillan:

"It is not generally known that the great Napoleon Bonaparte lodged in a house in George street, a thoroughfare which extends from Duke street to the Embankment."

"Old Mr. Matthews, the bookseller of the Strand, used to relate that he remembered the Corsican ogre residing here for five weeks in 1791 or 1792, and that he occasionally took his cup of chocolate at the Northumberland coffee house, opposite Northumberland house; that he there read much, and preserved a provoking tactfulness toward the frequenters of the coffee room."

"Though his manner was stern, his deportment was that of a gentleman."

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ELY WHO WAS CALLED BACK



(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—Sergeant-at-Arms D. C. Ely of the house, who went to Portland to bring back with him enough of the Multnomah delegation to complete the quorum so that the house could complete some of the business with which it is so far behind. Sergeant-at-Arms Ely started forth wearing his badge, which denoted his authority conspicuously on the lapel of his coat. Ely was determined to complete his mission, but was disappointed when at Tigard on his way to Portland a telegram from Chief Clerk Drager of the house, which when opened rescinded the order which sent him forth. Ely was compelled to return to Salem without the house members wanted, though he said he would have called the police force of the city of Portland and the sheriff's office if it were necessary to compel the attendance at Salem of the Multnomah members.

CHEMAWA TAKES SLOW GAME FROM PACIFIC

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chemawa, Or., Jan. 28.—The Chemawa Indian school basketball team again defeated the Pacific university aggregation by the score of 20 to 14, in a fast and hard fought game. In the end of the first half the score was tied, 6 to 6. Chemawa lost many points by being unable to find the baskets.

In the second half the Indians had 43 tries from the field to Pacific's 23, showing that most of the play was in Chemawa's territory, but the Redskins had an off night at shooting baskets. Powers, Chemawa's steady center, played a very rugged game, while Clements and Klutus played a star game. Shaver and Bryant played good ball for Pacific. Neither team showed any signs of good team work and very few brilliant plays were made. The lineup: Chemawa—Forwards, Clements, Klutus; center, Powers; guards, Lynch, Mose, Talbot.

Pacific university—Forwards, Shaver, Bryant; center, Livingston; guards, Taylor, Ward.

Talbot replaced Mose in second half. Referee, Larson.

ALLEGED SWINDLER CLAIMS PORTLAND AS ABIDING PLACE

W. N. Barrett, Said to Have Purchased Diamonds on Credit, Then Pawned Them; Portland Banker's Son?

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, Jan. 28.—William N. Barrett, Jr., who claims to be from Portland, Or., and the son of a banker, and formerly a midshipman on the United States cruiser Maryland, who was arrested yesterday for the alleged swindling of Shreve & Co., and Radke & Co., local jewelers, of diamonds valued at \$3250, was arraigned before Police Judge Shortall this morning on two charges of grand larceny. By the consent of both sides the preliminary hearing was set for February 1.

Hall Is Raised.
Attorney Lewis of the Byington, representing the prosecution, asked that bail be raised, declaring that \$500 bail on which Barrett had been released, was insufficient to assure the young man's appearance in court. Despite the objections of Attorney E. Pelkott, for the defense, Shortall ordered the bail raised to \$2000 bonds or \$1000 cash on each charge. In default of bail the young man was ordered into custody. Counsel for Barrett informed the court that he had received telegrams from the prisoner's father stating that the latter was on his way to San Francisco to interfere for his son.

Women and fondness for the night life, it is said, are responsible for Barrett's trouble. In fact, Detective O'Dea and Matheson, who arrested the former navy officer, say that he freely admitted to them that he had squandered all his money while enjoying the night life. Barrett tendered his resignation from the navy November 29, and received notice of its acceptance on January 13. A month after submitting his resignation the young man, it is alleged, called at the Shreve store and secured three diamonds valued at \$2000, saying that he wanted to submit them to a young woman for approval. He returned next day, it is said, and paid \$500 deposit. He also went to the store of Radke & Co. and secured \$1350 worth of diamonds, it is charged, later paying \$200 deposit.

Drafts Made Good.
The police say that Barrett pawned the diamonds with Sam Raphael on Powell street, and paid the two deposits with money thus obtained. The police recently were asked to look for Barrett by the management of the St. Francis hotel, who declared that he had passed on them several worthless checks. But the drafts were made good by the young man's father.

No person by this name is listed in the Portland city directory.

Milton Girl Married.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Milton, Or., Jan. 28.—Miss Lina Coe was married to W. R. Craig of Ellensburg, Wash., Thursday evening, Rev. Fountain Walker, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. The bride is well known in social circles and has been cashier in the Mosgrove company store for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Craig left for their home in Ellensburg Friday, where Mr. Craig is engaged in the mercantile business.

24 HOURS WILL BE CLIPPED OFF TIME COAST TO COAST

New Express Train to Be Installed February 1 Between New York, Spokane, Portland and Sound.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Twenty-five hours will be clipped off the time for transporting express matter between New York, Spokane, Portland and Puget sound points as a result of plans that have been perfected by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway company for operating a new express train between Chicago and St. Paul. The service will be installed on February 1. It is figured by railway men in Chicago that express packages sent from New York to Spokane will reach the last named point in less than three days and arrive at points on the sound within three and a half days after they are shipped.

The operation of the new train, it is declared, means a widening of the scope of the contest for express business that long has been in progress between the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Burlington roads.

While officials of the latter line deny that any attempt is being made to take the mail carrying business between Chicago and the twin cities from the Milwaukee road, it is regarded as certain that the company will cause postoffice officials to become acquainted with the fact that its new train will smash all records for speed between Chicago and St. Paul, so far as regular service is concerned.

The schedule calls for making the run from Chicago to St. Paul in 10 hours and 15 minutes, or two hours and 35 minutes faster than the present running time.

One of the prime objects in putting on this express train, according to officers of the company, is to control the main northwest tonnage, and by means of this fast service, it is asserted, the Burlington will seek to build up a permanent standard service.

Another change that will be effected as a result of the operation of the new train will be a shortening of the time between New York and Spokane and Portland, from an express delivery standpoint, by 24 hours.

Connections will be made at St. Paul with all trains, including the Great Northern fast mail and express to Spokane, Portland and Puget sound points.

Express Agent Promoted.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 28.—F. T. Miles, who has been the agent for the Wells, Fargo Express company in this city for the past year, has been transferred to the Medford office, which is in the line of a promotion. Previous to coming to this city Mr. Miles was for several years stationed at Oregon City.

To Work for Law Amendment.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hermiston, Or., Jan. 28.—William H. Skinner left for Washington, D. C., yesterday in the interest of the desert land holders on the Umatilla project to try to effect the amendment of the reclamation laws in regard to the issuing of patents on desert claims.

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