

**MAINTENANCE BILL  
ISSUED BY HOUSE**

Standard Apple Box Prescribed  
as Result of Lafean Scare;  
9 Other Bills Pass.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—The house yesterday afternoon without demur passed the maintenance bill of the ways and means committee appropriating \$866,920 for the support of state institutions and officers in the next two years. The deficiency bill of \$152,945 was also passed. The Westerlund apple box bill, which is intended to enable the northwestern states to present a united front, if another attempt is made by eastern fruit interests to get legislation through congress such as the Lafean bill, was also passed. Similar bills are being presented in Washington and Idaho. A standard size box, now commonly used by the fruitgrowers of the northwest, is prescribed. Other bills passed yesterday afternoon follow:  
H. B. No. 255.—By Reynolds of Marion, turning over a building of the deaf mute school to the tuberculosis commission.  
H. B. No. 225.—By the insurance committee, enabling the insurance commissioner to examine into the affairs of insurance companies.  
H. B. No. 151.—By Jones of Clackamas, appropriating \$1000 for the Clackamas county fair.  
H. B. No. 226.—By Gill of Wasco, regulating the sale of hard cider.  
H. B. No. 326.—By the insurance committee, providing for the licensing of insurance companies.  
H. B. No. 373.—By Church of Union, turning over 10 per cent of the receipts from fishing and hunting licenses to the general county funds.  
H. B. No. 344.—By Abbott of Multnomah, legalizing evening schools.  
H. B. No. 162.—By Hollis of Washington, establishing the office of state fire warden.  
H. B. No. 311.—By Abrams of Marion, regulating the sale of butter.

**FEW BILLS TO INCREASE  
REVENUES OF STATE**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—While much of the time of the legislature during the few remaining days will be occupied with appropriation bills, deciding how perhaps \$4,000,000 of the state's money shall be spent, a search for revenue producing measures reveals a great scarcity in that line. The mortgage tax bill, the measure of greatest promise in the revenue raising line, but the prospects for its passage are now exceedingly dim. It has not come from committee in the house, and the lobby of the opposing corporation interests are certain it will be unfavorably reported. Its friends no longer profess confidence that it will win.

This leaves the Beals bill, increasing the tax on gifts, legacies and inheritances, at the head of the list. Its author says \$70,000 a year is the least it may be expected to increase, the revenues, and he thinks \$100,000 may be added to the treasury by its passage. The bill was approved by the house yesterday and now rests in the senate. Next to this is the auto license measure, which the secretary of state's office estimates will bring in from \$50,000 to \$75,000 in two years. This was passed by the house yesterday. There are some minor measures that will bring in a few thousand dollars each. Senator Bean's bill relating to trade-marks he estimates will produce \$5000 in two years, and Senator Wood's bill authorizing the sale of a tract of land in Marion county held by the asylum will put at least \$4200 in the general fund if the tract is saleable, for it cannot be sold for less.

**NON-PARTISAN JUDICIARY  
BILL LOST IN SENATE**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—The old guard went to the bat in the senate yesterday in defense of partisanship in the choice and election of supreme court judges. Dimick, who usually votes with the progressives, joined in opposition to the plan to eliminate party names from the lists of candidates for the high court. The issue was joined on Sinnott's bill, senate bill 290, which would have freed the bench from party distinction. Sinnott made a clear cut speech on the measure, pleading for consideration of merit alone. Replying to Barrett of Washington, who voiced the old party idea, Sinnott declared himself in favor of extending the non-partisan idea to county and city officers and school affairs, and said he will welcome the day when all except purely political offices are taken out of politics. "Those who are seeking to wipe out party lines are not true to their party," was Abraham's observation, and he proceeded with a short lecture for all who seek to lessen the force of party ties. The bill was defeated by the following vote:

Ayes—Albee, Barrett of Umatilla, Joseph, Kellner, Locke, Malarkey, McCulloch, Miller, Norton, Oliver, Patton, Sinnott, Von der Hellen, President Sellinger—14.  
Nays—Abraham, Barrett of Washington, Bean, Bowerman, Burgess, Calkins, Carson, Chase, Dimick, Hawley, Hoskins, Lester, Merryman, Nottingham, Parrish, Wood—16.

**No Subsidy for Mail Line.**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Melbourne, Feb. 15.—Although definite announcement on the subject has not been made in so many words, it may be taken for certain that all hope has been abandoned that the commonwealth will continue to subsidize the Vancouver mail service. The postmaster general states that the amount of subsidy hitherto given for the purpose of the postal system is larger than is warranted and he thinks the opportunity ought to be taken to discontinue it.

**Smith Missing in Papua.**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Melbourne, Feb. 15.—Mr. Smith, the administrator of Papua, recently left on a trip to explore the northwest of the island, a wild and comparatively unknown district. He has been missing for more than a month and as the natives are known to be very treacherous, some fear he has been killed or has met with mishap.

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