

FLAGG REFUSES TO CERTIFY THE SENATE JOURNAL

In Affidavit Chief Clerk Says Records Were Mutilated by Someone — Special Committee Indignant.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., March 4.—Chief Clerk Flagg refused to certify to the accuracy of his senate journal today when he turned it over to the secretary of state, but in a certificate of more than 300 words attempts to explain why he can say it is correct only so far as he has been able to verify it with the aid of the assistant chief clerk and calendar clerk of the senate. He swears that the pages of the senate journal are as complete and accurate as it has been possible to make, under the circumstances, and Chief Clerk Flagg lets it go at that.

Mr. Flagg says that the senate journal was either intentionally or accidentally altered by the senate's revision committee consisting of Senator Bean and Land and Linn counties, Colonel Mercer, the chief clerk, and R. A. Harris, the other clerk of the committee. At any rate, he says that pages of the original journal entries are missing and consequently he cannot swear to the accuracy of the journal. He maintains that the senate should not have appointed a committee to revise the journal daily, which caused this alteration or disfiguration, as it is denominated by Mr. Flagg, because the work had to be done all over again by himself and the senate merely threw away \$600.

Mr. Flagg lays the blame for the apparent unauthenticity of the senate journal to a resolution passed the senate taking the revision of the journal out of his hands and placing it with Journal Clerk John Hunt, when the law expressly provides that the chief clerk shall do the work. In his 300 word certificate Mr. Flagg lays the matter in an official way before all who may have occasion to examine the journal. It is as follows:

The foregoing pages contain as complete and accurate account of the proceedings of the senate of the twenty-sixth biennial session of the Oregon legislature as it has been possible to make under the existing circumstances. On January 17 a resolution was introduced by Senator Bean and adopted by the senate providing for a committee of three senators to revise the journal of the senate daily, thus taking the control of the records out of the hands of the lawful custodian. By a second resolution the chief clerk of this committee and the assistant chief clerk of the senate were illegally empowered to remain in office 10 days after the close of the session and complete the work of revision. An injunction suit was brought against these parties by the district attorney for Marion county in my relation and the circuit court issued an order enjoining the clerks appointed by the senate committee from in any way interfering with the chief clerk of the senate in the performance of his statutory duties. The senate committee, however, on the written advice of the attorney general refused to deliver the records into the custody of the chief clerk of the senate until the circuit judge made the injunction permanent. The assistant chief clerk of the senate informs me and I am aware from my own inspection that the records have been disfigured by numerous interjections and that several sheets have been torn out. I, therefore, certify that all matters set down here are correct as far as I have been able with the aid of the assistant chief clerk and the calendar clerk to verify them.

(Signed) E. H. FLAGG, Chief Clerk.

Unique Certificate.
The ordinary chief clerk's certificate swearing to the authenticity of the journal contains about 25 words, and merely sets forth in as short a manner as possible that the journal is a correct record of the senate or house, whichever it may be, so that Chief Clerk Flagg's document will go down in history as a unique if not a valuable certificate.

Harris Resents Charges.
R. A. Harris, who is state printing expert, resents the charges of mutilation or disfiguration made against Senator Bean's committee, on which he was a clerk. After he had seen the Flagg certificate, he said:

"No records were altered or mutilated or removed by me nor by any one to my knowledge. I urge and welcome the most searching investigation of my work, although I was but a minor employee of the revision committee and was entitled to no notoriety whatever in connection with the senate journal controversy. The facts in connection with this matter, as known and understood by all the senate clerks, secretary of state and other officials, every one connected with the revision work and many others, are such as warrant no charges of this character."
Mr. Flagg makes no direct charges relating to the alleged mutilations. In fact, he says there is no charge of intentional mutilation, either by R. A. Harris or any one else. He says:

"There were numerous interjections and several pages were missing, but I am of course here no idea as to the cause of their absence. Whether the missing pages are important I do not know. But it is farthest from my thought to hint that there was any attempt at wrongdoing of any description."

CALIFORNIANS SAVE WATERS OF TRUCKEE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, March 4.—President Taft has granted the Truckee Light & Power company permission to withdraw from a contract to construct an artificial outlet for Lake Tahoe, which would have dried up the Truckee river, strong opposition from Californians along the stream caused the company to withdraw its claims.

Railroad Rumors on Coos Bay.
Marshfield, Or., March 4.—Various railroad rumors have caused interest on Coos Bay lately, but nothing definite seems to have been learned. The latest railroad excitement was created when a surveyor, alleged to be a Southern Pacific man, hired several local young men to leave within a week for Portland to assist in making a survey from that point in Curry county south. It was said that work for 18 months was offered those who wanted to work.

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BOARD OF HEALTH TO EXPAND WORK

Larger Appropriation Makes More Research and More Education Possible.

Among the meetings of this week, that of the state board of health, which has been called for Thursday afternoon, is attracting especial interest, because of the increases contemplated in the work of the board. It is considered likely that offices for the board will be secured, perhaps in the Yeon building, as the office in the Dekum building are not entirely satisfactory. Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, and Professor Emilie F. Pernot, the bacteriologist, will be asked to give their entire time to the work. It is said, also, that materially increased salaries. An assistant in laboratory work will also be provided and new equipment added.

New regulations relative to pollution of streams, protection of water supplies and quarantine of contagious and infectious diseases, will be adopted. The laws of Oregon do not specifically deal with these matters, and it is necessary for the board to make its own rules and depend for support in their enforcement on the general statutes requiring protection of public health.

In the laboratory more research work will be done. During the past year many diseases have been reported to the state health board, the causes of which were obscure and the cure uncertain. In the past Professor Pernot has had particular success in finding the cure for little known diseases.

It is also proposed that the state health board shall issue bulletins from time to time of an educational character. They will include practical treatises on the danger from house flies, the proper care of milk, use of preventives to ward off disease, and the means that should be used in eradicating consumption.

Following the Thursday afternoon meeting the members of the state board of health intend to attend the "Dairy-men-doctors' banquet" at the Commercial club Thursday evening. They expect to present evidence that the agitation for clean milk and disease free meat during the past two years has been of extreme value in the protection of public health and in public education, while the injury to the industry cannot properly be charged to the movement to conduct it in accord with cleanliness and sanitary methods.

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VISITING NURSES FIND MANY POOR

Over 80 Consumptive Patients Under Their Care During Month of February.

Great increase in the work the nurses of the Visiting Nurse association are doing among the poor of the city was reported at the meeting of the board of directors last week. The greatest increase is among tuberculosis patients. Of these 82 were under the care of the association during February and 232 visits among them were made by the nurses. For them the association provided 484 quarts of milk and 84 dozen eggs during the month.

In the general work there were 43 patients to whom 190 visits were paid. While the strain on the resources of the association has been lessened slightly through the opening of the state sanatorium for the treatment of indigent consumptives, no diminution in the total number of sufferers from this disease among the poor is reported. Four patients were sent to the state sanatorium during the month and four are being cared for at the open air sanatorium, the expense being met from the Red Cross seal fund raised just before Christmas.

The Valentine birthday tea, held at the residence of Mrs. Helen Addel Corbett, netted \$600 for the general fund of the Visiting Nurse association. This fund supports all the work, except among tuberculosis patients. Announcement was made of a gift of \$500 from a member of the association and this will be added to the reserve fund instituted by the Weinhart bequest.

The board of directors has issued an appeal to the public for clothing to be distributed among the tuberculosis patients sent to the state sanatorium. Many of these are greatly in need and the rules of the institution forbid the admission of any person not properly provided with clothing. Among the articles needed are overcoats, men's and women's underwear, sweaters, night shirts and so forth. Any one desiring to contribute may send the garments to the office, 661 Medical building, or telephone either Main 4087 or A-4342, and they will be called for. Seven applicants for admission to the sanatorium are now waiting help.

Church to Be Improved.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
ALBANY, Or., March 4.—Improvements that will necessitate the expenditure of approximately \$5000 have just been inaugurated by the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal church at the corner of Third and Ellsworth streets.

NEW SPIRIT SEEN AT WILLAMETTE U

Students Show Great Enterprise and Take Interest in That Institution.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Willamette University, Salem, Or., March 4.—Willamette's new spirit that helped to build a football team last fall of the first quality and a basketball organization that has not been beaten this season is making a new school of

the oldest institution of higher learning in Oregon. The students are taking a greater interest and a larger pride in student enterprise at the university than they have for more than five years, and the results have been most satisfactory indeed.

Immediately after the football season closed last Thanksgiving a campus improvement association was organized by the students. A. F. Fiegel, Jr., of Portland was elected president, and every afternoon when the weather will permit Fiegel has a crew of from 16 to 40 students working on the athletic field and campus. Work has been performed by Fiegel's gang that could not be purchased in money for less than \$500 or \$800. The athletic field has been transformed and the campus beautified. A new baseball field is now being prepared, but so arranged that it will not interfere with the track work next fall when Willamette expects again to put out one of the best football teams in the Pacific northwest.

The university track team will begin active training as soon as the track now being prepared is completed. The university will have a quarter mile 24-foot track when it is completed, well graded at the curves. An attempt will be made to schedule at least six meets in order to add interest to this line of athletics that is behind football, basketball and evening baseball at Willamette.

Walter Cummins, who played a star half on the 1910 football team, which made so enjoyable a record, is captain of the track team. Laws, the end on last fall's football team, will be the premier dash and mid-distance sprinter. Luke Rader, the big fullback, will train for the jumps and sprints, while Blackwell, who has been elected to captain the 1911 football team, will again be

found training for the weights this season. Booth, Minton and Rowland, and also Mills, last year with Salem High school, will add to the strength of the track team. Martin Schreiber will manage the spring athletics at the university, while A. F. Fiegel will manage the football season.

Fiegel, who came two years ago to Willamette from the University of Oregon, brought lots of enthusiasm with him. As yell leader and president of the campus improvement association he has been able to enthrone others at the university in a way in which they have never before been affected. His enthusiasm has become a contagion and a popular and beneficial one at the university.

Albany Man Dies.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
ALBANY, Or., March 4.—Dr. John L. Alken, a cancer specialist of this city, died at his home at 11 o'clock this morning after a short illness. He was born in Pleasant Valley, Iowa, July 11, 1837, and came to Oregon in 1862, where he had since resided. Albany being his home for many years.

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