

WASHINGTON IS A HEAVY LOSER WHEN BILLS ARE PRUNED

\$450,000 Cut From Appropriations Asked; Anti-Treating Bill Barely Escapes Sudden Death; Prizefights Up.

(Special to The Journal.)
Olympia, Wash., Feb. 5.—The pruning asked by the University of Washington and no allowance was made by the appropriations committee of the house either for the \$100,000 dormitory asked by the college or the \$250,000 class room building. In addition \$100,000 was pruned from the \$1,034,000, the university's share of the one mill educational levy, for uncollectable taxes.

Representative Zednick, former graduate manager of university athletics, today prepared a separate bill for the girls' dormitory and another raising the levy to 1 1/2 mills.

The senate this morning was at log-headers over the anti-treating measure, introduced the first few days of the session. A majority report of the committee was for indefinite postponement, but when this report was read, several senators rose to defend the measure and by a narrow squeeze, managed to have it placed on general file to be taken up in regular order.

While the arguments were going on several senators wishing to sidestep the vote disappeared from the senate chamber, but President Hart ordered the sergeant at arms to call them back and go on record on the final vote.

The measure makes it a misdemeanor for any person to treat or pay for another's drinks in a saloon or club.

Senator Metcalf of Tacoma made a successful fight for reconsideration of the vote by which the prizefight measure was lost Tuesday. The bill, which is one of the most startling ones introduced so far this session, calls for appointment by the governor of an athletic commission of three members and generally permits prizefights in the cities of the state.

In the house a lengthy debate was in progress, when adjournment was taken for luncheon, over the ownership of the shore lands which will be exposed along the shores of Lake Washington, when the waters are lowered as the result of completion of the canal from that lake to the sound.

The owners of upland property adjoining the exposed lands claim to mean low tide, but land grabbers are making an effort to secure the new lands and cut off from the waterfront the upland owners.

Wants Five Lawyers to Run State.

Representative William Way of Seattle, chairman of the judiciary committee and one of Speaker Taylor's chief lieutenants, is sponsor for the Washington Bar association code bill. The measure introduced Tuesday provides that a committee of five lawyers, members of the bar association, shall act as a censor board over all legislation. These commissioners are to be appointed for life and receive salaries of \$7500 annually. All measures must be submitted to the committee, the bill provides, and no legislation can be acted upon by the legislature until the committee's recommendation is given. The committee will withhold recommendation and fail to return any measure, an automatic veto power would thus be vested in the code commission.

Unless San Francisco lifts its boycott against Washington lumber products, Representative Linn of North Yakima will dig up a concurrent resolution of the memorial committee, which provides that no appropriation shall be made for the Panama Pacific fair. Linn introduced the resolution but will let it slumber if the boycott is lifted.

Ats at Free Bikes to Vote.

There will be no more free rides to the polls on election day if the Newmann bill, proposed in the house, is passed. The bill prohibits carrying any person to the polls by any vehicle or conveyance, unless owned or hired by the voter. Several tax reform measures stand approved today by the senate in spite of the strenuous protest made by Senator Dick Hutchinson, who charged the bills were favored by the tax commission to perpetuate itself in office, while Governor Lister favors its abolishment. The bills passed give the commission power to tax fish traps and locations and all water craft licensed by the government. Another bill limits to six days the time for asking assessment reductions from the board of equalization.

Women's Wage Bill Indorsed.

A public meeting lasting until the early hours this morning gave strong indorsement to the senate bill for women workers. Father O'Hara, Dr. C. H. Chapman of Portland, C. O. Young, state organizer of the Federation of Labor, and Paul K. Mohr, labor leader of Seattle, spoke in support of the bill. The speaker gave the commission power to tax fish traps and locations and all water craft licensed by the government. Another bill limits to six days the time for asking assessment reductions from the board of equalization.

GOOD ROADS JOURNEY

BY WEST AND OREGON

LEGISLATURE PLANNED

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ing cars; automobiles will take the toll over the roads, and while it is not anticipated that any one will have need of the service of a physician, Dr. K. A. J. MacKenzie and Ernest F. Tucker, will have their medical cases along. The governor and members of the legislature will meet in my office in the Home Telephone building, Park and Main, Sunday morning, February 9, at 9 o'clock," said Mr. Hill today, in outlining his plans. "They will be shown stereoscopic views of the trip which they are to take during the day. Then they will board a special train at the North Bank depot and leave for Portland."

"On entering the state of Washington, the party will be received by Governor Ernest Lister of Washington, who will accompany them."

"The train will halt at a point oppo-

site Rooster Rock to allow them to view the proposed new Multnomah county highway, and a stop will be made also at a point opposite the Shell Rock road, toward the construction of which S. Benson has contributed \$10,000. The next stop will be made at Lyle, where the chamber of commerce of the city will receive the governors of the two states and the Oregon legislators. At Celilo Rapids the train will be halted to give the party an opportunity of viewing the proposed water power development. They will then proceed to Maryhill, where they will be received by members of the Grange and farmers living adjacent thereto.

"Automobiles will be sent up and the party will be taken over the seven different types of demonstration roads there constructed, and shown each one in detail, and each member of the party will be furnished with a printed description of these demonstration roads at Maryhill."

"All mistakes made in constructing these roads have been left so as to serve as an object lesson on 'How to do it.' On the return trip the party will reach Portland somewhere about 8 o'clock Sunday evening."

"Two dinner cars will be attached to the special and the party will be served luncheon and supper."

Artistic souvenirs of the trip will be furnished each member of the party, according to Mr. Hill, who says he feels a very great compliment is being shown him by the Oregon legislature, that a resolution to accept his invitation to view the demonstration roads was passed unanimously by them.

FRONT STREET IS

AIMED AT UNDER

SHERMAN LAW

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known as "pool" cars, in which separate quantities of such produce for various members of the association are shipped.

During the seasons when the supplies sold by the commission people are most plentiful, the producers in the south turn loose what are known as tramp cars. These cars contain produce lots, shipped without being sold, the brokers at the destination of the car being notified to sell its contents when it arrived. The brokers are alleged to have watched for these cars and sold them exclusively to the members of the association.

Membership Fee Prohibitive.

The brokers are said to have been compelled to sell these tramp car shipments to the organization and in case the members did not want the shipments to send them on out of the city without giving the independent wholesalers a chance to buy.

Another charge is that membership in the association was denied all independent without the consent of three-fourths of the members of the association and that the membership fee was prohibitive to the independent merchants.

As a result of this discrimination, the indictment alleges, the tramp car shipments, on which the business to a great extent depends, cannot be taken advantage of by the merchants not belonging to the organization.

The principal products handled by commission merchants of Portland that go through the hands of the brokers are bananas, lettuce, oranges, celery, melons and nuts. The association, by its restraint tactics, is alleged to control 90 per cent of this business.

Subject to Imprisonment.

The five brokers named in the indictment as being allied with the organization are Ariss, Campbell & Gault; L. S. Martin, R. F. Hoskins & Co.; James S. Dunbar and Florence Bros.

The Sherman anti-trust act allows the government two courses in operating

against combinations. One is the criminal procedure, in which members of the combination are subject to fine and imprisonment, if convicted. The other is a civil suit of the government asking the dissolution of the association. In this case the government is proceeding criminally.

The Portland Produce Merchants' association consists of 13 firms, all operating in the front street district. Only 10 of the firms are indicted. The other three, Herman Metzger, J. F. Toft & Co. and Everding & Farrell are dealers in meats and poultry and they are members only to take advantage of the credit system which is one of the organization's advantages.

Johnson Made Investigations.

Only once before has a Portland combination been proceeded against by the government for violations of the Sherman act. That was in 1907 under W. C. Bristol's administration as United States district attorney, when the so-called "furniture trust" was indicted. This was a criminal prosecution and all the members of the furniture combination pleaded guilty. Today's indictment comes as a result of several weeks' investigation by government agents under the direction of Assistant United States Attorney Everett A. Johnson.

The investigation was started when reports came that the Italian Fruit & Produce association had been forced out of business by the discriminatory tactics of the front street association. When it was found that their operations in trying to buy shipments from other states, notably Louisiana and California, had been interfered with, and in some cases stopped, Assistant United States Attorney Johnson got busy. Other aggravated instances of violation of the act were found in so many cases that the forcing of the Italians out of business was made but a side issue of the investigation.

Black List Opposed To.

The association was formed some years ago. The credit system of the organization, which forced retailers to pay for their goods each week or be placed on the "black list," was one of its principal features. The association has a regular paid secretary, who furnishes this list to all members of the association.

Many assaults on the association have been made by independent firms, but up to this time it has been impregnable. The organization does not name special prices, but it has been charged that on some occasions certain values have been announced for special products.

BOUND AND GAGGED

AND ROBBED OF WATCH

ON CORBETT ROAD

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laundry bag were found they were pressed in service. When Meador was securely tied his pockets were searched and \$25 in cash and a gold watch and chain were taken.

As soon as his assailants fled, Meador released himself and went to the home of Mrs. A. T. Smith, and reported the hold-up to E. R. Corbett, who was at the house. Mr. Corbett called the police and securing a revolver hunted the neighborhood himself for the hold-up men. He didn't find any trace of them.

During the time that Meador was lying under the trees, two cars passed him, yet he was unable to summon aid as he was threatened with death if he made any outcry.

At 12:50 this morning two masked men held up the Nickel & Bonde saloon at 414 Nineteenth street, and secured \$30.20 from the cash register and one customer.

Nickel and five men were in the saloon when the two robbers entered. One held the men at bay with a revolver while the other searched the cash register. But one of the men was searched. The robber securing but 20 cents. In running away one robber lost his hat.

The home of W. A. Clauson, 7 East Ninth street, was robbed last night at 8 o'clock, \$8 being secured. The family was in an adjoining room when the robber entered the house.

For public places, a Californian has patented a safety coat and hat rack, each hook of which can be opened only by the man carrying a key to unlock it.

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Oregon Veterans Visit Acting Mayor Baker and He Joins Reunion as Proxy



Pioneers of early Oregon days holding reunion here this week. At right, A. N. Miller, 83 years old, of Puyallup, Wash.; left, G. R. H. Miller, 81 years old, of Oregon City.

Two pioneers of the early days of Oregon history held a reunion in Portland this week. They are brothers, who fought in three Indian wars. One is A. N. Miller, now a resident of Puyallup, Wash. He is 83 years old. He came to Oregon in 1859. In recent years he has made his home in Puyallup.

The other is G. R. H. Miller of Oregon City, 81 years old, and a settler of the state in 1855. The two men paid a visit to Acting Mayor Baker yesterday, and during the course of their conversation they discovered that a comrade of the Indian wars had been the acting mayor's father.