

OLCOOTT'S AX FALLS UPON 3 NEW BILLS

Measure Requiring Abstractors to Keep Tract Indices Termed Inimical to Many Operators.

Public Service Commission Bill, Jitney Bus Regulation, Land Conveyance Bills Are Included.

Salem, Or., Feb. 26.—Nine creations of the late legislative session went down under the official veto of Governor Olcott this afternoon. These include the Eddy bill, instructing the public service commission to keep "hands off" of utility franchise contracts effecting the delivery of service to a municipality, the bill placing auto stages and jitney buses under the jurisdiction of the public service commission, and the bill requiring that all abstractors shall maintain tract indices.

In his veto message accompanying the abstractors' bill, senate bill 274, the governor points out that "under the bill no one could be a qualified abstractor unless he possessed a general tract index covering records back to January 1, 1909, a section which, in itself, establishes a unique precedent in the history of retroactive legislation."

The terms of this bill, the governor declared, "are so drastic, its regulatory provisions so prohibitive that it would develop a small class of licensed men and shut out from legitimate business enterprises a large number of honest, conscientious and capable abstractors who have devoted their lives to the business and have rendered satisfactory and capable service to the public."

A provision of the bill requiring abstractors to furnish bonds to protect the public against possible damage from careless and inefficient workmanship and results surely should become a law of the state, but in an endeavor to enact such an excellent law the bill is so freighted with restrictions and prohibitory regulations as to create a petty autocracy stifling to a great degree legitimate competition and honest business.

PROVISIONS DRASTIC

The drastic provisions of the jitney regulation bill, senate bill 24, together.

ASTORIA ASKS FOR RATE REHEARING

Columbia Basin Case in Portland's Favor 'Stumps' Lower River District, Says Petition to I. C. C.

Astoria, acting in advance of threatened appeal by Seattle, Tacoma and the Washington public service commission, has filed a petition for rehearing of the Columbia basin rate case, according to a copy of the petition which has been received by J. O. Bailey, who as assistant attorney general represented the Oregon public service commission in the famous rate case hearings before the federal commission.

The comparatively short statement of Astoria's position as prepared by G. C. Fulton of Astoria is presented in rate matters Astoria has been "driven from pillar to post and from the post to stump."

They Planned A Simple Inauguration

But you cannot tell what will happen to it when Lardner hits Washington this week for the purpose of recording his observations in his inimitable "You Know Me Al" style.

The Journal First in Features

McCament Admits He Made Error

Declares He Understood Informant to Say Lincoln Steffens Made Recent Address at O. A. C.

Judge Wallace McCament, president of the Portland society of the Sons of the American Revolution, admits he was mistaken in his impression that Lincoln Steffens had spoken at the Oregon Agricultural college on his recent visit to Oregon.

This supposed appearance of Steffens at the Corvallis institution prompted a resolution of protest at the Washington's birthday dinner of the society at the University club Tuesday evening against Steffens or other like propagandists speaking at the public institutions of the state.

DID NOT LECTURE

"I shall take great pleasure in passing the resolution on to President Kerr of the agricultural college," McCament is quoted as having stated following the meeting.

The resolution was duly forwarded to Corvallis, and now comes the backfire, for it develops that Steffens did not speak at the college during his recent visit to Oregon. In fact, his last appearance there was more than seven years ago.

ADmits MISTAKE

"The last time he spoke at O. A. C. was on October 27, 1913. The college will, accordingly, take no cognizance of the resolution," Dr. Kerr stated.

Judge McCament, when apprised of this fact, admitted that he was mistaken. He stated last evening that he evidently misunderstood the remarks of C. E. Ingalls of Corvallis, who had stated

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LEGISLATIVE WILL GO TO OUT POLITICS

By-Product of Recent Session Is Speculation of Higher Political Preferment at a Later Date.

Men Active at Legislature Loom as the Logical Entrants in Political Races of the Future.

With the statutory fruit safe plucked from the legislative tree and upon the sorting table of the governor's office, public attention turns more or less instinctively to a contemplation of the possible political by-products which come from it. Governors are sometimes made, and unnamed, during legislative sessions, senatorial bubbles are blown and congressional booms are coupled with the gifts that admiring senates bestow upon their departing presidents.

By Ralph Watson

And, so, out of the recent legislative session various stories have come of future political developments.

When Roy Ritner gathered his 36 disciples about his birthday banquet at the Benson not long ago, and they, in the fraternal glow of that occasion, placed Senator I. L. Patterson of Polk in nomination for the governorship, it was done in jest, of course, but there are many who believe, nevertheless, that the wish was father to the thought.

PATTERSON FOR GOVERNOR

Senator Patterson has been a leader in the senate for two sessions past, during both of which he held the powerful chairmanship of the committee on ways and means. And, not only that, he was the pole horse of the organization, and when he uttered his bulk against a motion or a measure, or loaned his weight behind one it was very much hindered or helped thereby.

It has been said that history has a habit of repeating itself, and they tell the story that Senator Patterson was nominated by a little gathering of friends over at Dallas four years ago, which nomination was the first step towards his election to the senate. His friends of the senate now insist that the post prandial compliment of two weeks ago is in reality the innocent inception

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140 Passengers Are Marooned on Sand; Saved by High Tide

Seaside, Or., Feb. 26.—Marooned, some for more than 12 hours, on three boats which lay on a sandbar near Sand Island in the Columbia river, at sharp angles to the shore, the time 140 Seaside folk, including many women and small children, reached Seaside safely at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon.

\$15,000,000 Rivers And Harbors Bill Is Put Before Wilson

Washington, Feb. 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The rivers and harbors bill, carrying \$15,000,000 to be expended by the United States army engineers and with no localities named in it, was passed by the senate and now goes to the president for approval.

Bill Aims at Use or Growth of Tobacco

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—Use of tobacco in Utah, the growing of tobacco or the manufacture, sale or advertisement of tobacco in any form would be forbidden under the terms of a bill Representative Segmiller of Kane county introduced yesterday, he would introduce in the legislature.

McArthur Delivers Talk at Harrisburg

Washington, Feb. 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Representative McArthur of Oregon went to Harrisburg, Pa., today, where he spoke tonight on "The Dead Hand in Government."

LEAVES SENATE THIS WEEK

UNITED STATES SENATOR GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, senior senator from Oregon, who retires Friday of this week after 12 years' service during which he made a record for achievement.



Chamberlain's Term Near End Senate Service Remarkable Oregon Loses Strong Member

Washington, Feb. 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—On next Friday Senator George E. Chamberlain will complete 12 years of continuous service as United States senator from Oregon. In those 12 crowded years he has made an impress upon national legislation such as few other senators have made and has won a place in history probably unequalled by any other senator of equal service from the beginning of the government.

This is saying much, but it is literally true. Sherman, Merrill, Hoar, Aldrich, Lodge, Gorman, Vest and others who have ranked as great senators at the end of 12 years were little more than beginning the services which distinguished them. Still others, like Carlisle, Knox and Root, came to the senate with national reputations already made. Chamberlain was favorably known as governor of Oregon when he came to the senate, but in the national forum he was unknown.

FOR POPULAR GOVERNMENT

When Chamberlain entered the senate on March 4, 1909, Taft was president, Sherman as vice president presided over the senate, and Cannon was speaker of the house. Republican ascendancy was declining, to be completely overthrown within four years. The progressive movement was rising to the flood and the new senator entered with vigor into the fight which represented his convictions in increasing the direct power of the people in their government.

BANQUET PLANNED FOR CHAMBERLAIN

Many of Nation's Prominent Men to Be Hosts to Retiring Oregon Senator.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Plans for a banquet honoring Senator Chamberlain, to be held at the Hotel Astor, New York, the evening of March 1, indicate elaborate preparations are being made and many of America's most distinguished men will be included in the gathering.

Lord Milner Weds Lady Violet Cecil

London, Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—Lord Milner, who recently resigned as secretary of state for foreign affairs, today married Lady Violet Cecil in St. James church, Paddington.

Army of 175,000 Is Approved by Senate

Washington, Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—The senate tonight passed and sent to a conference committee the army bill providing for an army of 175,000.

BORAH HINTS OF FILIBUSTER ON NAVY BILL

Idaho Senator Wants Resolution Repealing War Laws Given Preference Over All Other Issues.

Thomas, on Other Hand, Threatens to Talk Against Repealer Until End of Present Session.

By L. C. Martin
United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, Feb. 26.—Although senate leaders were ready to rush the army appropriation bill through the senate tonight their efforts to give the navy bill a favored place were frustrated by Senator Borah of Idaho, who threatened a filibuster that would cause failure of several important bills.

The fate of this legislation now depends upon the attitude Borah adopts Monday, when efforts to take up the navy appropriations and emergency tariff bills will be made.

Borah will insist at that time, he said tonight, that the resolution repealing war laws be given preference and he was virtually assured by senate leaders that this would be done.

THOMAS MAY OPPOSE

Senator Thomas, Colorado, however, may make a long talk against the repeal.

Congressional leaders are trying to get all this legislation through so that the Harding administration will not be faced with the task of passing appropriation bills when it takes office.

Borah's threat came after a refusal to allow a vote on the war repealer resolution.

"Unless you do agree to vote the army bill will not pass," Borah warned.

Plans were then laid to pass the army bill tonight and give supporters of the repealer a chance to talk Monday, but Senator Thomas, Colorado, let it be known he was prepared to talk against the resolution until the end of the session, if necessary.

BRIEF A DAYS REMAIN

Since only four and a half days of the session remain, it will not take a great deal of talking on either the army bill or the repealer to run up the senate.

The proponents of the emergency tariff will try to send it to the president Monday by having the senate act on the

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Increased Rate on Pulpwood Opposed By Spokane Dealer

Washington, Feb. 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The Spokane Merchants' association and other commercial bodies of that section of Washington have filed a brief with the interstate commerce commission in opposition to increased rates on cordwood and pulpwood in the Pacific Northwest. The rates were suspended for investigation by the commission.

Approval of Plans For Reservoir on Burnt River Asked

Salem, Feb. 26.—The state engineer's office here has been asked to pass upon plans for the construction of the Burnt River reservoir, from which it is proposed to irrigate the lands in the Durkee and Bridgeport irrigation districts in Eastern Oregon.

Auto Disposed of at American Legion Ball

The American Legion automobile which was sold during the week to persons who attended the big ball at the armory Saturday night is to be taken over by E. J. Boesch of 681 Gantenbergh avenue as permanent owner. There were over 2000 persons at the ball, which was the largest dancing party of the season. Practically every one present had an interest in the car.

Taft Is Unable to Be at Inauguration

Montreal, Que., Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—Owing to his duties on the Grand Trunk railway arbitration board, former President W. H. Taft said today he would be unable to be in Washington on March 4 for the inauguration ceremony.

Tariff Lifts Sugar Price, Says Rainey

Attack in House Blames Fordney Bill for Rise of Two Cents in Last Three Days.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—The price of sugar to the consumers of the country has been increased nearly 2 cents a pound within the last three days because the senate and house conferees agreed upon a duty of 2 cents a pound on sugar in the Fordney emergency tariff bill, Representative Henry T. Rainey, Illinois, charged in the house today.

The house today approved the conference tariff report. The vote, taken after a sharp two hours' debate, in which the bill was denounced by Democrats and New England Republicans, was 205 to 127. Efforts were made in the senate to take similar action and thus send the bill to the president. But a vote was deferred under an agreement of Senator Simmons, North Carolina, and Senator Penrose, Pennsylvania, until Monday afternoon.

After Fordney had defended the schedules in the bill Rainey launched a caustic attack against the rates.

"I told my friends a few days ago to buy all the sugar they needed, because it would be advanced as a result of this bill," said Rainey. "Three days ago the price in Washington was \$7.35 a hundred; today it is \$9."

Fordney claimed the bill would decrease the price on food products in bread-making, but it won't do any good. We already have exported more than our surplus of wheat during the last year. England is buying all the wheat we can sell, but it won't do any good as one purchaser, and that drives down the price.

"There is a tariff on pork, and yet we do not import a pound of pork. The tariff on cherries is increased 1350 per cent, a splendid monument to the departed cocktail for which these cherries are mostly imported. The tariff comes principally from Washington, which was one of the first states to go dry and eliminate the main use of cherries."

YOUNG DALTON TAKEN TO JAIL IN BLOOMINGTON

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 26.—Willie Dalton, boy robber, arrested at Heyworth, near here, today just 48 hours after he fled from the Northern Trust company at Chicago with \$772,000 worth of Liberty bonds, was housed in a jail and fearful that his life would be spent behind prison bars.

The youth arrived here tonight in custody of county officials for safe keeping. There is only a small jail at Heyworth, Ill., except one \$500 bond which is missing from the stolen securities were also brought to Bloomington for safe keeping in the strong vaults of Bloomington banks.

Symphony Orchestra Appears in Concert At 3 o'Clock Today

The third popular concert in the series of four given by the Portland Symphony orchestra will be given in The Auditorium this afternoon at 3 o'clock. This is next to the last chance Portland people will have to hear popular programs given by this orchestra.

The time for holding the concert, in the middle of the afternoon, is well chosen, it has been found, by numbers of Portlanders and people who attend and bring their children where this would be impossible were the concerts held at night. The two preceding concerts have been almost "family" affairs, the opportunity for giving children tastes of popular but high class music well played not having escaped Portland parents.

The concert today will last for an hour and a quarter.

The essays were sent in by Miss Dawn of Portland, a note of appreciation of the invitation to attend a recent symphony rehearsal. The children of this school, along with those of other schools in the city, were guests of the orchestra at rehearsal, following the custom in Portland. The children's compositions express their delight with the music.

Tolstoy's Nephew Is Coming Here to Deliver Lectures

Baron Eugene Fersen, nephew of the late Count Tolstoy, is coming to Portland to tell about his "new idea" in metaphysics and has announced two free lectures for Monday and Tuesday evenings. The first will be on "The Dawn of Day of Freedom" and the second on "Healing Through Laws and Forces of Nature." The lectures will be delivered at the Pythian building, 385 Yamhill street.

Proposed Tariffs on Fuel Wood Suspended

Salem, Feb. 26.—The proposed new tariffs on shipments of fuel wood, pulp wood, and lumber supporting the public service commission today until March 21. These rates were once before suspended until February 28. The suspension of the order affects all roads in Oregon with the exception of the Oregon Electric and the Southern Pacific.

John Stevenson, K. P. Chief, Is Dead

New York, Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—John Stevenson, supreme representative of the Knights of Pythias and past grand chancellor of the order, died at his home here today.

BACK PAYS BIG REWARD FOR CAPTURE

Officials Start for Illinois Town to Distribute \$26,000 Among Captors of Boy Bond Thief.

Lad Who Stole \$772,000 in Securities Tells Story of Flight; Was Going to South America.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—Officials of the Northern Trust company left here tonight for Heyworth, Ill., to pay the \$26,000 reward to residents of that village for the capture of Willie Dalton, bank clerk who fled with \$772,000 in bonds belonging to the bank.

Later in the evening word was received here that Paul E. Draper, secretary of the Northern Trust company, had given the \$26,000 reward. Draper's father, Jack Draper, the town constable, made the arrest on the insistence of the son, officials learned.

Young Draper plans to use his money to establish a homeosted out West.

The officials stood by their statement that they would recommend clemency for the boy. However, they pointed out that the question of Dalton's prosecution was entirely in the hands of Chicago authorities and all they could do was recommend.

HARDING FOR PLAN TO HELP GERMAN'S

Tentatively Approves Scheme to Expend \$1,000,000,000 of Credit to Aid Trade.

By David Lawrence
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Washington, Feb. 26.—President-elect Harding has given his tentative approval of what may amount to a billion dollar credit to Germany and thus enable the people of Central Europe to buy American goods and products of which they are in serious need.

The plan as outlined to Mr. Harding by New York bankers contemplates the use of the securities held in the United States by the alien property custodian in behalf of German citizens.

MUST BE RETURNED

This is estimated to amount to at least \$400,000,000, because the remainder of what the alien property custodian has really belongs to the citizens of Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia, and under an amendment to the trading with the enemy bill passed by congress the property of those citizens must be returned to them when they claim it.

It is possible, of course, with \$400,000,000 placed as assets in a corporation to raise other funds for credit purposes, either through Americans or Germans interested in the financing of a huge export project of this kind, but

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Germans' Proposal Is 150,000,000 Marks, Says Paper

London, Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—Dr. Walter Simons, German foreign minister, and head of the German delegation to the indemnity conference, will propose that Germany indemnify by bonds \$25,000,000,000 gold marks to 150,000,000,000 gold marks, according to the Evening Standard today. The Germans, the Evening Standard understands, will propose further that the indemnity be paid in 30 years, instead of 42 years as provided by the Paris decision.

Champ Clark Past Crisis in Sickness

Washington, Feb. 26.—(U. P.)—Champ Clark, Democratic leader of the house, has recently passed the crisis in his illness, and his recovery is expected, his physicians said today. He is far from being out of danger, however, it was stated.