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# REVIEW OF LEGISLATURE

## Good Roads Bills, Public Service Commission, Are Constructive Measures.

### SOME IMPORTANT LAWS WITH POLITICAL TINGE

**Little Lawmaking of First Rank by Twenty Sixth Session — Taxation and Judicial Systems Left Unchanged—Horticultural and Educational Interests Cared For.**

A review of the field at the end shows there was little of first rank constructive lawmaking, aside from the enactment of the four good road bills, says the Portland Journal in speaking of the legislative session just closed.

If the start made under this legislation leads to an awakening all over the state to the importance of road building, as its friends predict, the road bills may mark an important era and cause the legislature of 1911 to be gratefully remembered for what it grudgingly gave.

Another measure of constructive legislation of large importance is the Malarkey public service commission bill. The referendum is promised for it, however, and there will be no state wide regulation of the charges and service of public utilities for at least two years.

The legislature did not tackle the taxation and judicial system problems further than to propose three tax amendments and name commissions charged with the duty of framing new tax laws and proposing a revision of the judicial system. Considering the legislative term and the divergence of opinion certain to result on such questions, this was about all the lawmakers could do on that line.

**Speaker Rusk's Bill.**

Taking the political phase of legislation adopted, Speaker Rusk's chore primary bill, passed in the last hours of the session Sunday morning, looks large in the sky. It is copied partly from Washington and partly from the Idaho law, and requires every voter to name his second as well as first choice for every office for which there are more than two candidates. If no candidate wins a majority of first choice votes, the one having the greatest number of first and second choice votes will become the nominee.

Although not a political measure, the repeal of the initiative law which closed Rogue river to commercial fishing attracted much attention. Numerous members pledged to oppose repeal of the people's law modified their views and voted for it on the ground that the river should be opened to prevent injustice and because the people did not understand the effect of their votes.

**Rotation on Ballot.**

Other measures of political tinge provide for rotation of names on the ballot and for opening of the polls all day on primary election days. The state has been reapportioned into three congressional districts, with Multnomah county in a district by itself, all eastern Oregon in another, and the counties of western Oregon, aside from Multnomah, in another.

Numerous reforms in the conduct of the state's business have been provided, most important being the creation of the state purchasing board, which will consist of the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, which will keep watch on the needs of state institutions and advise with it at all times in the purchase of supplies. Deputies in the office of the secretary of state have been authorized to perform the acts of their principal and a curative act makes legal what has been done by deputies during the absence of Secretary of State Benson.

Timber interests of the state have been given protection, and the danger to property and homes from forest fires reduced by the appropriation of \$60,000 for the biennial period.

The state board of health was cared for by giving it \$15,000 annually to combat disease and look after the health of the state. An additional \$5000 was voted for protection against the bubonic plague.

An immigration bureau was established, in accordance with the urgent recommendation of Louis W. Hill, and the publicity interests of the state. It will have \$25,000 to boost Oregon in the east.

**Experiment Stations.** Horticultural interests were not neglected, as new experiment stations were authorized in Jackson and Harney counties, liberal sums were allowed for existing stations, and \$20,000 was voted for investigation of fruit and plant pests.

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# GRANGERS OPPOSE RECIPROCITY TREATY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Declaring the introduction of Canadian reciprocity has caused a reduction of seven cents in wheat, representatives of farmers and master granges, headed by N. J. Batchelder, master of the national grange today notified the senate finance committee that their organization would fight the bill to a finish.

"The treaty is decidedly unfair to American farmers," said Batchelder. "Free Trade Measure Up." Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Representative Gaines, of West Virginia, today endeavored to force the house ways and means committee to consider the measure which provides for free trade between Canada and the United States for a period of twenty years. The bill requires both countries to adopt the same customs duties on foreign imports. The committee adjourned, leaving the matter pending.

**Will Approve Reciprocity.** Washington, Feb. 21.—Following a conference with Taft this afternoon Senator Carter of Montana announced that the reciprocity agreement would be ratified before the senate adjourned. It is expected Senator Hepburn will lead the opposition as Idaho is solidly against the bill.

# MANN PLEASED WITH ROAD LEGISLATION

**TUTTLE LAW WAS REPEALED BY LEGISLATURE**

**District Fair Appropriation Was Not Disturbed—It Is Continuous Appropriation—New Fairs Given Money Conditionally.**

"Personally I feel very well satisfied with the good roads legislation that was enacted," declared Representative L. L. Mann today. "We passed the highway commission bill, the bonding bill and the state aid law appropriating \$340,000 for road work. We tried to get \$680,000 but could not do it. However, the amount that was secured will accomplish much work and will serve to try out the state aid plan. If it works well more money can be appropriated next time."

**Tuttle Law Repealed.** Representative Mann also called attention to the fact that the Tuttle law was repealed by the legislature. The bill repealing this act was introduced by Senator Carson of Marion, and was passed by both houses. It is now up to the governor for his approval.

**District Fair Safe.**

In answer to a query upon the subject Representative Mann declared that the appropriation for the third district fair was not disturbed. It is a continuing appropriation and no change whatever was made in the same. The new fair appropriations voted were all made on condition that the counties to be benefitted thereby appropriate sums of money equal to those given by the state.

**RAILROAD IS IMPORTING BOILER STRIKEBREAKERS**

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 21.—The New York Central railroad in order to break the strike of 800 boiler-makers, today brought fifty strikebreakers from Chicago to the Collinwood shops. The strikers will be replaced on the entire system.

**One Road Affected.**

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 21.—President Franklin of the International Brotherhood of Boiler-makers, said today that the New York Central was the only railroad affected by the boiler-makers' strike and that 200 more men would go out tonight.

**FEARS OREGON SYSTEM WOULD AID DEMOCRATS**

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 21.—Governor Carroll appeared personally before the state assembly today to read his veto of the Oregon primary bill which the democrats and progressives passed. The governor said he feared the law might result in the democrats controlling the next election.

In explaining his veto, Carroll said the adoption of the Oregon primary law would amount to virtually amending the United States constitution without due process of law. He also contended it would tend to cheapen the popular respect for it.

**LONDON WOMEN WANT LANGFORD WHIPPED**

London, Feb. 21.—Race prejudice is cropping out here today as a result of the scheduled fight tonight between Lang and Langford. Langford is a favorite, five to four, in the betting. More than \$175,000 is wagered. Last night a big delegation of women visited Langford and told Sam they hoped he would get whipped.

# BIG MEETING ON TOMORROW

## Farmers and Business Men Will Gather for All-day Fraternal Session.

### GOOD SPEAKERS AND MANY MUSICAL NUMBERS

Farmers' Union, Commercial Club, Good Roads Association, Creditmen, District Fair and Roundup to Participate—Lunch at 12 O'clock.

With prospects bright for a well attended and enthusiastic meeting the final arrangements for the big "Get Together" convention to be held tomorrow are being perfected today. The sessions will be held in the Oregon theatre commencing at 10 o'clock and with the exception of two hours for lunch the entire day will be devoted to the program arranged.

As the Farmers' Union took the lead in calling the convention the honor of furnishing the presiding officers goes to that organization. L. D. Eaton, president of the local union, will be in the chair during the session. At the luncheon which is to be served at noon in the Eagles-Woodmen hall by the ladies of the Methodist church the United Orchestra will play and following the lunch some toasts will be given, Judge S. A. Lowell serving as toastmaster.

**Big Crowd Expected.**

Under the arrangements made the convention will be open to the general public and all members of the various organizations to participate are especially requested to be present. It is the belief of the Farmers' Union representatives that several hundred of their members from various parts of the county will be here for the occasion. As the local stores and business houses will be generally closed during the afternoon tomorrow business men will also have an opportunity to attend.

**The Complete Program.**

The following is the detailed program for the convention:

10 a. m. Farmers' Union Hour. Opening music, Holdman Octette. Address by A. A. Elmore, territorial agent of Portland.

Address by J. W. McAllister, state president. Vocal solo—selected—Miss Bernice Ruppe.

**District Fair Hour.** Address by Dr. C. J. Smith. Selection, male quartette.

Address by R. B. Miller, traffic director O-W. company. Luncheon.

2 p. m. Good Roads Association Hour. Address by Judge W. R. Webster of Portland.

Address by Dr. C. J. Smith. Address by Judge S. A. Lowell. Vocal duet, Mrs. J. R. Dickson and Miss Slater.

**Commercial Club Hour.** Address by W. L. Thompson, president. Address by Dan P. Smythe, president elect. Vocal duet by Miss Zimmerman and Miss Slater.

Address by Prof. H. D. Scudder, of the Oregon Agricultural College. Selection by male quartette.

**Creditmen's Association Hour.** Address by J. H. Gwinn, secretary. Address by J. R. Raley, president of the Roundup.

**Many in New Orleans.**

New Orleans, Feb. 21.—Thousands of visitors are arriving in New Orleans today for the Mardi Gras festivities which will culminate with the usual spectacular features next Monday and Tuesday.

# GOVERNOR ASKED TO END LAWLESSNESS

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21.—Citing the numerous assaults upon Indian and white girls, and attempted murders for which the guilty have escaped with slight sentences or none at all, a number of prominent settlers on the Siletz Indian reservation in western Oregon, today appealed to Governor West to end lawlessness on the reservation. They have threatened to apply Lynch law methods unless the officials take cognizance of the situation.

In their long communication they set forth a number of crimes and declare that the state and federal authorities have declined to attend to the cases in a proper manner for several years.

# WHOLESALE EXECUTIONS

## Reported That Mexican Government Will Put 100 to Death.

### POLITICAL AND NONPOLITICAL PRISONERS ARE TO BE KILLED

Refugees Bring News and Seek to Prevent Alleged Slaughter—Revolutionists Becoming Efficient Under Tutelage of American Recruits—Marching on Chihuahua.

Calexico, Calif., Feb. 21.—Reports that a hundred political and non-political prisoners will be executed at Ensenada by the Mexican government tomorrow were brought here by refugees today. A party of four men fleeing from Ensenada besought General Leyva to prevent the alleged slaughter.

**Rebels Becoming Efficient.**

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The Mexican rebels are rapidly becoming efficient, according to General Tasker Bliss, commanding the department of California, who has just returned from border duty. He said many Americans are joining the insurgents as officers and are training the rebels.

**Rebels Swarming Southward.**

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.—With the resumption of through traffic on the Mexican railroad a train crew today brought news that six thousand insurgents are scattered throughout southern Chihuahua and Durango. They are divided into small bands, all marching toward Chihuahua. Many of Navarro's soldiers are without shoes and are in poor condition, according to deserters here today.

Calexico, Feb. 21.—Protesting for himself and followers, General Leyva commanding the rebels in Lower California, this afternoon telegraphed to Taft to rescind the permission of the United States allowing Mexican troops to cross Arizona to reach Mexacala. He said he would be compelled to fire on them while in American territory.

**SOCIALIST LOVER SOUGHT TO BRIBE DISGRACED GIRL**

New York, Feb. 21.—Weeping almost constantly Anna Gruspan, testifying today in her \$100,000 breach of promise suit against William English Walling, the socialist and author, testified that Walling had given her 100 francs to relinquish her claims upon him. She said she yielded to his love in Berlin in 1905, and that he had sent her to school in Paris to learn English. Finally he disappeared and she found him on the street six months later. He wept and told her he had married but didn't love his wife but married her because of her wonderful socialist ideas. Later he disappeared again and finally sent her 100 francs after she was disgraced and could not return home and that he refused to have anything more to do with her.

**Illinois Miners Convene.**

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21.—Delegates from all the locals of the United Mine Workers of America in Illinois convened in Arion hall today for their annual state session. Revision of the constitution of the organization is the principal business before the assembly. It is expected that there will also be a discussion of projects for the further protection of the life and limb of workers in the mines of Illinois.

**HEADS OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS DEMANDED**

Tokyo, Japan, Feb. 21.—The impeachment of the Japanese cabinet, headed by Marquis Katsuri, was demanded in the diet today by the constitutionist party. In a resolution the party declared the cabinet to be responsible for the growth of anarchism and for the serious schism among the people growing out of the contents of the new school book which practically attacks the Mikado's right to the throne.

A feud dating back to the fourteenth century, is opened by a passage in the text book of history defending the royal pretenders who established the "Northern dynasty," the Shogunate, which appears side by side with an account of the reigning house of which the Mikado is a descendant. Both dynasties are justified in their efforts to grasp the throne and the matter is left open.

This is causing much excitement and serious consequences may follow.

# BURNS ESCAPES FROM JEFFAX JAIL

Rendered desperate by his confinement and the belief that he might have to pay the penalty for murder, John W. Burns, the man who shot Conductor D. J. Reader last Tuesday morning on a dining car at Lewiston Junction, escaped from the hands of the law at Colfax Monday night about 6:30 by digging a hole through the wall of the jail just above the floor and crawling to freedom in the outer courtyard.

Burns did not take the other prisoners, among whom there were three charged with murder, into his confidence, but conducted his escape alone and unaided, and up to a late hour last night had not been captured.

Detective Pluver, the man who first arrested Burns was in Pendleton yesterday and has furnished the officers here with a good description of the man.

**Democratic Jubilee.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Although they did not succeed in overcoming the republican majority in this state the democrats of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania feel called to celebrate the victories of the party in other sections of the country last November, and to that end will hold a jubilee dinner tonight. Several party leaders of national reputation have accepted invitations to speak.

# HIGH SCHOOL PLANS ADOPTED

**FORMER PENDLETON MAN SUBMITS WINNING DESIGN**

Contract Signed With C. E. Troutman and Approved by Voters all That is Necessary.

Architect C. E. Troutman, formerly of this city but now of Aberdeen, Washington, will erect the new Pendleton high school building. This decision was made last night by the school board after the plans of eight different architects of the northwest had been carefully examined, and shortly before noon today the contract with Mr. Troutman was signed. The erection of a high school will, of course, have to be approved by the taxpayers of the city when the matter of bonding the district for funds sufficient to construct a new high school building is voted upon. Just on what date this vote will be taken has not yet been determined but it will not be very distant. The law requires that a notice of twenty days be given and it is certain that the board will not allow many days to elapse before that notice is issued.

The selection of Mr. Troutman's plans seems to be meeting with general approval by the people of Pendleton and many expressions of satisfaction are to be heard on the street.

Mr. Troutman is a known quality, all of the present graded school buildings being his handiwork and testifying to his ability. He has made a special study of school buildings and the plans submitted to the board show the result of this study.

The projected building, which is to cost approximately \$75,000, will be built of white stone and red pressed brick which will give the exterior a very pleasing appearance. The interior is modeled for convenience and sanitation and special attention has been paid to lighting, heating and ventilation. There are to be three floors besides the basement and enough class rooms and seating capacity has been arranged for providing for all of the increases which many years will bring. Among other features is a large gymnasium which is to be constructed in the basement, the galleries to which will be on the first floor. A spacious auditorium will be on the second floor, while on the third floor are provided rooms for domestic science and the chemical laboratory. There are to be both men's and ladies' toilets on every floor. Altogether the plans are thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every respect and the construction of a high school after them will secure for Pendleton one of the best high school buildings in the state.

The work of tearing down the old building will be begun immediately on the completion of the present term provided the taxpayers vote to bond the district, and in which case another year will see the high school students housed in their long-hoped-for new home.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE**

New York, Feb. 21.—The Columbia University Democratic club, which has been in existence over twenty years and has taken part in every campaign, will hold its first annual banquet at the Hotel Astor tonight. Governor Dix and the democratic governors and senators of several other states have been invited and have promised to attend. The club includes both members of the faculty and students.

# STATE SECRETS ARE GIVEN OUT

## Valuable Naval Information Traded for Battleship Contracts.

### TWO CABINET MEMBERS IMPLICATED BY OFFICER

Admiral Garcia of Argentine Declares he Has Been Given Access to all Information, Drawings and Devices of United States Navy—Allowed to Put Officers Aboard Ships.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—That the secrets of the American navy have been traded for two battleship contracts, the chief beneficiary of which is Charles Schwab's Bethlehem Steel company, is the sensational charges brought against him by Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of the Navy Meyer.

The vessels are now under course of construction at the Fore river yards at Quincy, Mass., and the yards of the New York shipbuilding company. The vessels are for Argentine and it was because of the promises of open and free access to the secrets of the American navy by the state department that the contract was given.

It is charged that once the ships are built there is no guarantee that the vessels can't be purchased by Japan or some other power. Knox who was formerly Schwab's attorney declined to be interviewed.

New York, Feb. 20.—Admiral Garcia, chief of the Argentine commission for the construction of the war vessels here today admitted it was the influence of the state department that secured the contracts for the United States.

He said: "I met Secretary Knox in Washington, was introduced to Secretary Meyer and was informed that confidential relations has been established between the United States and Argentine which are extraordinary. United States Minister Sherill at Buenos Ayres obtained the remarkable concession from your government. We have carte blanche to all the information your navy department has and are free to call for drawings of devices or expert advice. We have been allowed to put our naval officers aboard your ships to study your navy and methods. These new ships will be most powerful in the world."

**BUSINESS MEN FEAR EXTRA SESSION EFFECT**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Fearful of business disturbance if an extra session of congress is called, the agents of the money kings today are bringing every possible pressure on the president to induce him to forego his declared purpose of calling a session no matter what action is taken on its reciprocity and other pet measures. The business men say the session would make business unsettled. The president has not indicated whether he will carry his threat into execution.

**SALOON MEN SUMMONED BEFORE GRAFT GRAND JURY**

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.—A secret session of the grand jury investigating the corruption and vice charges against the police department had several big saloonmen before it today. A number of policemen were also called. It is charged that some of them collected weekly tribute from the underworld and turned the money over to their superiors.

**DUKE D'ABRUZZI WILL VISIT ELKINS FAMILY**

London, Feb. 21.—It is reported from Rome today that the Duke D'Abuzzi has obtained a leave of absence from his command and will spend a month or more visiting the family of the late Senator Elkins. It is rumored that Katherine Elkins and the Duke have become reconciled and that the engagement will be formally announced soon.

**Final White House Function.**

Washington, Feb. 21.—With the army and navy reception tonight, the program of official white house functions will be rounded out for the season. Although the last on the list, tonight's affair will not be the least, and will be the most spectacular of the year except the diplomatic reception. Added to the gay uniforms of the naval and military attaches of foreign governments will be the parade appearance of Uncle Sam's fighting men who will don their gaudiest "glad rags" for the occasion.

**Sons of Veterans.**

Patterson, N. J., Feb. 21.—Over a hundred delegates and visitors are here today at the eighth national convention of the Death Benefit association of the Sons of Veterans.