

WEATHER REPORT.

Occasional rain or snow flurries, tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight.



VETO AX DROPS OFTEN

Governor West Kills Measure Which Was Formerly Favored by Himself.

APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 NOT SUFFICIENTLY GUARDED

State Will Have No Immigration Commissioner With Large Sum to Spend at His Own Discretion—Two Measures Favored by Umatilla County Men Are Among the Dead.

Salem, Feb. 24.—Asserting that the state treasury would be poorer by \$60,000 as a result of appropriations passed by the legislature for the benefit of county and district fairs, Governor West has vetoed three already and will veto all others.

Salem, Or., Feb. 24.—The governor's ax fell again yesterday on nine bills, which failed to meet his approval. The vetoes and the reasons for them are attached to the bills, as follows:

H. B. 301.—Providing for the appointment of a state immigration commissioner to serve for a term of four years whose duties are to cooperate with the department of commerce and other publicity organizations. As this bill carries an appropriation of \$25,000 to cover the cost of defraying the expenses of the work the appropriation to be spent under the direction of the immigration agent without any restrictions, the governor attaches his veto. He explains, however, that he is highly in favor of an appropriation of a limited amount by the state for carrying on publicity work, but contends that appropriations made by the legislature should be surrounded by such safeguards and restrictions as will insure economical expenditure.

S. B. 6.—Making it the duty of every local agent in charge of a passenger depot to publicly announce the arrival and departure of trains. The objection is that the bill throws no burdens whatever on the railroad company, but causes an employee to suffer when he can only give such information as is given him by the chief dispatcher. Furthermore the railroad commission has full power in such matters.

H. B. 119.—Making it the duty of the owner of land adjoining a highway to keep the same free from weeds and thistles. The veto says the bill is discriminatory, in that abutting property owners must bear the burden not borne by the entire community.

S. B. 11.—Eliminating the five days in which a purchaser of real property has to file deed. The objection is that such a law opens the way to fraud and that there is no demand for the amendment.

S. B. 123.—Providing traveling expenses at the expense of the board of regents of the Oregon State Normal school, for students residing within 100 miles of the school in the state. The governor cannot see any good reason why the state should pay transportation of students.

H. B. 305.—Providing for the appointment of a bee inspector. For the reason that no appropriation is made for the maintenance of an inspector other than providing that expenses be paid out of the fund of the Oregon agricultural college, the objection arises in that it will work a hardship on the college and cause a deficiency.

S. B. 264.—Providing for the establishment of a trout hatchery on Spring Creek, Klamath county, carrying an appropriation of \$5000 to defray the costs.

H. B. 368.—Providing for the establishment of an experiment station in Morrow county. There is no demand for expending the appropriation of \$3000 carried by the bill, says the governor, for the reason that the Sherman county experiment station district takes in Morrow county.

H. B. 159.—Providing for an additional justice of the peace in the city of Portland. Governor West attaches his veto to this bill on the following theory: Many have given their indorsement to this bill, because they were led to believe that the jurisdiction of the justice's courts was to be

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NEVADA MINE CLAIMS VICTIMS Tonopah, Nev., Feb. 24.—With eleven dead bodies reported to have been recovered, the fire in the Belmont mine is practically extinguished today and there were strong hopes of rescuing the five men who are still in the mine. There is considerable gas at the 1100 foot level.

BURGLARY EPIDEMIC CONTINUES UNABATED

Two revolvers and a watch was the booty secured last night by burglars who broke open the Thacker grocery store on West Webb street. The proprietor discovered his loss when he opened up his place of business this morning and reported it to the police, but the marauders had taken good care not to leave a clew by which their identity might be discovered. They had gained entrance through the front door and evidently knew what they were going after, for the groceries were not touched, only the above-mentioned hardware being taken.

This is not the first burglary committed in this community during the winter, the Lang grocery, which is next door to the Thacker establishment, having been broken into twice, the robbers each time taking a goodly supply of eggs which at that time were worth almost as much as gold nuggets.

WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS MEN WILL RACE

Indianapolis, Feb. 24.—America's and Europe's most famous drivers in Europe are to participate in the 500 mile automobile race to be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 30, according to the official announcement just made. Among them will be Ralph De Palma, Johnny Atkins, Joe Dawson, the Chevrolet brothers, Eddie Hearn and Jack Fleming.

OFFICERS AND THUGS IN FATAL BATTLE

SEATTLE PATROLMAN KILLED AND TWO BANDITS WOUNDED Highwaymen Under Guard in Hospital—One May Die and One Will Recover Say Physicians.

Seattle, Feb. 24.—Patrolman Judson Davis, aged 33, is dead; Alex. Niss, aged 27, an alleged hold up man wounded and John Ford a second bandit is reported to be dying this afternoon, as a result of a duel last night in the Capital Hill residence district.

Patrolman Herbert Smith captured the two men wounding both of them after having shot down Davis and escaped. The officers wore plain clothes and met the men on a corner. The latter immediately started firing.

The two bandits Ford and Niss were taken to the city hospital where they are under guard. Ford who was shot above the heart is not expected to live. Niss will recover.

In the last few days there have been several holdups in the residence section and last night Chief of Police Claude Bannick sent several additional patrolmen in civilian clothes into the infested district. Patrolman Davis and H. G. Smith were scrutinizing passersby in the neighborhood of Boylston avenue and Dennyway when they came upon the two highwaymen who had been skulking in the darkness.

The policemen started to question them when the bandits drew their revolvers and opened fire. Davis fell dead at the first shot with a bullet through his head.

Standing alone, Patrolman Smith returned the fire, shooting Davis' assailant twice. The man fell to the ground and Smith turned his attention to Niss, who had also opened fire. After several shots, Niss turned and ran, stopping several times to shoot at Smith, who followed, firing as he ran. Smith emptied his revolver and lost his quarry in the darkness on a vacant lot near Harvard avenue and Dennyway. The policeman returned to the scene of the death of his comrade where a large crowd had gathered. A searching party was organized and Niss was soon found, lying wounded in a pit into which he had fallen when Smith lost track of him.

AUSTRALIAN AND AMERICAN TO MEET

London, Feb. 24.—Jimmy Clabby, of Milwaukee, who is en route to London from Australia, will meet Harry Lewis, the Philadelphia scrapper, in a twenty-round battle at Hugh McIntosh's club on March 1. Clabby won four out of five bouts in Australia.

KID M'COY PROMISES FRIENDS TO COME BACK

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—"Kid" McCoy today is promising his friends that he will "come back." He is matched to meet Billy Berger, local middle weight scrapper in a six round bout.

RAILROADS TO APPEAL CASE

Inter-State Commerce Commission Decision Has Wide Effect.

STOCKS SLUMP FOR TIME BUT QUICKLY RECOVER

Corporation Attorneys Prepare to Appeal to the Court of Commerce—Must Act Before March 10 or Commission Will Fix Rates—Shippers Rejoice in Victory.

MEANING OF INTERSTATE COMMISSION DECISION

Disapproves of the advances in freight rates in the official classification of territory which the railroads estimate would bring in \$27,000,000 more annually. Declines to approve the increases by the railroads in the western trunk line territory and the proposed advances in commodity rates. Orders carriers in both cases to restore former rates and restore their former rates, those now in force. Serves formal notice that unless the advanced tariffs are cancelled a formal order suspending them and putting the existing rates into operation for at least two years will be issued.

Corporations Will Fight.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The railroads of this country are preparing to appeal from the commission's decision on rates. The appeal will be made to the court of commerce before March 10 and an injunction will be asked to nullify the decision. The railroads hope thus to reverse the decision.

They must appeal before the 10th as the commission announced it will fix the rates itself if the proposed tariffs are not withdrawn then. The leading railroad lawyers concur in the determination to fight.

Progressive members of congress declare the decision is a great peoples victory. Louis Brandeis said he did not believe the railroads would fight.

Stocks Slump.

New York, Feb. 24.—The stock market opened with losses averaging four points in standard railroad stock as a result of yesterday's rate decision by the interstate commerce commission.

The entire list of stocks for the first fifteen minutes showed losses from 1 to 6 points then slowly began recovering as the decision showed the big railroads' financial conditions were excellent.

Slump in London Also.

London, Feb. 24.—The leading American railroad stocks slumped dangerously at the opening of the market here today as a result of the interstate commerce commission's decision against the railroad rates in the United States.

This afternoon the worst of the slump was over and the stocks are rising.

Shippers Elated.

New York, Feb. 24.—Elation by shippers all over this country and a corresponding dejection by the railroad managers is expressed today in telegrams received here as comments on the rate decision of the interstate commerce commission.

"It is a peoples' victory," is the general expression of shippers, while the railroad heads threaten a reduction of expense, a curtailment of construction and an appeal from the decision.

Hill of the Great Northern said they would continue in business but there would be less improvement and

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DEMOCRAT WOULD SCARE TAFT OUT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Threats of a continuous session of congress until the next presidential election are being voiced here today by Representative Ollie James (Kentucky, democrat).

"If Taft calls an extra session," said James, "we will stay here until the election. We will pass fifteen tariff bills, put nine investigating committees at work on the federal departments, the steel trust and pork barrel. We will give Wickersham and Ballinger something to think about."

CRISIS IN REVOLUTION

Federals Are Surrounding Madero's Force at Ahumada.

VITAL BLOW IS AIMED AT CAUSE OF REBELS

Government Troops Being Rushed to Scene by Forced Marches From all Directions—Many Battles are Reported—American Suspect to be Shot.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 24.—Hoping to strike a vital blow to the rebel cause by exterminating the revolutionary forces under Madero an announcement was made at Juarez today that arrangements had been completed to surround Madero's troops at Ahumada. With a view to ending the revolution five hundred federal troops left Juarez last night and are making forced marches on Ahumada.

Col. Mayell left Chihuahua Wednesday with Ahumada as his objective point and Colonel Escudero commanding 600 infantry, is advancing from the east to join the other federals in surrounding Madero.

Many Battles Fought.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 24.—Passengers arriving here today brought reports of many battles in Mexico and the burning of a bridge by the insurgents near Torreon. Battles were fought at La Mancha, Cuernavaca, San Juande, Guadalupe, Vellardena, Asarce, Cruces and San Antonio it is reported. Both sides lost heavily at Lamancha.

Governor Vega Removed.

San Diego, Calif., Feb. 24.—Angered by the humiliating defeat of General Vega in the recent battle at Mexicali, President Diaz has ordered the removal of Vega as governor of Lower California immediately. His successor takes office Monday.

American Will Be Shot.

San Diego, Calif., Feb. 24.—It is officially stated that Harry Dill, the American has been taken to Ensenada, tried on suspicion of being a rebel conspirator, is held there and will be shot to death regardless of the present state department investigation if the rebels attack the city. The Mexican government is rushing soldiers and cannon to Ensenada from Mazatlan.

JAPAN CLASSIFIED AS "FAVORED NATION"

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—That Japan, under the new treaty, will enter "the most favored nation" class as regards the United States, was revealed here by the publication of the tariff paragraph of the treaty which says that import duties from either country will be regulated by special arrangement or by internal legislation.

CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE COMPLETE RECALL LAW

Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 24.—The senate almost unanimously passed the Gates recall measure early today, including the recall of the judiciary. The indications are that the house will also pass it when it will be submitted to the people to decide whether it shall be amended to the constitution.

SENATE GETS BILL WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The senate finance committee today reported the reciprocity bill without recommendation. The members of the committee voted unanimously not to report for or against the measure. This puts it up to the senate.

LARGEST LUMBER CONCERN IN WORLD

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 24.—The largest lumber concern in the dominion of Canada, to be known as the "British Canadian Lumber Corporation," and which is capitalized at \$20,000,000 has just been launched. The headquarters of the corporation will be in Vancouver.

British, Canadian and American capitalists are interested in the project. The company has many large timber claims scattered throughout the provinces and it is said the total amount of timber controlled by it exceeds 14,000,000,000 feet. This is 4,000,000,000 more feet than the timber which is controlled by the Southern Pacific railroad in the United States, one of the heaviest timber holders in America.

TO VOTE ON CHARTER CHANGE THIS SPRING

When the people of the city are called upon to vote bonds for a gravity water system, some time this spring, it is presumed, they will also be asked to pass upon a change in the city charter. It is the long discussed change regarding street work and which if adopted will free the city from the necessity of paying for the street intersections when paving or macadam work is done.

Until recently it was the intention of the city officials to withhold this proposed charter change until next December when the people could pass upon it at the regular election. However, Mayor Murphy now makes the announcement that if the water commissioners call a special election to vote water bonds the administration will be ready with its proposed charter change.

As to the proposition of calling a special election for voting water bonds no definite action has yet been taken by the commissioners. According to Commissioner J. T. Brown, the board is still working upon some preliminary matters that must be adjusted before any further steps may be taken. It is known though that the board, or at least a majority of the board, hope to have the way clear for a vote upon the bond issue this spring.

WHITE SOX WILL TAKE UP TRAINING

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Comiskey's White Sox will depart Monday, February 27, for Mineral Springs, Texas, for the spring grind. Twenty-five players will leave in the first squad.

MANY TALKED TO AGRICULTURE CLUB

PROF. SCUDDER WAS THE PRINCIPAL GUEST Students Perfect Organization by Electing Officers and Voting in Honorary Members—Louis Anderson Is President.

With Prof. H. D. Scudder as the chief speaker and guest of honor the high school agricultural club had its first meeting at the Commercial club rooms last evening. If all subsequent meetings are as well attended and as enthusiastic as last night's session the success of the organization is assured.

Owing to the fact that the students had not yet elected their officers, Principal A. C. Hampton of the high school presided at the meeting. He called upon Superintendent Landers as the first speaker and in a brief manner Mr. Landers told of the installation of the course in agriculture in the high school and of the success with which the course is meeting. He paid a high compliment to Prof. LeRoy Breithaupt, who is in charge of the agricultural work in the school and has aroused much enthusiasm over the subject.

Prof. Scudder spoke informally but entertainingly on the general subject of the study of agriculture. He explained it a great subject for investigation and one in which the students cannot fail to become enthusiastic when they once appreciate the magnitude of the field. Prof. Scudder congratulated the students upon entering the high school agricultural course and upon forming their club. He advised that within the club they take up a few subjects but that they look into the details and thoroughly master such problems as they undertake.

Others to speak during the evening were Prof. Breithaupt, Judge S. A. Lowell, Dr. C. J. Smith, C. C. Connor, Will Moore, J. H. Gwinn, C. P. Strain and E. B. Aldrich. Mr. Connor who is farming near Helix, and was formerly president of the county farmers' union gave some interesting facts regarding experiments he has carried on upon his ranch. By his work he has shown that diversified farming may be carried on here with success.

At the conclusion of the open meeting the students held a business session and perfected their organization. Louis Anderson was chosen as president of the association. Chester Fee as vice president and Claud Hampton as secretary-treasurer.

The following honor members were voted into the association last evening. Dr. C. J. Smith, Dr. I. U. Temple, J. S. Landers, Will Moore, C. C. Connor, Lee Teutsch, James A. Fee, H. D. Scudder, J. H. Gwinn, E. B. Aldrich, W. A. Hyatt, Stephen A. Lowell, E. L. Smith, C. P. Strain and A. W. Nye.

GARDNER BURNED TO DEATH IN CABIN

Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 24.—Edward Hall, gardener at the white preparatory school here was burned to death today in his cabin on the school grounds.

NEAR RIOT IN CONGRESS

Wickersham and Mondell Are Principals in Bloodless Battle in House.

SHORT AND UGLY WORD STARTS A ROUGH HOUSE

Interference of Other House Members Keep Combatants at Safe Distance—When Quiet Is Restored Both Apologize—Alaska Coal Lands Leasing Bill Cause of Trouble.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Another bloodless battle was fought on the floor of the house of representatives late yesterday. It came during a somewhat heated debate on a bill for the leasing of coal lands in Alaska. The bill was passed and as the short and ugly word rang out, Delegate James Wickersham of Alaska, made a rush for Representative Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming, who was seated at a nearby desk.

The big Alaskan's right arm shot out twice in the direction of the gentleman from Wyoming, but members who surrounded the disputants at the time say that both blows fell short.

The house was in an uproar in an instant. Several members hurled themselves on Mr. Wickersham; others were struggling with Mr. Mondell, who had gained his feet and was making for his assailant.

Seize Alaskan by Throat. Representative Foster of Vermont, had taken Mr. Wickersham by the throat. This added to the uncontrolled anger of the delegate and for a moment diverted his attention toward the would-be peacemaker.

Representative Sisson of Mississippi, who was endeavoring to raise the chair in which he had been sitting, to hurl it at his antagonist.

Members rushed toward the group from every part of the chamber and there were nearly a hundred men in the crowd about the struggling legislators.

Meantime, Representative Olmstead of Pennsylvania, who was acting as speaker, called upon the sergeant at arms to preserve order. The historic mace of the house, the emblem of authority, was lifted from its marble pedestal and carried to the floor by the house officials.

Members, however, had taken the matter in hand and had succeeded in bringing both Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Mondell to a cessation of hostilities.

When the room was fairly quiet, Mr. Wickersham clamored for recognition.

"I want the records to show that I apologize to the house, but (his voice rose to a shout) I also want it to show that I called a liar."

Representative Tawney called attention to the fact that the language used by the disputants was clearly unparliamentary, and that there should be an apology.

"I do apologize," Mr. Wickersham said. "I lost my temper." He sat down and Mondell arose.

"My remark was not directed toward the Gentleman from Alaska," Mondell said, "and it was not uttered in debate, but to a gentleman who stood beside me. I realize, however, that I should not have used the word here, or anywhere for that matter, and I apologize to the house."

During the applause which followed Mr. Mondell's statement, Mr. Tawney moved that the house adjourn. On a standing vote the motion apparently was carried, but the opponents of the Alaska leasing bill demanded a roll call. Under this call, the motion to adjourn was lost, and the leasing bill was defeated, 151 to 32.

The bill had been called up under a suspension of the rules and would have required a two-thirds vote for adoption.

Representatives Madison of Kansas, and James of Kentucky, both members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, led the attack against the bill. Mr. Wickersham had joined forces with them. Mr. Mondell occupied practically all of the time in favor of the measure.

The bill provided for the leasing of coal lands not to exceed 2560 acres on a royalty basis of from 3 to 10 cents a ton. The debate had been surcharged with acrimony.

ELASTICITY OF CONSCIENCE MAY DETERMINE FATE

Washington, Feb. 24.—The fate of the Canadian reciprocity treaty may depend upon how far the conscience of Senator Heyburn of Idaho will stretch. Asked what he intended to do about the president's pet bill, Heyburn said: "I will oppose the agreement by every square means as far as my conscience allows." Heyburn would not say whether he would filibuster.