

Snow tonight, Sunday fair.



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VETO AX IS STILL WORKING

Flaw Found in Reclamation Bill—Salary Increases for Judges Stopped.

COUNTY ATTORNEY BILL ALSO AMONG THE SLAIN

Many Matters Pertaining to Proposed Changes in Judicial System Are Left to Judicial Commission—Board of Stock Commissioners With \$50,000 Appropriation Killed.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 25.—With the veto of the Rogue river fish bill at midnight, Governor West ended the most strenuous campaign of veto wielding ever conducted by an Oregon governor. Total of 72 bills vetoed and total of \$618,874 was lopped off the legislature's appropriations.

House bill 186, having for its purpose authorization of the reclamation of certain lands in the state now covered by the waters of nonnavigable lakes, was also returned with Governor West's veto.

The veto ax fell on senate bill 303 today. This bill provides that the salaries of all circuit judges in the state except those in the fourth judicial district be raised. Governor West explains his attitude in this matter by saying the people at the last election, and in no uncertain terms, placed themselves on record as being opposed to any such increase in judge's salaries, and he thinks it is not for him to consent to the circumvention of their wishes through the legislature.

Governor West has also vetoed the following bills: S. B. 54, by Bowerman—An act to prevent fraud against the state.

Frank Neugebauer, former resident of Pendleton, arrived last night from Burns, saying there is too much snow there for him.

CHICKERS REMOVED AS SUPERINTENDENT. Salem, Ore., Feb. 25.—Dr. Frank Smith of Salem has been appointed superintendent of the state institution for the feeble-minded by Governor West, succeeding Harry Bickers, formerly of Pendleton, who resigned.

WEST SETS NEW HIGH RECORD FOR VEToes

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN'S MARK HAS BEEN PASSED

Sharp Ax of Executive Saves Nearly Million Dollars to Taxpayers of Oregon—Seventy-two Bills Killed.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 25.—Governor West has broken all vetoing records so far established by the governors of Oregon. The total number of bills of the twenty-sixth legislative assembly to be vetoed by the governor is 72.

It is the opinion of Oregon's new chief executive that a great portion of the enactments of a legislature are useless acts that only serve to encumber the statute books and the more of them that can be dumped into the waste basket, the better it will be for the people of the state, not to take into consideration the veto of a great many appropriation measures that will reduce the taxes of the whole people of the state of Oregon from nearly \$5,000,000 to less than \$4,300,000.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE TRIES TO KILL GOVERNOR HASKELL

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 25.—Price Taylor, a soldier of fortune, and personal friend of Roosevelt, was arrested here today for threatening to kill former Governor Haskell whom he blames for several arrests. Taylor's friends say the man is demented.

ADDITIONAL SUM FOR FEDERAL BUILDING

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL HAS \$35,000 FOR US

Measure Now Under Consideration in House and Has Been Adopted in Part—Contains Appropriations for Next Fiscal Year.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—(Special)—At 5:15 this afternoon the Sundry Civil Bill had not been passed.

If congress approves of the sundry civil bill as recommended by committee, the sum of \$35,000 additional will be given for the construction of the Pendleton federal building, making a total of \$105,000 for the building and ground. The bill is now under consideration in the house and when an adjournment was taken at 10:30 last evening many sections of the bill had been adopted.

Washington items: Site at Aberdeen, \$12,500; Ellensburg, \$7000; Seattle, \$200,000; Vancouver, \$12,000; continuing building, Bellingham, \$125,000; Everett, \$20,000; Olympia, \$60,000.

Other Bills Vetoed. Governor West has also vetoed the following bills: S. B. 54, by Bowerman—An act to prevent fraud against the state.

MURPHY HERE, STARTS WORK

Under instructions of State Board Engineer Tests Foundation Features.

GOVERNOR WEST AND T. B. KAY HERE TODAY

Man Appointed as Branch Asylum Engineer Arrives With Wife and Will Remain Permanently—West and Kay Will Stay and Decide Building Location.

For the purpose of taking up preliminary work looking to the construction of the branch asylum buildings Engineer Charles A. Murphy arrived here this morning.

Prior to his arrival Mr. Murphy had wired to Dan P. Smythe asking him to have ten laborers engaged to go to work this morning. These men were secured and this morning were set to work digging test pits in front of the R. L. Oliver home on the asylum site. It is understood that the pits are being dug for the purpose of ascertaining what manner of a foundation that land offers for building purposes.

When interviewed by phone at the Oliver place today Mr. Murphy said he could say nothing further than that he is under instructions from the state board to dig the foundation pits upon the Oliver place.

On this trip to Pendleton Mr. Murphy is accompanied by his wife and he comes to Pendleton to live. He will be the engineer at the branch asylum and that he expects to remain here permanently is evidenced by the fact that he has also shipped his household goods.

AMERICAN BEEF CAUSES TROUBLE IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 25.—Trouble loomed up here today for American meat shippers when the minister of trade customs announced that the government is preparing to prosecute the beef trust. He said: "I'm convinced that American meat shippers have sinister designs on the Australian market."

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 25.—Denouncing the action of the federal government in hampering the Mexican rebels in their border operations and assisting Diaz, and asserting that Wall Street is responsible for it, the San Francisco labor council unanimously adopted resolutions today calling upon congress to recognize the Mexican provisional government.

TWO BOLD BANDITS SECURE \$12,000

Pittsburg, Kansas, Feb. 25.—The police and Pinkertons are hustling today to trail two men who held up Mrs. S. E. Arnold, postmistress of Fuller, a suburb of this city, obtaining \$12,000 in cash intended for today's payroll of the local coal company.

KILL DIRECT ELECTIONS

Sutherland Amendment to Borah's Bill is Adopted by Senate.

IDAHO SENATOR SAYS HE WILL NOT GIVE UP

All But One Democrat and Seven Republicans Go on Record in Favor of Popular Election of United States Senators—Vote on Resolution Itself Next Tuesday.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—With the resolution for direct election of senators practically killed by the adoption of the Sutherland amendment, Borah of Idaho said today he would continue the fight at this session for the popular election and if defeated would attempt it again next session.

SENATE ACTS QUICKLY

Washington, Feb. 25.—In less than an hour the senate late yesterday voted the Sutherland amendment to the resolution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, fixed Tuesday as the time for voting on the resolution itself, made the case involving Senator Lorimer's set for unfinished business and received the Canadian reciprocity bill from the committee on finance.

In addition there was much discussion of the order of business. Several speeches were arranged and Senator Penrose gave notice that on Monday he would ask the senate to consider the postage appropriation bill, which includes the provision increasing the postage on advertising portion of magazines.

No sooner had Senator Beveridge concluded his speech in opposition to the election of United States senators by popular vote and the resolution was taken up.

Almost before senators had time to realize what was taking place, the vice president directed the roll call on the amendment offered by Senator Sutherland, eliminating so much of the amendment as takes from congress the right to supervise senatorial elections. The vote resulted in favor of the amendment, 50 to 37.

Of the affirmative vote only one was cast by a democrat, Senator Clarke of Arkansas casting that one. Seven republicans, Borah, Bourne, Bristol, Brown, Cummins, Gronna and La Follette, were recorded in opposition to the provision.

RAILROADS MAY NOT APPEAL FROM DECISION

New York, Feb. 25.—The market is irregular, but strong today, showing the fear of a cessation of railroad development is gone.

No Wage Cutting. New York, Feb. 25.—It is generally believed that the railroads won't protest against the interstate commerce association's decision, that everything will soon be adjusted, that roads will carry out their projected improvements and that no fight or higher rates will be made; but that they will renege for the purpose of meeting current obligations.

WILL DECIDE ON ACTION

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Executives and attorneys for western railroads are expected to meet here next week to decide upon what action they should take regarding the decision of the commission. The indications are that it will be accepted without a fight.

JAPANESE TREATY IS NOW RATIFIED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—While the opponents of the administration assert that disturbance in the diplomatic relations with Japan is anticipated, the friends of Taft say the Japanese war boycott is effectively laid away until 1915 at least, following the senate ratification of the Japanese treaty last night.

FOUR MORE ARE INDICTED BY JURY

BAD CHECK ARTIST GIVEN TERM IN PEN

Swift Justice Meted Out to Man Who Tried to Swindle Echo People—Boxcar Robbers Indicted.

Justice was meted out swiftly to Christopher Columbus Taylor, the Echo bad check artist. Arrested in that town last week, he was indicted by the grand jury yesterday afternoon on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was immediately arraigned, pleaded guilty to the charge this morning, waived time for sentence and was given 18 months in the penitentiary by Judge Phelps.

Four other men were indicted by the grand jury yesterday, Charles Foote, Albert Thompson, Harry Lutton and Marshal Gonzales. The former two are accused of larceny from a boxcar, they being the two men captured at Huntington and having in their possession certain goods which were stolen from a boxcar at Umatilla. Lutton is an Indian on the local reservation and is charged with stealing a horse from his sister, Alice Lutton, and of disposing of it to Frank Miller of the Oregon Feed Yard. Gonzales is also implicated in the Umatilla boxcar robbery and is indicted on a charge of larceny.

Ernest Toddhunter, Harry and Rodney Dupuis, charged with receiving stolen goods, all entered pleas of not guilty this morning as did John Nilson, charged with the same crime, and Daniel Ragan, indicted for burglary not in a dwelling.

AVALANCHE BURIES SCHOOL HOUSE WITH CHILDREN

St. Petersburg, Russia, Feb. 25.—Sixteen school children were killed today when an avalanche buried a school house at Aikha.

MAY CLASH OVER ROAD SUPERVISION

COUNTY WILL CHANGE ROAD SYSTEM MARCH 1

Judge Maloney Would Employ Three Roadmasters to Superintend Work—Commissioners May Want to Do It Themselves, for Pay.

At the March meeting of the county court, which begins next Wednesday, one of the most important things to come up for consideration will be the proposition of how to supervise the road work of the county.

Maloney's Plan. County Judge Maloney favors the plan of having three roadmasters to look out for the road work in the three natural sections into which the county is divided. He wants to employ practical men for these positions and to get men who by their residence and through other qualifications will be able to do fast yet thorough work upon the roads at times of the year when the work is needed.

MAY ADOPT OLD PLAN

However, it is possible the two commissioners, Walker and Cockburn, may outvote the judge upon this point and return to the old plan of supervising road work themselves. Under this arrangement each member of the court would be assigned a certain portion of the county to supervise. They draw pay and traveling expenses when engaged in such work.

SUFFRAGE SUNDAY TO BE HELD IN ALBANY

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—"Suffrage Sunday" will be observed in Albany tomorrow by the hosts of feminine would-be voters who have spent the week here at the legislature and will be returning to their homes. Reverend Anna Spencer Garland, vice-president of the ethical culture society of New York will occupy the pulpit of the Unitarian church and addresses will be delivered at other churches.

SECOND CHOICE BILL IS VETOED

Governor West Holds Primary Measure is Contrary to the Constitution.

ATTEMPT TO TAMPER WITH LAWS OF PEOPLE

Section Which Prevents Voter from Voting for Only One Man is Most Objectionable—Executive Thinks Time to Remedy Defects in Present Law is After Interests Cease War.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 25.—For the reason that he holds the bill to be unconstitutional in that it seeks to deprive the voter of his constitutional right to vote for one person for nomination, and for the additional reason that he considers himself bound under his promise to the people of Oregon to veto any law that attempts to tamper with the laws that have been approved by them, Governor Oswald West filed the second choice primary bill with the secretary of state yesterday afternoon with his veto.

"When the men who oppose the people's system cease their attacks on it and recognize the fact that it is here to stay, then will it be time for the legislature to seek to improve it," says the governor in his message accompanying the bill. The governor says regarding the bill in the veto message:

"It violates sections 1 and 15 of article II of the constitution of Oregon in this: May Have No Second Choice."

"It seeks to deprive the voter of his constitutional right to vote for one person for nomination under the title to every office where more than twice as many persons of one political party are candidates for nomination in one political office division as there are positions to be filled therein, unless he also expresses a second choice among said candidates. He may not have a second choice, and the legislature cannot, under the constitution compel him to name a second choice under penalty of losing his constitutional right to vote for the nomination of one person.

"But even if the bill was not open to this constitutional objection, I should consider myself bound to veto it under my promise to the people of Oregon in the recent campaign, that if elected I would not permit any tampering with the laws they had approved by their votes. The Oregon system may need amendments, but so long as it is attacked as a whole I am compelled to stand solidly on the proposition that its results are good enough for the present."

"When men who now oppose the people's system cease their attacks on it and recognize the fact that it is here to stay, then will it be time for the legislature to seek to improve it."

In speaking of the speaker's action in vetoing the bill, Governor Rusk, the father of the bill, who is still at the capitol, made the following statement:

"I am one of the lawyers who is not a constitutional lawyer, but I do not believe this bill is unconstitutional and I believe it comes clearly within the provisions of section 1 and 16 of article II of the constitution. Further, that this being a provision relating to primary elections, I do not believe the constitution has anything to do with it as the legislature has complete control over such matters irrespective of the constitution."

MARCH FIRST IS COLONIST DAY

Salem, Ore., Feb. 25.—Governor West issued a proclamation today setting March 1st the first or colonist day. All citizens are requested to write letters expressing their views on the advantages of Oregon.