

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Salem, Jan. 16. — Two bills of the 1903 session, amending the Australian ballot law, and relating to the Eighth judicial district, which the governor vetoed, were returned to the senate and failed to pass. A joint memorial was adopted urging early action on the part of the government in the construction of the Celilo canal. Among the new bills were: To limit the hours of service of railroad employees; to create juvenile courts, and to amend district irrigation law of 1902.

Upon the house convening today Speaker Mills announced the standing committee. The Celilo canal resolution was adopted. A resolution for a 40-cent lumber rate to the Missouri river was referred. Among the new measures introduced were: To make district primary law operative in 1905; extending open salmon season for Columbia from August 15 to August 25; to exempt from taxation property of householders to \$500 valuation, and to create Cascade county. The new county is to be cut out of Wasco and its temporary and probably permanent county seat is to be Hood River.

Salem, Jan. 17.—The following were among the 19 bills introduced in the senate today: To protect Eastern oysters planted in Oregon waters; to amend the law fixing the boundary of Grant county; to create the Malheur irrigation district; to make death penalty apply to train robbery; to authorize the Lewis and Clark fund to condemn private property.

The purpose of the irrigation district bill is to enable the people of the Malheur country to overcome the obstacles in the way of government irrigation work.

A bill raising the statutory age of consent from 16 to 18 years was laid on the table.

In the house five bills had been vetoed by the governor were read. One, for higher salary for Multnomah county school superintendent, was not sustained. The other four, authorizing additional expenditures by the state dairy and food commissioner, amending Astoria charter, to bond the warrant indebtedness of Multnomah county, and for executive mansion and other appropriations, were sustained.

A joint resolution to adjourn legislature February 10 was referred.

Thirty-five new bills were read for the first time in the house today, among them being: To make gambling a felony; to authorize special tax for bridges in Portland; to protect coal mines and miners; to compensate Indian war veterans of 1855-61, and appropriating \$45,000 therefor; to create railroad commission; to create Eighth judicial district; to create Tenth judicial district; to enable electors to vote without new registration when they move to another precinct; to amend local option law.

Local option by precincts only is the purpose of the house bill. If it becomes a law prohibition in counties as a whole and groups of precincts will be abolished.

Salem, Jan. 18.—The right of the people to exercise the referendum power is to be protected by Governor Chamberlain and notice to this effect was today served upon the two houses of the legislature. In a special message the governor told the members in plain language that they are attaching emergency clauses to many measures which are not designed to meet local emergencies and that he will feel bound to disapprove such bills if passed in that form.

Seventeen bills were passed by the senate, all of minor importance excepting to the localities directly interested, being mostly changes in city charters.

Among the new measures introduced were: To raise the salary of the assistant warden of the penitentiary from \$900 to \$1,200; to amend general road laws; to make it unlawful to shoot from or upon any public road; to define rights of riparian owners fronting on the Columbia river; to provide for forming of dyking districts.

The senate defeated the house joint resolution asking congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of adopting an amendment providing for election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Three bills passed the house today, as follows: To extend the Baneroff bonding act for sewer and street improvements to all incorporated towns; to empower corporations to act as administrators, executors, receivers,

Buy Wasco Land.
The Dalles — Homeowners are beginning to arrive in this section and some are already buying land. T. L. and R. F. Hemingway, recently from Spokane, bought the Pat Gorman farm of 440 acres, near Kingsley, for \$8,000. The Messrs. Hemingway have traveled pretty well over Eastern Oregon looking for land, and finally determined that Wasco county afforded better inducements than any other section of the eastern part of the state. They say no other section of Oregon has land that will produce as much.

Portage Engineer Has Resigned.
Salem — A. J. McMillan, who has been in the employ of The Dalles-Celilo portage railway commission, as engineer in charge of the construction of the road, has tendered his resignation. Mr. McMillan prepared the plans and specifications upon which the construction of the building of the road was let, and it was expected that he would continue to represent the state until the work should be completed. His health is the reason given for his resignation. His successor has not been named.

To Light Jacksonville.
Jacksonville — A franchise has been granted to the Condon Water & Power company to furnish electric lights for Jacksonville. The company is the owner of the fine dam across the Rogue river near Gold Hill, and the power and light must be transmitted a distance of 12 miles. The poles are already set for the lighting, inasmuch as the company is furnishing power to run the Opp mining machinery, one mile west from Jacksonville.

guardians and trustees; to authorize county courts to appropriate lands for road purposes.

Twenty-seven new bills were read for the first time in the house.

The first large appropriation bill appeared in the house today, carrying \$132,147.42, of which \$47,000 is to cover deficiencies, \$50,000 the expenses of the present legislative session and \$35,847.42 for meeting unpaid scalp bounties.

Salem, Jan. 19.—Thirteen senate bills and two house bills were passed by the house today, among them were: To establish a Third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural society; to establish county and city boards of health; to require teachers in public schools to give 30 days' notice of intention to quit; to fix the fee to be charged by county recorders.

A bill was introduced to take the appointment of fish warden from the board composed of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer and give it to the governor. A similar bill will be introduced in the house tomorrow.

Among the other new measures were: To amend the code so as to change the name of the State Reform school; for state conventions of county school superintendents; to compel attendance of children at school; requiring all entrances to schools to be in the front or most conspicuous place; to abolish all state normal schools except one; to provide for creation of bureau of mines; to protect railroad companies from ticket scalping and requiring railroad companies to redeem unused tickets.

Twelve bills passed the house today, four of them municipal charters. Seventeen new bills were introduced, among them being: Amending law as to support of poor; to exempt certain mining corporations from Eddy license tax for holding agricultural institutes and appropriating money therefor.

The bill raising the age of consent from 16 to 18 years was brought up in the senate today and made a special order for 11 o'clock tomorrow. Many senators and representatives favor the measure and it is believed it will pass both houses.

Salem, Jan. 20.—Two bills designed to be in the interests of laborers were defeated in the senate today by indefinite postponement. One of these proposed extending to all occupations the provisions of the employers' liability act, applying only to railroads. The other was to raise from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum limit of damages that may be recovered for injuries causing the death of any person. Eight bills were passed by the senate and seven new ones introduced. One of the new measures appropriates \$25,000 for the operation of the portage road and another is for the employment of convict labor on public roads.

The fiercest fights in the legislature will be waged over the proposed creation of three new counties in Eastern Oregon. The new counties proposed are Cascade, with Hood River as its county seat; Nesmith, with Antelope as its county seat; and Hot Lake, with Union as its county seat. All three proposed counties had lobbies working all week and were opposed by counter-lobbies from Wasco, Crook and Union.

Five bills were passed by the house. One provided for an appropriation of \$15,000 for salmon hatcheries and another fixed the time for the Lewis and Clark fair from June 1 to October 15, 1905.

Fifteen new measures made their appearance, one of which was to abolish the normal schools at Ashland and Monmouth.

Nine bills have been passed by both houses, 33 by the senate only and six by the house only. In the senate 143 bills have been introduced and in the house 227.

Both houses adjourned until Monday.

Reopen Woolen Mill.
Eugene — John P. Wilbur and William Wright, of Union, have secured an option on the Willamette Valley Woolen Manufacturing company's mill in this city, which has been closed for almost a year on account of the company going into bankruptcy. They are now examining the title to the property and looking into a few minor details, and it is given out by Receiver A. C. Woodcock that the sale of the property to these gentlemen is certain. The plant will be thoroughly overhauled and new machinery added.

Prizes May Be Offered.
Salem—County Judge Scott, president of the executive board, appointed by the taxpayers to prepare a Marion county exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair, has called a meeting of the board to be held at the county court room, in this city. Various phases of the work of preparing the exhibit will be discussed and the question as to whether or not prizes will be awarded to the people of Marion county on articles which are desired for exhibition will be settled. A few exhibits have already been received.

Highest Award for Wheat.
Pendleton — Umatilla county leads the world in the production of fine wheat, according to the superior jury on awards of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. W. P. Temple, an active farmer of this county, received official notice of the highest award received for the display of wheat at the exposition. Mr. Temple's specimens consisted of three sheaves of bluestem wheat and formed a part of Umatilla county's portion of the Oregon exhibit.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
Wheat — Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 88c; valley, 87c.
Oats — No. 1 white, \$1.32½; No. 2, 1.30; No. 3, 1.28; No. 4, 1.26; No. 5, 1.24; No. 6, 1.22; No. 7, 1.20; No. 8, 1.18; No. 9, 1.16; No. 10, 1.14; No. 11, 1.12; No. 12, 1.10; No. 13, 1.08; No. 14, 1.06; No. 15, 1.04; No. 16, 1.02; No. 17, 1.00; No. 18, .98; No. 19, .96; No. 20, .94; No. 21, .92; No. 22, .90; No. 23, .88; No. 24, .86; No. 25, .84; No. 26, .82; No. 27, .80; No. 28, .78; No. 29, .76; No. 30, .74; No. 31, .72; No. 32, .70; No. 33, .68; No. 34, .66; No. 35, .64; No. 36, .62; No. 37, .60; No. 38, .58; No. 39, .56; No. 40, .54; No. 41, .52; No. 42, .50; No. 43, .48; No. 44, .46; No. 45, .44; No. 46, .42; No. 47, .40; No. 48, .38; No. 49, .36; No. 50, .34; No. 51, .32; No. 52, .30; No. 53, .28; No. 54, .26; No. 55, .24; No. 56, .22; No. 57, .20; No. 58, .18; No. 59, .16; No. 60, .14; No. 61, .12; No. 62, .10; No. 63, .08; No. 64, .06; No. 65, .04; No. 66, .02; No. 67, .00; No. 68, .98; No. 69, .96; No. 70, .94; No. 71, .92; No. 72, .90; No. 73, .88; No. 74, .86; No. 75, .84; No. 76, .82; 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