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## BUSY GRIND ON NEW BILLS.

### Legislature Has its Work Well in Hand--Few New Measures

Salem, Or., Jan. 27.—The house committee on assessment and taxation today introduced an emergency bill providing for the apportionment of the state tax among the counties for the year 1909. Its consideration was made a special order for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. It creates for that purpose a board of equalization, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, who will be empowered to apportion the total state tax among the several counties.

**ANTI-CIGARETTE LAW.**  
The senate this morning passed Miller's bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to males or females under the age of 21 years. There is pending in the house a bill which prohibits the manufacture and sale or giving away of cigarettes at any time or place in the state.

**TRANSFER CIRCUIT JUDGES.**  
The senate also passed today Bowerman's bill authorizing the members of the supreme court whenever deemed necessary to transfer circuit court judges of the state from one district to relieve the congested condition in another district. The purpose of this bill is to diminish the necessity for providing additional judges in some districts that are now overworked.

**EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT.**  
Three bills, advocated by organized labor of the state appeared in the senate this morning. Sinnott introduced the employers' liability act; Bailey fathers a bill limiting to 10 hours each day, or 60 hours a week, the hours women may be required to work in the state, while Kellaher is the author of a measure that prohibits lads under 18 years of age from operating elevators.

**EATON INTRODUCES BILL.**  
Eaton, of the Lane county delegation, today introduced a bill providing for the taxation of all persons and firms appropriating water for power of manufacturing purposes.

**TO PUNISH GOSSIPERS.**  
A bill presented in the house today by Brooke provides fines of from \$250 to \$1,000 for circulating any malicious rumor or report concerning another.

**HISTORICAL BUILDING.**  
Speaker McArthur today offered a bill appropriating \$150,000 for a permanent home for the Oregon Historical Society.

**HATPINS LIMITED TO 10 INCHES.**  
Representative Farrell's bill, limiting to 10 inches the length of hatpins, passed the house this afternoon with 33 votes in its favor. Its passage was preceded by a short but lively debate in which Mr. Farrell presented the merits of the bill by pointing out the danger to the eyesight of the "innocent bystander" from the wearing of the hatpins now used by women. Representative Jaeger attacked the bill, alleging that because of the style of hats now worn by the fair sex it would be impossible for them properly to fasten their headgear with a pin no longer than 10 inches.

**BINGHAM'S ROAD BILL.**  
Senator Bingham has introduced a bill authorizing counties to call elections on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$500,000 for the improvement of public highways.

**WHIPPING POST LAW.**  
Repeal of the whipping post law proposed by Representative Buchanan, was favorably recommended by the house committee on judiciary.

**LOCAL OPTION MEASURE.**  
Representative Bonebrake has introduced in the house a bill in the interest of better enforcement of the local option law of the state. It empowers justices of the peace and municipal court judges to require the attendance as witnesses of persons who may procure liquor and become intoxicated in dry counties. Such persons may also be compelled to divulge the name or names of persons of whom the liquor was obtained unlawfully. In return for this testimony, persons becoming intoxicated under such conditions will be immune from prosecution for the offense. The bill is an exact reproduction of the statute in force in the state of Michigan and has the endorsement of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League.

**COLLECTION OF TAXES.**  
Representative Hughes of Marion has introduced in the house a bill providing for elections in the different counties on the question of making the county treasurer tax collector instead of the sheriff.

**AGAINST COMPANY HOSPITALS.**  
Collection of hospital fees from employees by corporations not owning and maintaining their own hospitals is prohibited by the terms of a bill presented in the house today by Representative Beddillon of Coos. The provisions of the bill do not apply to corporations that maintain their own hospitals for the treatment of their sick and injured employees.

**H. L. Dewald** was in Roseburg Wednesday enroute home to Days creek from an extended visit at Cottage Grove with his father, a storekeeper of that town, who was assaulted by thugs a few months ago. Mr. Dewald reports his father as being his former self again.—Roseburg Review.

## GREAT BOOSTER EXCURSION TO SALEM TO WORK FOR CREATION OF NESMITH COUNTY

### Including Delegations From North Douglas County, Dorena, Creswell, Lorane, Cottage Grove--More than 100 Strong Before Committee on Counties. Many Able Affirmative Speeches--Decidedly Weak Opposition.

If any one has ever entertained the idea that the people of south Lane and north Douglas are not in real earnest in their campaign for the creation of Nesmith county that idea was completely dispelled Wednesday when the business and professional men of Cottage Grove closed their doors for the day and joined the Cottage Grove Commercial Club, north Douglas, Lorane and Creswell delegations in their big excursion to Salem to be present before the House committee when the bill for the creation of Nesmith county came up for consideration in the committee room in the state capitol Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. The south Lane and north Douglas contingent numbered one hundred strong and filled a southern Pacific passenger coach to standing room only. The great crowd was characterized by its earnestness of purpose, harmonious course of action and enthusiasm.

The committee meeting was called to order by Representative Greer, chairman of the committee, who stated the purpose of the meeting. H. O. Thompson, president of the Cottage Grove Commercial Club, was the first speaker. He told the committee the Nesmith county movement was not a political movement, that men of all parties and in every walk of life in the territory comprising the proposed new county, had united in one common cause, and over one hundred of these earnest and staunch supporters of this movement had come all the way to the state capitol on this day to meet with the committee on counties to present their just claims for the creation of Nesmith county. Mr. Thompson then introduced Hon. R. M. Veatch who delivered a ringing address before the committee. He called attention to the typography of the territory included within the proposed Nesmith county, showing that its valleys and water-ways were taken into consideration in the establishment of county lines and those having their outlets toward Eugene and Roseburg were left within the boundary of the two old counties, which accounts for a portion of the north and south lines of the proposed new county being somewhat irregular. He likened Lane and Douglas to great farms which were characteristic of pioneer Oregon, saying that as the state began to become more largely populated and developed it was found necessary to sub-divide these great tracts into smaller tracts which resulted in the more rapid growth and development of the state, and to the personal advantage of all concerned. This he said is equally as applicable to the large undeveloped counties of Oregon which cannot be as well governed as they should be in their isolated districts from their present county seats. He said the movement for the creation of Nesmith county was not actuated by any selfish or political motives, but solely by the demands of the commercial and industrial interests of this territory. He said this territory was continually paying great sums in taxes into the coffers of Lane county without receiving its just proportion of county funds for public improvements, the development of this territory, rich in natural resources, thereby being retarded and the wheels of progress blocked. He said when county aid was secured it was upon a promise that the community interested would contribute as much of a cash fund as that supplied by the court, which amounted to

double taxation. He said we were subjected to taxation without representation, citing the fact that for many years south Lane had not been favored with a place on the county board nor in the county's legislative delegation and that today almost every officer of the county and delegate to the legislature was from Eugene or the immediate vicinity of the county seat. These things have grown intolerable and there being no other imminent relief, county division is prayed for as the most expedient method of throwing off this yoke of bondage. He covered every phase of the political and administrative abuses to which this territory is subjected and set forth the fact that the people of the proposed new county were just, fair and modest in their demands upon the two old counties, which, if not granted, owing to opposition from the Lane and Douglas legislative delegations, would be appealed to the people of Oregon for their just consideration at the next state election.

Mr. Veatch was frequently applauded and received the marked attention of the committee, which was visibly pleased with his plain, gentlemanly and convincing presentation of the case.

**As to the Bohemia Mines.**  
A. B. Wood of the O. & S. E. railroad addressed the committee from a transportation standpoint. He stated that he had superintended construction work on the present railroad from Cottage Grove into the Bohemia mines, had as-

### COUNTY Seat towns are always against county division.--Portland Daily Journal.

sisted in various surveys in that district and was familiar with that territory which is included in the proposed Nesmith county and knows it to be directly tributary to Cottage Grove, the only outlet for this important mining camp.

### Taxation Without Representation

C. H. Burkholder addressed the committee from a business man's standpoint. He said he had resided in Cottage Grove for 22 years and south Lane had not had representation on the county board in that time, nor have we today representation in the county or legislature in any capacity. We are taxed practically without representation, contrary to the fundamental principles of American government. Our experience in securing road and bridge improvements, is we that are required to put up dollar for dollar to secure these improvements after having paid our taxes and being entitled to a proportionate share of the county's road fund for such purpose, yet we must pay a double tax to get them. He submitted a map showing the proposed boundary lines of Nesmith county, stating we could not submit a better one, owing to our burdensome taxation. The map was then fully and carefully explained to the committee.

### Wheeler County's Success

J. F. Spray said he would prove to the committee that Lane and Douglas county had no cause to oppose the Nesmith county movement. He submitted facts secured from the records in the secretary of state's office, which shows the remarkable annual increase in Lane county's taxable property. He called attention to

the formation of Wheeler county, which assumed \$35,000 indebtedness. It is running a splendid county government on a \$3,000,000 valuation on less taxes than formerly paid, and is practically out of debt. He referred the committee to Representative Stewart of Wheeler, who was seated near, as to the truth of his assertions. He said even the opposition admit that if this question of a new county is submitted to a vote of the people at the next state election it will surely win, as did the Hood river proposition and that county division is inevitable, then why not give it to us now. The creation of Nesmith county would remove a remote district expensive to the present county court and thereby cut off a considerable source of expense to Lane county.

### Best for Creswell

Dr. L. D. Scarborough of Creswell was the next speaker. He said that he resided in the extreme north end of the proposed new county, but as an extensive fruit grower and property owner he felt that it would be to the best interests of his people to be incorporated within the new county. He said that when investors and commission men came to the Willamette valley to seek an investment or buy products of the forest, field or orchard, they naturally stopped at the last county seat town upon the valley, which is Eugene. With a county seat at Cottage Grove they would be attracted to that point from which they would inspect and work the tributary country, which would include Creswell and that community would greatly profit thereby. He felt that taxes would not be increased by the creation of Nesmith county, in either the old or new county. He also explained that while the northern boundary line of Nesmith passed within six miles of Eugene at one point, owing to Spencer's butte and a rugged range of mountains intervening at this point it was in reality 18 miles by wagon road from Eugene to this point, hence, owing to the typography of the country this section was nearer and more easy of access to Cottage Grove than to Eugene. This was a strong point not heretofore made clear. The doctor's argument no doubt carried much weight with the committee.

### North Douglas Willing

Chas. Henderer said he resided in Douglas county within one-half mile of the southern boundary line of the new county and could heartily endorse every word that had been uttered in behalf of the creation of Nesmith county and that he heartily favored the formation of the new county, as a movement for the best interests of all concerned.

### Ex-Sheriff Johnson for Nesmith.

Ex-Sheriff A. J. Johnson, residing at Creswell, near the north boundary line of the proposed Nesmith county, said when he first heard of the Nesmith movement he hooted at the idea, but upon listening to the fair and square statement of the Nesmith promoters and upon studying their proposed boundary lines, he had become more and more convinced that it is a thoroughly just, fair and practical proposition to all concerned and that he now is in hearty accord and an enthusiastic supporter of the movement. Mr. Johnson made a plain, convincing argument before the committee and coming from an extreme north side resident could but have

had considerable weight with the committee.

### Douglas County Generosity.

J. G. Allen of Anlauf, said he was not much of a public speaker but was a whole lot of a road supervisor. Douglas, he said was so generous as to graut them \$250 a year to keep up 22 miles of mountain road, with an old plow and a drag sled thrown in. The result was that a horse with a saddle blanket on would mire down in their road six months out of the year. He said when he listened to the illogical argument of the opposition he was reminded of a small nubbin of corn with a great big husk. The old gentleman provoked much mirth by his drollery, but his witticisms were decidedly pointed and convincing in clinching his argument. He is a Douglas man solid for Nesmith first, last and all of the time.

### Judge Medley's Brilliant Speech.

Judge J. S. Medley, said Judge Williams, his worthy opponent representing Eugene in opposition to Nesmith county, had stated that he could refute the statement that "we had no representation in the state's legislative halls, by citing the fact that we have two clerks-ships," "yes," retorted Judge Medley "and with the continuation of the present regime, or policy that is about as great a representation as we will ever have." Lane county is almost equal to the area of the state of Tennessee. He likened a county seat to the hub of a wheel with roads and by-ways representing the spokes of the wheel, the improvements and developments being lessened as you reach out to the great rim, hence, with a hub and wheel established between the two present great wheels, an immense new and undeveloped territory will be more

opened. The same with our great farms, or donation land claims, which are rapidly being cut up into 10, 20 and 40 acre tracts in order to accommodate a greater and growing population, greater development, greater wealth, all being productive of a greater Oregon. Our opponents have said that the promoters of the Nesmith county project were composed of a handful of job seekers. He cited to the presence of over one hundred prominent citizens of Cottage Grove, Creswell, Comstock, Anlauf, Leona and Lorane, who had neglected their daily business affairs had used their own money in paying the expense of coming all the way to Salem to work for the creation of Nesmith county. The salaries proposed for the officers of Nesmith being \$1,200 per year for sheriff and clerk, \$600 per annum for county judge, \$100 per year for treasurer, were, he did not think, sufficiently attractive to cause any great stampede among office seekers for these diminutive political plums.

The opinions of the Attorney

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## LITTLE DAMAGE FROM FREEZE.

### Cold and Flood in California Causes Advance in Produce

Portland, Or., Jan. 26.—Latest reports from the potato-growing districts adjacent to the city indicate that the loss to the producers as a consequence of the recent freeze will not be as heavy as was at first thought. A week ago it was estimated that from 20 to 30 per cent of the stocks in pits and cellars had been frozen, but an accurate survey of the situation was then impossible.

Since then pits and cellars generally have been opened and the frozen tubers have been thawed out, and dealers say that a much smaller proportion than was expected has been found to have been damaged. In many cases only thin layers of potatoes near the surface has been frozen, the interior showing up in good shape. The work of thawing out the damaged tubers is now in progress and a free market movement is among the probabilities in the near future, unless it proves difficult for buyers and sellers to get together on prices. It is now believed that the loss will not total more than 10 to 15 per cent of the crop.

For the present there is little doing in the trade. Dealers report some buying the past few days, and in some quarters growers are reported to be inclined to sell at these figures. Others, however, are bullish in their views and show little disposition to let loose.

Late reports from California lend strength to the local situation. In the flooded district of that state, where a large acreage had been planted to potatoes, it is feared that great damage has been done to the crop. A local dealer today announced the receipt of a telegram from the south reporting that three of the islands in the vicinity of Stockton, where potatoes are a main crop, were completely inundated.

San Francisco reports a good demand for Oregon, with practically no supply for the time. The chances are that at least half a dozen cars will be sent south during the week.

Cooper & Randall sold a 5-acre tract from the Knox farm this week to Willard Wollard of Anlauf for \$500. They also sold 4 lots in Cooper & Randall's new addition to Cottage Grove this week to Geo. Atkinson.

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