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## THE SPECIAL SESSION

Oregon Legislature Convened Monday and Effectuated Organization

## SHORT SESSION

Emergency Bills Passed—Adjourned Sine Die Wednesday

The special session of the Oregon legislature convened at Salem Monday with Geo. W. Brownell, president of the Senate and L. T. Harris, speaker of the house. Organization was effected by declaring various committees of the last session as satisfactory for the duration of the special session. The rules governing the former session were adopted. Governor Abernethy presented his message, which was read in joint session and reference only to the regulation of the new tax law. Many bills have been introduced and the following have been passed.

**BILLS MADE LAWS.**  
Phelps law is repealed; the law, with minor changes, is enacted; the \$300 exemption on taxes is restored; difficulty to Recorder's fees is removed.

**CRIMINAL**—Law relating to penitentiary executions is amended so that crimes committed prior to the taking effect of the new law shall be punished according to the law then in force.  
**CHARTERS**—Bills passed in both houses for Adams, Gold Ray, Beaver Hill, North Bend, Marshfield, Lebanon, Cottage Grove, Athens, Lostine and Dallas City.  
**GAME**—Prohibition of the killing of elk prior to September 15, 1904.  
**LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR**—Joint memorial adopted urging Congress to grant the appropriation asked for.  
The Celilo Canal bill passed the senate Wednesday afternoon and the house a little later. It carries with it a \$100,000 appropriation.

**SOME BILLS INTRODUCED.**  
The Jones bill in the house is aimed to cure the car shortage evil, from which Oregon has suffered incalculable injury the past season. That bill is modeled after the Texas act, and imposes severe penalties for failure to furnish cars within a reasonable time. Representative Hatchinson, of Multnomah county, introduced the most drastic measure to prohibit gambling in this state ever placed before the Oregon legislature. The bill is an exact copy of the Washington law which has effectually stopped gambling in that state. An organized and desperate effort was made for adjournment of the legislature Wednesday night and was successful. This was in order to suppress the bill making gambling a felony and also to suppress the bill for railroad traffic regulation. The flat salary bill, placing state officers on flat salary, was also smothered. At midnight Wednesday the special session adjourned sine die and is now only history.

## NEW CHARTER SUBMITTED

Read and Adopted at Citizens Mass Meeting Last Friday Evening

## LEGISLATURE ACTS

Will Become in Full Force and Effect When Signed by the Governor

The citizens mass meeting held in the opera house last Friday evening was largely attended by the tax payers and citizens generally of Cottage Grove, who listened attentively to the reading of the new amendments to the charter which were adopted by the vote of the people one by one, subject to final action or passage by the legislature at this special session, if possible. The amendments were confined principally to extension of the incorporate limits of the city, broader and more explicit provisions for street and other improvements, increase of the bonding limit for the city from \$20,000 to \$100,000, and other minor amendments in relation to municipal elections, etc. A new clause, thorough and exhaustive, relating to the construction and maintenance of a sewerage system for the city was also introduced, read and unanimously adopted with much satisfaction on the part of the people. Quite a sensation was sprung on the meeting and a lively debate precipitated by the presentation of a petition to the meeting providing for the insertion of a local option clause in the newly adopted charter. Rev. G. H. Feese, Rev. F. E. Billington and Rev. Boyles championed the measure, assisted by Attorney A. H. King and Thos. Medley. It was opposed by Atty's J. S. Medley, J. C. Johnson and his honor, the mayor, by the latter simply on the grounds that this movement had been undertaken at the eleventh hour and that its adoption would necessitate the changing of all the clauses in the charter relating to the licensing of saloons, etc., and in order to get the new charter properly before the special legislative session, the time limit was inadequate to thus alter the charter and insert the proposed clause. The measure and petition was defeated in a rising vote. Mayor R. M. Veatch ably presided over the meeting and Prof. Briggs acted in the capacity of reading clerk and secretary, assisted by Recorder, J. E. Young. A committee consisting of R. M. Veatch and Charles Burkholder was elected at the conclusion of the meeting to carry the newly revised charter to Salem and urge its passage at the special legislative session, which convened Monday.

**NEW CHARTER PASSED BY LEGISLATURE.**  
Mayor R. M. Veatch who carried the newly amended and adopted charter to Salem Sunday to urge its

passage at this special session of the Legislature returned home Wednesday having fully accomplished his mission. He arranged with Representative Edwards of this county to introduce the new charter bill in the house and it was passed without objection Tuesday. It was introduced in the senate soon thereafter and was just as speedily passed and was then remanded to the governor for his signature, when it immediately becomes into full force and operation by the provisions of an emergency clause which the charter bill contained. There is every probability that the governor will affix his signature to this and several other important charter bills which were also passed, at a very early date. The passage of this new charter bill at this special legislative session means much for Cottage Grove, and will hasten badly needed improvements in this city at least fifteen months. The Mayor, city council and its committee on drafting the new charter is to be heartily congratulated upon the timely, efficient and expedient manner in which relief is being secured for the city in the provisions, and through the passage of this new charter.

**Brownell's Resolution.**  
Whereas, Oregon will hold an election previous to the one which will name our next President, therefore, be it  
Resolved, That we, members of the Legislature and of the Republican party for the State of Oregon, in caucus assembled, heartily indorse the firm course pursued by our fearless President, Theodore Roosevelt, and hereby and in harmony with the North Pacific Coast demand his renomination and hereby pledge him the unanimous support of the Republican party of the State of Oregon.  
The motion to adopt the resolution was responded to by a rising vote and continued applause, in joint session.

**No More Car Famines.**  
It is announced that the Southern Pacific R. R. Co., will undertake to see that Oregon's industries do not hereafter suffer from a car famine. The people along the line of the Southern Pacific in this state are absolutely dependent upon the road for the removal of their products to the market, and while the producer suffers materially from such conditions as have existed throughout the great timber belt for the past four months, it is certainly true that they have suffered no greater loss than the railroad company. To cripple the industries along its lines means simply that capital will withdraw from the district and go onto the Great Northern or Northern Pacific where they prevent car famines, consequently one can hardly believe that it is contrariness on the part of the Southern Pacific and the fact that they are endeavoring to prevent the recurrence of the present condition would make one believe they mean to do the square thing in the future.—Ex.  
Chinese have no use for American law—they are a law unto themselves. Those who lost by the fire at Portland Wednesday night declare they will kill the Chinaman in whose kitchen the fire originated, and whom they hold responsible for the fire.

## FINE NEW MILL PLANT

Long & Bingham Co. Receives New Kiln Dryer and Motive Power

## INSTALLING PLANT

Will Increase Capacity of the Company's Big Mill in Cottage Grove.

The Long & Bingham Lumber Company of this city, of which Dr. E. A. Lawbaugh is president and treasurer; I. H. Bingham, manager and E. A. Page, secretary, received direct from Indianapolis, Indiana, this week a new National lumber kiln which is now being installed in the new building provided for it adjoining their saw mill in this city, by a large force of men. The new steam lumber kiln is 22x88 feet and will have a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber per day. The new planer shed forms an extension to the lumber kiln and is 40x136 feet which completes a shedded floor space of 40x224 feet. More platform space has also been provided and the two additional new boilers of 100 horsepower each are being inducted by the brick masons and will soon be ready to steam up. The additional 200 horsepower engine is expected to arrive daily and will be used to drive

the sawmill plant which is also to be equipped with live rollers, while the engine now in use will supply power for the new planers. Among the new machinery to arrive this week was a large lathe and bolting machine which will be installed in the planer sheds. The installation of this additional machinery will give this enterprising lumber company the largest and most modernly equipped lumbering plant in South Lane county. The company has secured large bodies of timber along the line of the O. & S. E. railroad where their logging camps are established, from which points logs are delivered to the mill in this city, in train load lots. Ample railroad yards have been provided about the mill and the company will soon be in shape for extensive operations and fully prepared to handle the large volume of business promised during the coming year. The LEADER congratulates this progressive company upon its energy and enterprise.

**Timber Order is Revoked.**  
Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Hitchcock has completed the preparation for the evidence in the land fraud cases. Commissioner Richards of the general land office today revoked the order suspending the timber and stone entries in Oregon, California, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Washington, which have been held up pending the investigations. There is no doubt, but what there will now be a renewal of timberland and homestead entry operations and many new claims will be located in this part of the state this season.  
Neil Regan, of Bohemia, is in the city. He will spend most of the Winter in Portland.

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