

LURALITY VOTE'S POWER MAY BE ELIMINATED

State Capitol, Salem, Or., Feb. 16. Believing that such a law will eliminate plurality nominations, adopted to be a serious defect in Oregon's direct primary law, the house yesterday passed Speaker Rusk's choice bill by a vote of 38 to 16. The bill is certain to pass the senate, Senator Sinsott having assisted in drafting.

Smith and Buchanan were only members of the house to oppose the bill in the debate. They asked the measure on constitutional grounds, alleging that the provision, invalidating a ballot when the elector failed to indicate his choice, was not in keeping with the constitution which, they held, does not contemplate that elector shall be deprived of his right to vote for a candidate only.

Bourne's Case Recalled.

Huntington, in arguing for the bill, said the greatest defect in the constitution was the plurality nominations which have been the cause of the election of 1906. He said that six candidates before the people, Senator Bourne received less than 13,000 votes in a total vote of 90, or less than one-third of the vote.

He who assisted in framing the bill, denied the accusation of Fouts, the proposed law was introduced for the purpose of defeating Bourne's re-election in 1912. Gill provided a friendly feeling for the orator, whom he supported 906, and said that the Rusk bill provided for carrying into effect that section of the constitution which Fouts based his charge on unconstitutionally.

Bad Features Expunged.

Rooke maintained that the bill intended for carrying out the will of the people by putting into effect a law which was intended by the voters of the state when they adopted the original representation amendment to the state constitution. In its original operation, continued he, such a law would eliminate all of the objectionable features of the present law. Abrams and Rusk spoke briefly for the bill as detailed vote on the bill was: H. B. 256, by Abrams—Appropriating \$40,000 to construct armories. H. B. 344, by Abbott—Legalizing evening schools and adult education. H. B. 344, by Derby—Placing Hood River county in the seventh judicial district. H. B. 345, by Bonebrake—Authorizing Benton county to construct bridge across Willamette at Corvallis. H. B. 226, by Gill—Relating to gailon houses. H. B. 367—Regulating construction of bridges over streams that are boundary lines between two counties. H. B. 315—Regulating killing of game in Union and Wallawa counties. H. B. 361 by Belknap and Thompson—Fixing salaries of officers of Crook county. H. B. 176 by Belknap and Thompson—Fixing salaries of officers of Grant county. H. B. 369 by Brooke—Fixing salaries of officers of Harney county. H. B. 185, by Beals—To fix salaries of officers of Tillamook county. **Bills Failed To Pass.** H. B. 358, by Buchanan—Allowing rotation of directors of corporations. H. B. 320, by Sutton—Relating to counting of election ballots. H. B. 177, by Clemens—Relating to surety company bonds. H. B. 372, by Marion, Clackamas and Yamhill delegations—To close Chinese pheasant season for two years.

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A. E. WHITAKER ASKS QUESTION

Walton, Or., Feb. 16, 1911. Editor Guard:—In reading The Guard this morning I notice a dispatch from Mexico, Mexico, which stated that a band of insurgents recaptured Mexicali. The federalists were routed and hurriedly crossed over to the American side. When I got through with The Guard, I picked up the Oregon Journal, and the very first thing that attracted my attention, printed in large double-headed headlines, was: "Rebel General Crosses Border; Thrown in Jail." The question that arises in my mind is, was it not as much of a violation of the neutrality law for those federal soldiers to cross the border to save their hides as it was for that rebel general to be found on our side of the line with a gun in his hands? To the wisdom of The Guard force this question is respectfully submitted by

A. E. WHITAKER.

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TWENTY-TWO TOWNS WILL BE SERVED BY NEW RAILROAD

Oregon Trunk Road Up Describes Accommodates Thousands of People

Twenty-two towns, with a total population of 3000, with a distributive area containing 40,000 people, will be thrown into daily contact with Portland by means of a daily train service on the Oregon Trunk railway on March 1. Many of these towns are new places on the map, some of them having been in existence only a year or two, awaiting the arrival of the Oregon Trunk. Some were stage stations before the arrival of President Stevens in central Oregon. The new towns are Moody, Kloan, Lockat, Dyke, Snamox, Oakbrook, Eshar, Tuskan, Maupin, Nena, Frieda, Nethan, Kaskela, Uren, Coleman, Mecca, Vanora, Polton, Madras and Meccatollus. On June 1 or sooner, the following towns are to be thrown open to the service of the road: Culver, Opal City, Hillman, Redmond, Wesley and Bend.

They are along the line constructed through the Deschutes canyon and up on the plains of central Oregon. Back of the canyon are the Agency Plains, the Warm Springs reservation, Trout Creek, Big Plains and Little Agency prairie. Some idea of the importance of this event may be realized when it is known that this new line brings to Portland the products of 500,000 acres of tillable land. It changes the entire map of central Oregon, for it proves better railway facilities for the country as for south as Burns, east beyond Prineville and west beyond the Crooked river into the Three Sisters country. It contains 402,000 head of sheep, 50,000 head of cattle and 20,000 horses. It produces 1,000,000 bushels of wheat and its property is assessed in millions. The railway will make possible sawmills in the canyon, at Bend and at Redmond, and there are 5,000,000 feet of lumber available for use of the mills.—Oregonian.

WEST WOULD FORCE PRINTER ON SALARY

Tells Legislature That Grant Must Be Cut Off at Once

State Capitol, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—Reminding the house that this session of the legislature has already made a new high record in appropriations, Governor West, in a message addressed to the members of the house tonight, warned that body that unless the pruning-knife is applied to unnecessary appropriations, he will feel justified in exercising his right to veto in protecting the people of the state from undue extravagance.

This unusual message from the chief executive of the state was brought about by the action of the house this afternoon in postponing indefinitely the bill placing the state printer on a flat salary, which the governor said in his message was a monstrous measure, and would force a saving to the taxpayers of from \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year.

Message Is Not Heeded.

The house took no action on the message. Instead, after a short but lively debate, just after receiving the anti-extravagance message, the house passed Senator Carson's bill appropriating \$100,000 for the purchase of additional grounds and for the construction of a building for state purposes at Salem. There were 33 votes for the bill, which Huntington and others opposed as an unnecessary expenditure.

Governor West stated later that he had reached a definite conclusion that unless the bill for a flat salary for state printer went through he would absolutely veto the bill providing for a \$150,000 building to be placed on the Capitol grounds.

Bailey Is a Waste.

"Some one's pet measure will suffer to the extent of \$20,000 if that bill is not passed," declared Governor West tonight in discussing State Duty and Food Commissioner Bailey. "The office costs \$20,000 a year and is bringing in no returns to the state from management. The legislature will do well to take decisive action in connection with Bailey. I do not know whose pet measure will be affected, but it will be someone's, and to the extent of reimbursing the state for the financial loss it will suffer if Bailey is not compelled to leave his office."

Eight Hour Bill Lost.

Its author declining to permit an amendment of the bill as it passed the senate, Senator Dimick's eight-hour bill was killed in the house this afternoon. There were only 17 votes in its favor.

Judges' Salaries Raised.

After the house had refused to pass the senate bill increasing from \$3,000 to \$4,000 the annual salary of all circuit judges, Fouts of Multnomah secured a reconsideration of the bill and it passed late this afternoon. There were only 23 votes for the bill when it was rejected by the House, but on second ballot there were not to exceed a dozen votes against it.

Public Service Commission.

Senator Malarkey's bill, providing for statewide regulation of public service corporations by the Oregon railroad commission passed the house this afternoon by a vote of 43 to 12.

Immediately following this action the house indefinitely postponed Fouts' bill which proposed a similar commission, but exempted from its jurisdiction for the regulation of its own public institutions.

House Spends Money.

Eclipsing all past records for appropriations for a single day, both houses of the Oregon legislature, working like a machine, ground out bills representing \$3,777,124.93 and up to a late hour was still passing on

O.A.C. GETS ANNUAL APPROPRIATION INCREASED

Special to the Guard.

Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—The legislature cannot adjourn until tomorrow noon. The senate will be practically ready to quit, but the house is far behind. Only three bills reached the governor's office during the last two days, although a hundred passed both houses in that period.

The house seems indifferent over the fact that but a few hours remain, acting as unconcerned as though they had six weeks more.

The house passed the O. A. C. special appropriation amounting to \$570,000 for two years. The maintenance appropriation was also increased to \$140,000.

A new bill was offered in the house this morning, providing that the railroad commissioners be elected from states at large instead of from congressional districts, as at present. The bill passed.

The senate passed the bill protecting China pheasants for two years. Bean opposed it strongly, but was defeated. He argued that Lane county pheasants are plentiful and do not need a closed season for two years.

The house defeated the eight-hour bill this afternoon.

The senate passed ten bills this morning.

A favorable report on bill nullifying the Rogue river initiative enacted by the people, has been received by the senate and adopted.

COMMITTEES TURN ANNEXATION DOWN HARD

Bennett, Originator of Resolution, is Only Member to Vote for It

Washington, Feb. 17.—The house committee on foreign affairs today voted 9 to 1 against the Bennett resolution for Canadian annexation and necessary negotiations with Great Britain. This action taken today is hoped to offset any possible adverse action upon the reciprocity agreement. Bennett was the only member of the committee who voted for the resolutions. The committee and its action followed the conference of Chairman Foster, of the committee, and Acting Chairman McCall, of the ways and means committee, with President Taft today.

ELMER YARNALL DIES SUDDENLY FROM LA GRIFFE

Well-Known Citizen Succumbs at Hospital After Very Short Illness

Eugene people were surprised and shocked to learn today that J. Elmer Yarnall, a well-known citizen of this city, died this forenoon at 10:45 o'clock at the Eugene hospital after an illness of only two or three days' duration of la grippe. He was taken to the hospital only yesterday afternoon and at that time his condition was not considered at all serious. He had a room at the Hotel Smeed and he was taken from there to the hospital in an ambulance. He appeared to be pretty sick and weak at that time, but the attending physicians considered it only a common case of la grippe, which is so prevalent in the city at present.

Last night Mr. Yarnall became worse and the hospital attendants and the physicians realized that his condition was serious. He gradually grew worse until the end came this forenoon.

Mr. Yarnall was aged about 47 years and had lived in Lane county many years. He formerly conducted a farm in the Mohawk valley, but had lived in Eugene for the past few years. He built one of the sorority houses at the University and owned other property in the city and vicinity. He leaves seven brothers and sisters and two sons, one in Alaska and the other at Boise, Idaho.

No funeral arrangements have been made. Word has been sent to a number of the brothers and sisters who reside at a distance, and before the services can be arranged word will have to be received from them.

Bowman opened the debate by outlining the features of the bill and replying to the objections raised by Governor West in his veto message. Miller upheld the administration view of the constitutionality of the bill, calling attention to the fact that in creating the office of assistant-governor it was deemed necessary to prepare a constitutional provision.

"The secretary of state," he asserted, "was elected to transact the business of the office and if the people have made a mistake in electing a man who cannot fulfill his duties, it is the fault of the people and the blame does not belong to us."

The vote on sustaining the veto of the governor was as follows: Yeas—Abraham, Barrett (Umatilla), Barrett (Washington), Bowman, Burgess, Carson, Chase, Hawkins, Lester, Locke, Malarkey, Her-

L. B. CLIFT SAYS MANY OKLAHOMANS ARE COMING TO OREGON

Fruit from This State Bought in Preference to Others—Too Dry There

El Reno, Okla., Feb. 8, '11. Editor Guard:—I arrived here on February 3, and found everything dry and cold. There has not been any rain since October 1 of last year up to this time, only enough to lay the dust. The wheat is about all dried out, still people are getting ready to sow oats. The wind will get to the south and one will think it will rain, but it will again whip around to the north, and get cold and no rain or snow. There will be a big emigration out of this country to the coast this spring. Recruits will run out of here from the tenth of March to April 15, for \$25 to any town on the coast and there will surely be lots of people take advantage of the rate to the coast in the spring. I will be taking along a good many with me when I return to Eugene, if they stick to what they say they will do and I will come back on the expiration date.

The people here will not buy apples unless they are from Oregon. The wholesale houses are handling Oregon apples and they find a ready sale here at good prices in Guthrie, Oklahoma City, Eluid and El Reno. Other Oklahoma towns, too, are handling the Oregon product. When a party comes from Oregon apples, he will buy no other. They tell me that the apples are so well handled that they can tell them from any other apples by sight. The people of Oregon want to get busy and put out more orchards and walnut trees because there is no state that can raise the fruit that Oregon can, and there is room for thousands of more people and orchards, too, and don't think now that Oregon will have an over-production, as the demand for Oregon fruit will keep ahead of the consumption and the demand will be so great that the state will be out of the fruit all the time with good prices to the growers.

The Commercial club and promotion department of Eugene are surely doing their duty in advertising that part of Oregon, as I hear the name of Oregon on every hand and also frequent mention of Eugene. I brought a lot of literature from the Commercial club and put it all out and want more. I did not have half enough. Nearly everybody wants the literature to learn about our great state.

Yours truly,

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RUSK FIGHTS FOR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Bill Passes House to Lay Out Third Congressional District

State Capitol, Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Mahoney's bill, constituting Multnomah county, unattached, as the third congressional district, passed the house yesterday 52 to 32, following a short but active fight to have the bill re-referred to the special committee on reapportionment for further consideration.

In this attempted move, Speaker Rusk took an active hand on the floor of the house but the speaker and his forces were routed by a vote of 52 to 37 by which the re-refer was defeated.

Back to Rusk for Congress. Speaker Rusk's activity in the consideration of this bill, is explained from the fact that there is an undisputed report that he expects to be a candidate for congress two years from now. Naturally he would prefer to run for that office in a district of which Multnomah forms a part, as his associations during the session have been decidedly friendly with the Multnomah delegation and he has in other ways been very considerate of the county with a third of the voting population of the state. With such a mon as Thompson, McKinney, Brooke and Mahoney, all of whom are said to have their eyes on the lower house of congress, Rusk would have a decidedly lively scramble for the nomination in the second congressional district, as it will be constituted under the provision of the Mahoney bill, of which Wallawa, Eugene and Coos counties, is one.

Governor Sustained.

After consuming three hours in debate, the senate yesterday sustained Governor West's veto of Bowman's senate bill No. 55, declaring the office of assistant-governor of state. Only 15 votes could be mustered against the veto of the governor, while 14 stood to sustain it. Bowman lost three votes since the bill was passed.

Numerous interesting incidents marked the discussion, including a statement by Bowman which McCall considered an imputation of his honesty. Sinsott also made the suggestion that possibly the present governor might hold the ambition to become United States senator, which he cited as "a laudable ambition."

Bowman opened the debate by outlining the features of the bill and replying to the objections raised by Governor West in his veto message. Miller upheld the administration view of the constitutionality of the bill, calling attention to the fact that in creating the office of assistant-governor it was deemed necessary to prepare a constitutional provision.

"The secretary of state," he asserted, "was elected to transact the business of the office and if the people have made a mistake in electing a man who cannot fulfill his duties, it is the fault of the people and the blame does not belong to us."

The vote on sustaining the veto of the governor was as follows: Yeas—Abraham, Barrett (Umatilla), Barrett (Washington), Bowman, Burgess, Carson, Chase, Hawkins, Lester, Locke, Malarkey, Her-

W. C. Neigenfind, of Antigo, Wis., was an arrival in Eugene last evening.

ANNEXATION TALK IN ENGLAND MAY PROVE DOWNFALL OF RECIPROCITY

London, Feb. 17.—Whether, as is supposed in some quarters, Congressman Bennett had no more sincere motive than to embarrass the reciprocity forces of his own country, there is no room to doubt that his Canadian annexation resolution has greatly disturbed certain minds