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SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY OREGON SOLONS

Many Proposed Appropriations
Rejected in Closing
Hours

Salem, Feb. 22.—This latest legislature of Oregon's passed appropriation bills for some \$1,100,000 more than did its predecessor of two years ago. While the session just ended was the most expensive the state has ever had, and in some respects the most extravagant, it provided three or four new sources of revenue which will partly make amends.

The bill for the taxation of public service corporations on capitalized net earnings will produce several hundred thousand dollars more annual revenue for the state than the present system; how much is yet a matter of conjecture, but it is expected to bring in an estimated amount of \$250,000, of which \$200,000 will come from taxation of public service corporations, and to add between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 to the assessable property of the state.

Insurance Law Brings More

A small additional revenue will come in from the Clemens-Bean law creating a new tax on fire insurance—perhaps \$15,000 over and above the \$10,000 annual expense of the new insurance commission. The new insurance law will increase the revenue from insurance from \$73,000 to \$100,000 a year, this adding more than \$25,000 annually. This act taxes fire and life premiums 1-2 per cent, and imposes an annual license fee on fire companies of \$150 and on life companies of \$100. An unknown new source of state cash is the act imposing a tax on water franchises of between 25 cents and \$2 per horsepower per annum. Another small addition to the revenue will come from increase of the inheritance tax.

Some Good Bills Passed

These several acts are credited to the merit account of the legislature. While the law-making body was extravagant and did a lot of things it should not have done, and while the membership of the house is regarded as considerably short of the legislative grades of other sessions—which, however, is no recommendation for the others—the legislature has some things to look back upon with some hope of appreciation from its constituents. It has been a "hatpin" and "bedsheet" legislature, sure enough, and yet it is only fair to award some credit, even though good service, like virtue, should be its own reward. It has enacted a good game code and killed the normal graft by appropriating no money for keeping up the normals.

Many Appropriations Killed

Although the big total of appropriations does not so indicate, a lot of appropriations went to the graveyard. One of them was \$300,000 for Johnson's road scheme; more than \$300,000 for normal schools; \$30,000 for topographic surveys; \$12,000 for milk inspection; \$100,000 for Indian fighters of 1855-56; \$25,000 lopped off the Seattle fair appropriation; \$20,000 for state auditor and board of control; \$150,000 for building for Oregon Historical Society; \$20,000 lopped off the maintenance of the Oregon Agricultural College; \$10,000 for steam boiler inspection. This makes a total of nearly \$1,000,000 and does not include all the killed money bills.

Total Money Spent

Including the contingent appropriation of \$300,000 for the purchase of the Oregon City locks, the total appropriations made by the twenty-fifth session of the legislature of the Oregon assembly was but \$3,651,356.35. These figures are reasonably accurate, though the journals of the session may show some discrepancies.

Increase Not Large

The increased appropriation of the session just closed over that of 1907 is but \$582,642. The largest appropriations outside of the general expense and deficiency appropriations during the session just closed were \$300,000 for the purchase of the locks at Oregon City, contingent upon a similar appropriation from the federal government; \$350,000 for the insane asylum; \$210,000 for the Agricultural College; \$100,000 for the Crater Lake road and \$200,000 for a branch asylum in Eastern Oregon, subject to the approval of the people at the next general election in November, 1910.

Senate Appropriations

Appropriations originating in the senate and passed by both houses were as follows:

Improving the quality of milk, butter, cream and cheese, \$13,000; banks and banking, \$20,000; Linn County Fair Association, \$500; Eastern Oregon agricultural station at Union, Or., \$30,000; annual support of State Agricultural College, \$160,000; appropriation for purchase of land, buildings and equipment for salmon hatcheries, \$20,000; State Agricultural College, \$50,000; central hatchery on Columbia river, \$15,000; armories for Oregon National Guard, \$40,000; conservation commission, prescribing its duties, etc., \$10,000; protection of salmon and sturgeon in the Columbia river, \$1,000; Oregon City locks, extending time (returns \$200,000 to general fund), \$300,000; state board of agriculture, appropriation of \$15,000 annually, \$10,000; state fair grounds sewer system, etc., \$25,000; state auditorium, \$5,000; insane asylum, \$350,000.

Total senate appropriations, \$1,662,642.

House Appropriations

Appropriations originating in the

ROBIN COOPER TELLS STORY OF CARMACK KILLING

Defendant in Sensational Murder Trial on Witness Stand

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 20.—"Senator Carmack shot at me once; then he fired again. I thought his next shot would kill me. I fired to save my own life. I believed I was in danger of death at his hands. I thought so then, I think so now."

Intensely pale, his face drawn and deep lines about his eyes and mouth indicating mental suffering, Robin J. Cooper, for the first time, today described the killing of his father's enemy in the streets of Nashville last November. He has suffered much since his arrest and he showed this by his manner today, but he told his story with straightforwardness that indicated his belief that what he said



ROBIN COOPER.
Young lawyer of Nashville, Tenn. who shot and killed former Senator Edward W. Carmack.

was true and for the first time the side of the Coopers in the tragedy that shocked a nation was made public. For four hours, under the skillful guidance of his senior counsel, Mac Robinson, Robin Cooper recited the events of the fatal day from the moment his father entered his office in the morning and told him he had warned Carmack that if the editorial assaults on him (Colonel Cooper) were continued the town was not big enough for both. He told of his frantic search for his father, who he thought he had met Carmack, of his arming himself and going out to locate Colonel Cooper; of the shooting and of the events down to his departure for the doctors' office leaving the brilliant Carmack behind, a corpse in the gutter of the street on which he lived.

Sister Helps Brother

And through his entire story his favorite sister, Mrs. Lucetta Durch, who has been a tower of strength to this young man, sat, well within the range of his eyes, leaning far forward in her chair and following his every motion and giving him every support possible. Wrapped up in her brother, this young man has never left his side since his first arraignment and she today gave him visible sympathy and support, and when late in the afternoon court was finally adjourned to Monday, she hurried with him to his prison cell, tenderly supporting him and whispering that, now his story was told, he "must soon be free."

The pair, brother and sister, were plainly the chief figures in the tragic drama today. Colonel Cooper sat in his usual stony attitude, leaning far back in his chair, pulling at his white moustache and never for a single instant indicating undue interest in the proceedings. He, more than any one else in the crowded courtroom, seemed a spectator rather than a prisoner.

house and passed by both houses were as follows:

Experiment station Umatilla irrigation project, support of \$6000; Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, additional appropriation for, \$25,000; codifying the statutes, appropriation for, \$25,000; state board of tax commissioners, creating appropriation for, \$36,000; prosecuting attorneys and deputies, increase of salaries, \$10,000; state agricultural college, \$210,000; bridge across snake river, \$15,000; state board of health, adding veterinarian, \$12,000; scalp bounty, \$40,000; state engineer and assistants, \$10,000; Yamhill county fair association, \$1000; state board of equalization of taxes, \$5000; reimbursement G. H. Small, \$280; reclamation of desert land, \$5000; bureau of labor, statistics, inspector of factories and workshops, \$4800; expenses of the State Horticultural Society, 1909, 1910, \$1000; state road from Pacific ocean to Idaho boundary, \$100,000; Grange fair association at Gresham, \$1000; state portage railway, \$15,000; branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon, \$200,000; Martha S. Lane, relief of, \$160; bank examiner, \$12,000; Clackamas county fair, \$1000; deficiency appropriation bill, \$104,267; deaf mute school, \$75,000; boys' and girls' aid, Clatsop county, \$1000; Oregon Historical Society, \$1000; additional deficiency, \$1,158.

Total house appropriations, \$2,588,392.35.

RAILROAD FROM EUGENE TO WEED TO BE RUSHED

Big Harriman Bond Issue Insures Construction Activity

Chicago, Feb. 20.—A large part of the millions which the Southern Pacific management has decided to raise by bond and stock issues is to be devoted to a battle which Edward H. Harriman is going to wage in the Northwest, with James J. Hill and the St. Paul interests, for the possession of valuable territory. It is understood that an official announcement will soon be made of important extensions to be made by Harriman in Oregon and other portions of the Pacific Northwest.

The state of Oregon is to secure advantages which were not dreamed of a few years ago, and which will bring that state into the forefront of the Northwest in the way of future development. The advent of the St. Paul into the transcontinental field and the activity of the Hill lines in surveying new territory, with the probability that the Northwestern will soon seek a coast extension, have made Harriman determined to secure all of the valuable territory in the Northwest that it is possible to obtain.

Will Spend Millions

This territory was as valuable several years ago, so far as future possibilities were concerned, but the fact that other railway systems have cast longing eyes upon the golden Northwest has caused Harriman to bestir himself. It is stated in connection with the new issue of securities that many millions will be devoted to extensions and new lines to supplement the Harriman network of roads in the West and Northwest. Harriman will settle the Portland gateway fight by building his own line from Portland to Tacoma, and using the Milwaukee right-of-way beyond that point to Seattle. Work on this line has already been started, and the agreement with the Milwaukee road has been signed.

To Extend Shasta Route

It is also known that Harriman has decided to rush his new Shasta route to speedy completion. The line has been built from Weed, Cal., to Klamath Falls, and is to be continued on north to a connection with the main line at Natron.

It is well understood that the Harriman people have decided to build an east and west line across Oregon, starting at Ontario on the east, on the Snake river, and extending almost due west to Natron. A third line will be built, it is said, along the Deschutes river, south from the Columbia river to a connection with the Shasta line at a point north of Klamath Falls. These lines will "nail down" a large portion of the unoccupied Oregon territory for the Harriman interests.

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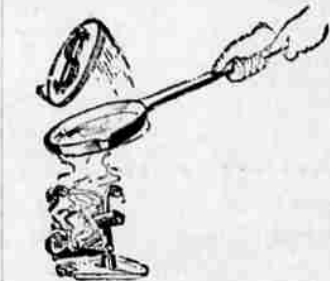
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