

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Saturday, February 16.
Salem, Feb. 16.—By a practically unanimous vote the bill requiring old line life insurance companies to create a reserve fund from a certain percentage of the premiums received for policies passed the house this morning.
The house today passed a bill to enable the husband or wife to transfer property that was acquired subsequent to the time the other was committed to the insane asylum.
The house adopted the senate resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution by which the number of justices of the supreme court shall be increased from three to five. The people will vote on the proposed amendment at the 1908 general election.
The house postponed action on the bill regulating practice of osteopath physicians.
The house passed the bill creating Nesmith County from that part of Wasco County south of the Deschutes river and the north part of Crook county.
The per diem and mileage allowance of the members of the house for this session has been made up. The total is \$9,705.45. King, of Harney and Malheur, receives the greatest amount, \$120 per diem and \$149.10 mileage. Rogers and Reynolds, of Marion, receive the smallest amounts, each getting \$120 per diem and 30 cents mileage.

Friday, February 15.
Salem, Feb. 15.—The senate, by a vote of 18 to 11, passed the reapportionment bill of Senator Hart.
There will probably be no banking legislation this session. One bill was reported in the senate today, but it is certain to be killed and most of the others will die for lack of time.
The senate bill compelling the issuance of passes to state officers was passed by the house today and sent to the governor.
The irrigation and water code bill was slain in the house this afternoon.
The senate voted to buy the half block between the capitol building and the Southern Pacific to complete the capitol grounds. An appropriation of \$30,000 is made for the purchase.
The senate indefinitely postponed Hodson's bill making the Associated Press a common carrier.
The house joint resolution favoring five Supreme court judges was adopted by the senate.
Both houses passed the juvenile court bill over the veto of the governor and the measure is now a law.
The bill creating the Port of Columbia for control of pilotage and towage at the mouth of the Columbia passed the house.
The house passed the Jones bill for the purchase and maintenance of the Oregon City locks in conjunction with the Federal government.
The senate today passed 32 bills and the house 11.

Thursday, February 14.
Salem, Feb. 14.—The house today adopted a resolution fixing 12:01 a. m., February 24, as the time for adjournment of the legislature. It was also voted that no more bills should be received except by the standing committees. There are 440 bills on the calendar and consideration of senate measures has not yet commenced. The senate is becoming anxious and is discussing means of forcing the house to act upon senate bills.
The house passed the bill appropriating \$150,000 to the Agricultural college.

The house bill creating the office of inspector of mines passed that body without opposition.
Smith's bill to abolish two of the four normal schools passed the house tonight by a vote of 38 to 16, six absent. Only one slight amendment was made from the way it passed the senate, changing the time of the meeting of the new board from the third Wednesday in June to the third Wednesday in May.
A house resolution provides for the printing of 5,000 copies of the railroad commission bill for distribution to those who desire copies.
The house passed seven bills and the senate nine. Eleven new bills were introduced in the house this morning before the resolution checking the flood appeared.

Wednesday, February 13.
Salem, Feb. 13.—With only one dissenting vote the senate today took the Chapin railroad commission bill from the table. It is now ready for the governor's signature and it is said he will sign it. It was also reported tonight that he and the secretary of state and state treasurer had already conferred on the appointment of the commission.
Representative Newell proposed a constitutional amendment providing the recall of public officials. The idea is that where an officer is not serving the people the way he should, a petition containing the names of 25 per cent of the voters in his district may be filed asking his resignation. Should this not be forthcoming, a special election is called to elect a successor. At the special election the officer whose resignation is asked is also a candidate, and should he not be re-elected he must vacate the office to the successful candidate.

Post Habituals' Names.
Grants Pass—Grants Pass has solved the habitual drunkard problem in a novel way that is satisfactory to all concerned. When a man begins to make a nuisance of himself by drinking, the city attorney drafts an ordinance enacting that John Jones is a habitual drunkard, the city council passes it, and John Jones' name is forth with posted in all the saloons, which are forbidden under penalty of losing their license to sell him liquor.

Among the other bills passed by the senate are: Liquor licenses not to be granted persons who violate liquor laws; appropriating \$125,000 annually for the State university; authorizing railroad bridge across the Willamette near Oswego.
In the house the general appropriation bill, carrying \$2,267,070, was passed and the \$1 poll tax law was also repealed.
The senate passed 35 bills and the house 16. The larger part of these were of a local nature.

Tuesday, February 12.
Salem, Feb. 12.—The senate today indefinitely postponed Bailey's bill changing the primary law. The vote was so decisive as to make it clear that the law will remain as it is.
The senate also voted down the constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people granting woman suffrage.
With but one dissenting vote the house passed the bill compelling the sale at \$2.50 an acre of land granted the Coos Bay Wagon Road company according to the terms of the grant.
The senate has cut the allowance for the Agricultural college to \$37,500, a reduction of \$12,500.
The habitual criminal bill passed the house today. It provides that on second conviction of a crime equal to felony the punishment shall be double the sentence provided by statute.
The senate passed the Bingham railroad commission bill and tabled Chapin's measure. The Bingham bill provides for appointment by the governor. The house tabled this bill. Except for the method of choosing members the two bills are alike.
The house passed the bill providing for the state buying ground and erecting armories for the National Guard instead of paying rent as at present.
A bill appropriating \$26,000 for the support of orphans, foundlings and wayward girls was passed by the house.

Monday, February 11.
Salem, Feb. 11.—By unanimous vote the Chapin railroad commission bill passed the house today. At the June election in 1908 two of the three commissioners will be elected by the people. The third will be elected in 1910. Until then the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer will appoint members. It is probable the house will accept the bill as it came from the house.
The house passed the bill providing for a cheese and dairy inspector and a creamery and dairy commissioner. The appointees are to receive salaries of \$1,600 each and expense allowances of \$1,000 per year.
The juvenile court bill is now in the hands of the governor. He may veto it as he considers too much expense would be attached to it as a law. Multnomah county would be put to an annual expense of \$10,920.
The house passed a bill to tax timber land in proportion to the amount of timber it contains.
The bill providing "no seat, half fare" was voted down by the house.
The measure giving the state university \$125,000 a year was passed by the house.
The senate passed a bill providing \$60,000 for extensions to the portage road.

Secretary Loses Perquisites.
Salem—One of the perquisites which the secretary of state has enjoyed for years was cut off by the senate when that body passed S. B. 19, by Kay. This measure provides that all fees issued for notary public commissions shall go into the state treasury, instead of into the pocket of the secretary of state, as heretofore. The proposed law authorizes a charge of \$5 a year for a commission, or \$10 for two years. Formerly the fee was \$2.

MOST LIBERAL IN HISTORY.

River and Harbor Bill Gives Almost All Northwest Asked.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Never before in the history of rivers and harbors legislation has any congress dealt so liberally with the Pacific Northwest as the present congress will do in the pending river and harbor bill. Not only is the aggregate appropriation larger than ever before, but the appropriations more nearly approximate the estimates of the engineers. This is in a very large measure due to the remarkably efficient work of Representative Jones, of Washington, who is on the river and harbor committee as representative of his own and neighboring states. Mr. Jones was in a position to do things, and his accomplishments speak for themselves. Indeed the house has been so very liberal that the senate has nothing left to do, unless it be to raise a few appropriations that fall below the house figures, and it is doubtful if many such increases can be secured, for in every instance where the house cut the estimates on Oregon and Washington projects it was for some specific and very good reason.

In his work in committee Mr. Jones had the active support of Senator Fulton, and the Oregon senator did everything that a man not a member of the committee could do to aid in getting liberal recognition for Oregon and Columbia river projects. There was absolute harmony throughout, and the two men worked together to a common end.

The effectiveness of Mr. Jones' work is found in the figures themselves. The total amount recommended by the engineers for Oregon and Washington projects was \$5,110,244; the total appropriation carried by the house bill is \$4,670,244, a difference of \$440,000. The reductions were on the Celilo canal, \$150,000 being taken from the amount recommended and given to the upper river, for which a new project was recommended late in December; on the Willamette and Columbia rivers below Portland, where \$150,000 was deducted because Portland business men had assured the committee that a new taxation district was to be formed to raise money to aid in this improvement; and the Cascade locks on the Columbia river, where \$105,000 was recommended for grading and filling in behind the completed locks. The committee felt that this work was not urgent, as the canal lock is itself completed.

With these exceptions, the house bill provides the amounts recommended by the engineers, and in the case of Coquille river the committee appropriates \$60,000 when only \$40,000 was asked by the War department. The \$60,000 will complete this project, as shown by the figures of the local engineers, so the committee decided to clear up the whole matter at one time.

The following table gives the various projects and the amounts appropriated by the house bill:
Mouth of Columbia river, \$2,450,244; Dalles-Celilo canal, \$600,000; rivers, Portland to sea, \$300,000; Columbia between Celilo and mouth of Snake river, \$120,000; Upper Columbia, between Wenatchee and Bridgeport, \$42,000; Upper Columbia and Snake, \$10,000; Coquille river, \$60,000; Coos river, \$3,000; dredge, Oregon and Washington coast harbors, \$100,000; Tillamook bay, \$10,000; improvement of Upper Willamette, \$60,000; Clatskanie, \$500; Cowitz and Lewis rivers, \$50,000; Willapa harbor, \$25,000; Gray's harbor, \$600,000; Gray's inner harbor, \$177,000; Gray's river, \$2,500; Puget sound and tributaries (dredging) \$75,000; Lake Washington canal, \$10,000; Swinomish slough, \$75,000; Okanogan and Pend d'Oreille, \$20,000.

Two Dead, 1,000 Homeless.
Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Feb. 15.—Notwithstanding the rumors in regard to the loss of life as a result of a fire which last night destroyed 90 cottages and residences, three hotels, the Carr memorial church and fully 200 barns and outhouses, entailing a loss of \$200,000, so far as can be learned only two persons lost their lives. They were John Springer, a foreman in the Cotton Belt railroad yard, and a man named Reed, who is said to have gone into a burning building while intoxicated. Nearly 1,000 people are homeless.

Finds Huge Spot on Sun.
Pittsburg, Feb. 15.—Professor John M. Brashear, of the Alleghany observatory, announces the discovery of one of the greatest sunspots ever brought to the attention of astronomers. He says as a result electrical disturbances will be experienced throughout the country tomorrow night. The spot can be seen through smoked glass, but the scientist adds that it is one of the most active of solar spots. Its approximate length is said to be 150,000 miles and 30,000 miles wide, covering an area of about 3,500,000 square miles.

Great Flood in Nebraska.
South Omaha, Feb. 15.—The bodies of Dan McCrone, a veterinary surgeon, his wife and daughter, and Miss Bell, who were drowned in the flood at Columbus yesterday, have been recovered. Today all the livestock in the Union Pacific stock yards at Columbus was destroyed. All trains are held up, telephone and telegraph wires down. Dynamite is being used in the Loup river by the Union Pacific, which is doing its utmost to relieve the situation.

Treaty for Prohibition in Africa.
Washington, Feb. 15.—The senate committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on a general treaty with the powers looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic in Africa by enforcing a prohibitive tariff.



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