

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Saturday, February 23.
Salem, Feb. 23.—The legislature which adjourned today went down in history as the most lavish Oregon has ever had. A grand total of \$3,500,000 has been appropriated.
The senate refused to adopt the house bill changing the brush fire law.
The house reconsidered a vote of yesterday and passed two bills giving farm laborers and threshermen liens on crops for money due them.
Indorsed by nearly every assessor in the state, the bill providing for an equitable system of assessing the timber lands of the state went down to defeat in the senate.
The house finished up its business at 11:30 but it was 2 o'clock before the senate was through, and it was necessary for the house to continue in session until that time.
It was announced to the members of the legislature that it would be more convenient to buy tickets at the depot than to pay fares on the train. Passes would not do, as the new anti-pass law is in effect.

Friday, February 22.
Salem, Feb. 22.—The bill creating the state board of tax commissioners was killed in the senate by failing to pass.
President Haines was presented with an elegantly framed photograph of the members and officers of the senate.
The senate banking bill was passed by the house. Several unimportant amendments were made. The senate disposed of all business but 12 bills which will be taken up tomorrow morning. The normal school question is the only vexation they have on the table.
The house bill appropriating money to pay interest on certificates issued in 1905, when the appropriation bill was held up, was passed by the senate, amended so that interest is not to be paid on such certificates as were discounted.
The senate passed the house bill extending the law regulating hours of female labor to mercantile establishments.
Another house bill passed by the senate gives conductors and engineers authority of sheriffs on trains.
Eight hours is to constitute a day's work in underground mines according to a bill passed by the house, which the senate has already approved.
Altogether the senate passed 68 bills today and the house 26.

Thursday, February 21.
Salem, Feb. 21.—The Normal school question is still unsettled and may be passed up to the next legislature. Both houses passed a bill providing for a discontinuance of two normals, but this was vetoed by the governor. Both houses have passed appropriations for Weston and Ashland, and the senate for Monmouth.
The house passed a bill allowing farmers to burn brush before June 1 or after October 1 without obtaining permits.
The house indefinitely postponed the senate bill for the purchase of the half block east of the capitol grounds.
The irrigation code bill was indefinitely postponed by the house.
The senate passed the locks bill appropriating \$300,000 for co-operation with the Federal government in purchasing the Oregon City locks.
Land barons were successful in the senate today securing the defeat of the Cooe bay grant bill.
The proposed tax laws have passed the house and were favorably reported to the senate. The house changed the provision for taxes to be paid the county treasurer to sheriff as at present. The senate committee made minor changes in this measure that the house overlooked.
All bills looking to the creation of new counties have been killed.
The house passed the senate reapportionment bill and shortly afterward the senate passed the house bill appropriating \$20,000 for new buildings at the state fair grounds. The passage of the two bills was in the nature of a trade.
Today the house passed 27 bills and the senate 13.

Wednesday, February 20.
Salem, Feb. 20.—The bill for an appropriation of \$2,500 for the importation of song birds was defeated by the house.
House bills for free text books in public schools were killed in the senate.
The senate by indefinite postponement killed the house bill annexing to Baker county a part of Grant county. The same disposition was made of the bill proposing to create Nesmith county.
The bill abolishing the 3 per cent tax rebate was indefinitely postponed by the senate.
The house defeated the bill appropriating \$25,000 for the construction of a bridge across Snake river near Ontario.
Hart's bill to found a state library at Pendleton met a hasty death in the house.
The senate passed the house bill appropriating \$10,000 for maintenance of the portage road.

Timber Becoming Scarce.
Albany.—So great has the rush for timber land claims become in this part of the state that many people are now using their timber entry right to secure 40-acre claims. The law gives every person the right to take 160 acres, but having once filed on a smaller amount he can then take no more. The entrymen realize this, but since timberland values have risen so remarkably in the past few months they are content to take a vacant 40 acres well timbered.

House members and attaches today presented Speaker Davey with a gold watch and chain.
An adverse report has been made in the senate to compel Southern Oregon land barons to sell their land at \$2.50 per acre as provided in the grant.
The house passed a bill for the repair and maintenance of the fishway at Oregon City.
The joint resolution providing for a recall of public officers was indefinitely postponed by the house.
Thirteen bills were passed by the house today. The senate passed 20 and killed 13.

Tuesday, February 19.
Salem, Feb. 19.—Veto of the \$125,000 appropriation for the State university was overridden in each house today.
Compulsory passes for public officials was carried over the governor's veto in the house and will be taken up in the senate tomorrow.
Two additional appropriation bills were reported to the house by the ways and means committee. One carries \$1,000 for making an exhibit of fruits and vegetables grown in this state under irrigation at the National Irrigation congress at Sacramento next September.
The other bill carries \$66,552, made up of small items such as caring for escaped insane patients.
The bill to establish two or more state hospitals for tuberculosis patients was killed in the senate.
The senate refused to pass the Smith normal bill over the governor's veto. The senator will endeavor to secure a reconsideration.

The senate bill for the purchase of voting machines passed the house.
The house passed the senate bill appropriating \$100,000 for the purchase of a site and erection of a house for feeble-minded.
Agricultural college improvements was cut from \$75,000 to \$60,000 for 1907, and \$65,000 for 1908 by the senate.
The house is working from early morning until midnight in an endeavor to get its calendar cleared by time of adjournment. Today 31 measures were passed, only three failing of passage.

Monday, February 18.
Salem, Feb. 18.—The Haines state banking bill passed the senate today. It is very lenient, allowing banks to reduce their reserves to 15 per cent of their deposits, and 10 per cent of their time demand deposits, only one-third necessarily to be cash.
The house this afternoon passed the bill repealing the 3 per cent rebate for payment of taxes prior to March 15 each year.
By unanimous vote the house passed a bill to reimburse Indian war veterans to the extent of \$50,000.
A bill appropriating \$40,000 to the various charitable institutions of the state was passed by the house.
By unanimous vote a pure food bill similar to the Federal statute was passed by the house.
Beginning with the second Monday in January, 1911, the state printer is to be placed on a flat salary of \$4,000 a year if a bill passed by the house today becomes law.
The house today passed 43 bills and killed 17. The senate passed 16 bills.
Both houses have adopted a resolution to adjourn at noon Saturday, February 23. The senate has its business well in hand, but the house has an immense amount to dispose of.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2 @ 35c per pound.
Butter Fat—First grade cream, 33 1/2c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 21 @ 22c per dozen.
Poultry—Average old hens, 13 1/2 @ 14c; spring, 13 1/2 @ 14 1/2c; old roosters, 9 @ 10c; dressed chickens, 14 @ 15c; turkeys, live, 16 @ 17 1/2c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18 @ 20c; geese, live, 10c; ducks, 17 @ 18c.
Wheat—Club, 66c; bluestem, 71c; valley, 69c; red, 67c.
Oats—No. 1 white, 22c; gray, 22.50c. Barley—Feed, 22.50c per ton; brewing, 23c; rolled, 23.50 @ 24.50c.
Rye—1.45 @ 1.50 per cwt.
Corn—Whole, 24.50c; cracked, 22.50c per ton.
Hay—Valley (timothy, No. 1, 14 @ 15 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, 17 @ 18; clover, 9c; cheat, 9c; grain hay, 9 @ 10; alfalfa, 14.
Apples—Common, 75c @ 1.25 per box; choice, 1.50 @ 2.50.
Vegetables—Turnips, 11 @ 1.25 per sack; carrots, 11 @ 1.25 per sack; beets, 11.25 @ 1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7 @ 8c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 22.25c per dozen; celery, 3.75c per crate; onions, 10 @ 12 1/2c per dozen; parsley, 25 @ 30c; sprouts, 9c; radishes, 25 @ 30c; rhubarb, 1.75 per box; asparagus, 20c per pound.
Onions—Oregon, 11 @ 1.25 per cwt.
Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, 11.35 @ 1.50; common, 90c @ \$1.
Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2 @ 9c per pound.

State Railroad Commissioners.
Salem—Oregon's three railroad commissioners will be Oswald West, of Salem, now state land agent; Clyde B. Aitchison, of Portland, now attorney for the Title Guarantee & Trust company, and Thomas K. Campbell, of Cottage Grove, a lumberman of the firm of Campbell & Alexander. These selections were decided upon by the state board, which is given the appointment under the Chapin law. West is a Democrat and the other two Republicans.

Chamberlain a Physical Wreck.
London, Feb. 22.—An interesting authoritative statement concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain is published here today. Although it does not confirm the worst rumors, it shows that Mr. Chamberlain is completely broken physically, although he is mentally alert.

HUNDREDS LOST.

Big Steamer Wrecked and Passengers Washed Overboard.

London, Feb. 22.—The worst disaster for many years in the history of the busy cross-channel traffic between England and the continent occurred during a violent gale shortly before 6 o'clock this morning, when the Rotterdam mail steamer Berlin, from Harwich to Hook of Holland, having satisfactorily weathered the hurricane, was wrecked as she was entering port.
Altogether 143 persons are either dead or clinging hopelessly to the wreck. The terrific sea broke upon the steamer with such awful suddenness that attempts to save life appear to have been utterly hopeless. Late tonight it is reported that a few survivors were clinging to the wreck, but as the heroic efforts all day of the lifeboat crews had failed to reach them, little hope that they will be saved remains.
The cause has not yet been assigned for the disaster and it probably never will be known how the steamer came to miss the channel. It is conjectured that some derangement of the engines or steering gear may have rendered the vessel uncontrollable. Captain Precious has a good record of 14 years' service.
The list of passengers was lost, and all the names of those who were on board have not yet been learned, but as far as has been ascertained there were no Americans among them.
A terrific southwest gale was blowing inshore, and drove the steamer on a sand bank close to the northern jetty as she was trying to enter the new waterway. Heavy seas quickly pounded the vessel to pieces. She broke in two, her fore part sinking immediately, while the doomed passengers and crew clustered upon the after part.

PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN.

Roosevelt Endorses Movement to Acquire Them in Cities.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Municipal playgrounds within easy walking distance for every boy and girl in the large cities were advocated tonight by President Roosevelt in a letter, and by Representative Boutwell, of Chicago; E. E. Brown, United States commissioner of education; Henry S. Carls, superintendent of Washington playgrounds, and other speakers at a "playgrounds banquet" given under the auspices of the Washington Playgrounds association. Mr. Boutwell explained the object of his bill now pending in congress.
The president in his letter expressed hope that Mr. Boutwell's bill for playgrounds in Washington will pass congress, that sites may be secured before prices become prohibitive, saying: "I regard this as one of the most important steps toward making Washington the model city which we all feel that the capital should be."
He praises the work in this direction done by Chicago and the High School Athletic league of New York, and calls attention to the inclusion of games in the curriculum of German and English schools and several noted private schools in America.

GREAT REJOICING IN UTAH.

State Legislature Congratulates Senate, Smoot and Sutherland.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 22.—Among the active Republicans and the leaders of the Mormon church there was great rejoicing when the news came from Washington that Senator Smoot had been sustained. By unanimous standing vote the lower house of the Utah legislature adopted the following joint resolution, which was also introduced in the senate:
"Be it resolved by the legislature of the state of Utah, that, in determining that Hon. Reed Smoot is entitled to his seat, the United States senate has stood for constitutional rights against powerful influences and has avoided a dangerous precedent.
"Therefore, the thanks and the congratulations of the state of Utah are hereby extended to the senate for its final action in this case.
"Personal congratulations are sent to Senator Smoot and his colleagues, Senator Sutherland, and to the other senators who spoke and voted in protection of the rights of the state of Utah."
Committed to the Asylum.
Seattle, Feb. 22.—Esther Mitchell, who since July last has been confined in the county jail here, was sent to the state asylum for the insane at Stella-com today. Superior Judge Frater, who called a lunacy commission to examine into the girl's mental condition, signed the commitment this morning. The killing of George Mitchell by his sister was the result of the reign of Holy Rollerism in Oregon. George Mitchell killed Frans Edmund Creffield, the Holy Roller leader, in this city last May.

Montana, Too, in Line.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 22.—The Railroad Commission and Warehouse bill is now a law. The bill went to Governor Toole today, who immediately referred it to the secretary of state with the notice that he would allow his measure to become a law without his signature. He objected to the power and policy of the legislature naming the commissioners, saying he was convinced that the method was wrong in principle and will be bad in practice.

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