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SENATE DEFEATS KAY'S FLAT SALARY MEASURE.

Majority of Members Considered Provisions of Bill Would Prove Unconstitutional.

The Senate defeated Kay's flat salary bill by a vote of 15 to 7, an affirmative vote of 16 being necessary to pass the bill. The consideration which seemed to be the cause for the defeat of the bill was that salaries in excess of those provided in the constitution are invalid. The bill carried salaries of from \$4000 to \$5000, while the constitutional salaries are from \$1500 to \$2500.

The bill as it came to the Senate provided that the salary bill should go into effect on January 1, 1905. It was unfavorable reported by the judiciary committee, upon the ground that it provided for salaries in excess of those authorized by the constitution. Senator Pierce, Dem. of Union, asserted that it was not unconstitutional, and submitted a minority report favoring its passage. Fulton moved to amend by providing that the flat salaries should not go into effect until 1907.

Senator Pierce opposed this, saying that the platforms of both the political parties in the last campaign pledged the enactment of a flat salary law. While he wanted a law that would go into effect at once, he would rather have one that would go into effect in 1905 than in 1907.

Fulton of Clatsop declared that the bill was plainly in violation of the constitution, for it is directly at variance with the section of the constitution which provides for salaries.

"Would it be any less unconstitutional in 1807 or 1905?" demanded Smith of Umatilla.

"Not a bit," said the Senator from Clatsop. "I do not approve of the bill at all, but if it is to pass I want it to take effect only after the expiration of the terms of the present incumbents of state offices."

Senator Mulkey took a similar view and said that when any change is made in the compensation of state officers it should be done by amending the constitution. Senator Smith, of Multnomah, held that the republican party had bound itself to pass a flat salary law and he wanted this one passed now.

Senator Rand said that he and all other Senators had taken an oath to support the constitution of the state, and that the constitution fixes the compensation of state officers. To vote for a bill which gave a higher compensation he would consider a violation of his oath of office. "The republican party never pledged itself to pass an unconstitutional measure for flat salaries," declared Senator Rand.

Senator Miller, of Linn, advocated the passage of a flat salary law and said he would vote against any bill that did not go into effect at once.

The amendment carried providing that the law should go into effect in 1907, and then the bill was put upon its final passage and defeated.

CRITICISES LAND AGENT.

The report of the joint committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the State Land Agent's office criticises the management of the business of the office. Not much that is new or abet, was not already known was developed by the investigation. The report states that State Land Agent L. B. Geer did not comply with the law in selecting lieu lands, and justifies his failure in that respect on the ground that there was no appropriation for the work, and that he had never been required by the Governor to comply with the law. Among other things the report says:

WILL SEEK A RAILROAD

JOINT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE INTO DESCHUTES SITUATION.

Blame for Failure to Build Columbia Southern Extension to be Fixed—Commercial Bodies to Act.

The Chamber of Commerce and the board of Trade will consider the matter of getting railroad communication with the Upper Deschutes Valley. Acting upon the suggestion made by The Oregonian a few days ago, these bodies will probably appoint a joint committee to inquire into the railroad situation, with special reference to the cause that kept the Columbia Southern from building the contemplated extension to Bend. The Board of Trade will hold a special meeting this afternoon to deal with the subject; the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday. It is not supposed that they will attempt to exercise any coercive power. The committee is expected to make a complete examination of the question, gathering information from both sides and all sides of the controversy, and then to make a report declaring where the equities of the matter lie, with some recommendation as to the proper course to pursue to get the railroad.

President Lytle has said that he would abide by any decision a committee of fair-minded business men might make as to what the Columbia Southern ought to do. No intimation has come from the O. R. & N. Co. as to how it would regard the action of such committee. The main purpose of this action, however, is to inform public opinion, to give the public something tangible as a basis for its conclusions. This is expected to determine the question as to whether Portland capital should engage in opening the Upper Deschutes with a railroad, and if that should be deemed advisable, how it should proceed.

IRRIGATION PLANS.

At a special meeting of the executive committee of the State Irrigation Association, held last night, reports on irrigation projects from Malheur, Harney, Baker, Crook and Klamath counties were read and forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture for his consideration. The committee refused to recommend any project as of especial promise, but openly expressed its opinion that all are worthy of serious consideration. Those present were: E. J. Fraiser, of Eugene; A. H. Devers, Henry Hahn and J. M. Moore, of Portland.

The reports that were read last night suggested plans for the reclamation of fully half a million acres of arid lands. The members of the committee are enthusiastic over the interest that is shown, but after a brief discussion decided that it was not within their province to recommend the special consideration of any separate project.

"All of these reports should be copied at once," said Mr. Devers, "and forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture."

"The secretary should prepare a letter," said Henry Hahn, "which will explain the reports and say that we approve of their contents."

"Shall we make any special recommendations?" said Mr. Moore. "I do not think that is our place," answered Mr. Fraiser. "It would hardly do for us to recommend any. We can submit the reports to the government and allow the government officials to investigate the merits of each. We can say that the facts set forth in each report are substantially correct."

It was finally decided to have each report copied and to send the report to Washington just as it had been sent to the committee. Blue prints of the various maps submitted will also be made and forwarded with the reports.—Oregonian.

To Regulate Sale of School Lands.

Only one bill passed the Legislature governing the sale of state school lands. This was Steiwer's Senate bill 154, which doubles the price of land, and practically puts an end to lieu land selections by private enterprise. The act also prohibits the sale of any lieu land until the state's title thereto has been finally approved. Lands hereafter surveyed are to be sold to the highest bidder, the minimum price being not less than \$250 an acre. This act will probably create a temporary activity in the purchase of school lands, for it will not go into effect for 90 days, and people have that length of time in which to purchase at the old price. After this act goes into effect, school sections already surveyed will be sold at \$250 an acre and lieu lands at \$5. At the new prices the sale of land will be less rapid than at the present prices, but as the school fund is now greater than the State Land Board has been able to loan, there will be no loss on account of the decrease in sales. In a few years the actual value of the land will have increased so that it will sell at the new price.

John Cross' Slayer Issue.

William Dykeman, better known here and through the northern country as "Scissor Bill," was brought into Burns, Or., from one of the Pacific Livestock Company's ranches several days ago for examination as to his mental condition. The board pronounced him insane and he was taken to the asylum at Salem.

Dykeman is the man who killed John Cross, a vaquero well-known here, in Star valley, Malheur county, Idaho, about three years ago. The killing was the result of a feud of several years' standing between the men. Dykeman was acquitted when tried, but the affair is said to have affected his mind and caused him to go insane.—Winnemucca Standard.

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The misunderstanding between the Columbia Southern and the Harriman interests now blocks the way. The clearing up of that misunderstanding is expected to open the way to railroad extension upon the Deschutes without the intervention of outside capital. And the season is so far advanced that there is need to hurry if the railroad is to be built this year.—Oregonian.

Religious Services.

Services at Christian Science Hall every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Service Wednesday evenings 8 & 8. Subject for Sunday, March 1, "Man."

Rev A. J. Irwin will preach at Harney the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every sabbath at 2 p. m.

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white father.

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When General Miles received the surrender of Chief Joseph's tribe he was attired in an immense bearskin overcoat, and on that account he has since been known to the tribe as Great Bearcoat.

After Chief Joseph closed his business with President Roosevelt a few days ago he said he would not return to his reservation until he had seen the Great Bearcoat chief. He called on General Miles at the Army headquarters yesterday afternoon, and the two veterans had a pleasant chat over old times in the lava beds. As the grim old warrior was leaving, General Miles invited him to call at his residence today and see Mrs. Miles, and he did so. The old enemies are now great friends.

The Care of Furniture.

The care of furniture woods is an exceedingly interesting part of the intelligent housekeeper's duties. The daily light dusting must supplement the weekly rubbing if the "bloom" in this instance not desirable, is to be kept away. As a rule, the use of oily restoratives is to be deprecated. Unless applied with a tireless arm and thoroughly rubbed in, and thereafter the piece of furniture kept in perfect polish by a daily rubbing, the oil is sure to form a crust sooner or later, which is gummy to the touch and not pleasing to the eye. For this reason new furniture should be kept as long as possible without the application of such restoratives. Furniture which has been finished with shellac or varnish, whether in glossy or dull finish, should never be cleansed with soap or water. Soap is made to cut oily substances, and in the performance of the service for which it is made, eats the oil out of the waxed, oiled, or shellacked surface it touches, and destroys it.

Where white spots appear on polished surfaces from the dropping of liquids or from heat, the immediate application of raw linseed oil will generally restore the color. The oil should be left on the affected spot for several hours or overnight. Alcohol will perform the service if applied at once to rosewood or highly finished mahogany. In each instance, when the color has returned, the spot should be repolished with a piece of cheese cloth moistened with turpentine.—Harpers Bazaar.

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