

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

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 Coos 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.

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 names 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.

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 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.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32½¢@35¢ per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 33½¢ per pound; second grade cream, 2¢ less per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 21 @ 22¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 13½¢@14¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 12¢@13¢; spring, 13½¢@14½¢; old roosters, 9¢@10¢; dressed chickens, 14¢@15¢; turkeys, live, 16¢@17½¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18¢@20¢; geese, live, 10¢; ducks, 17¢@18¢.

Wheat—Club, 69¢; bluestem, 71¢; valley, 69¢; red, 67¢.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29; gray, \$28.50.

Barley—Feed, \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.

Rye—\$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

Corn—Whole, \$24.50; cracked, \$22.50 per ton.

Hay—Valley (timothy, No. 1, \$14@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$14.

Apples—Common, 75¢@1.25 per box; choice, \$1.50@2.50.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7¢@8¢ per pound; sweet potatoes, 3½¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per dozen; celery, \$3.75 per crate; onions, 10¢@12½¢ per dozen; parsley, 25¢@30¢; sprouts, 9¢; radishes, 25¢@30¢; rhubarb, \$1.75 per box; asparagus, 20¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1@1.25 per cwt.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, \$1.35@1.50; common, 90¢@1.

Veal—Dressed, 5½¢@6¢ per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 2½¢@3½¢ per pound; cows, 4½¢@5½¢; country steers, 5½¢@6½¢.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8½¢@9¢ per pound; ordinary, 6¢@7¢.

Pork—Dressed, 6¢@9¢ per pound.

TWENTY KILLED.

Heavily Loaded Electric Train Leaves the Track.

New York, Feb. 18.—Sixteen passengers were killed outright, four others have died of their injuries, and at least 50 more were more or less seriously injured in the wreck of the White Plains and Brewster express on the Harlem division of the New York Central & Hudson River railroad, near Woodlawn road in the Bronx borough of Greater New York Saturday evening.

The train left the Grand Central station at 6:13 o'clock, drawn by two heavy electric motors, and loaded with a matinee crowd and commuters on their way home from business in the city. It consisted of a combination baggage and smoking car, and five coaches. After stopping at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, the train was scheduled to run express to White Plains. At Woodlawn road the four tracks pass through a rough, rocky cut and take a sharp curve. When the train reached the curve it was running at a speed estimated at 60 miles an hour. Both motors and the smoking car swung safely around the curve, but the other cars left the rails and plunged over the sides with a terrific crash, tearing up the tracks for a hundred yards before they collapsed.

The cause of the wreck has not been officially determined. At Grand Central station there was inclination to blame the accident to spreading rails, but later it was said that it was believed that the axle of the first passenger coach broke.

AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN NEXT.

Follow Passage of Immigration Bill—California's Case Weak.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The state department is awaiting the disposition by congress of the pending immigration bill before proceeding further with the consideration of the Japanese exclusion question. If the bill is enacted, an immediate effort will be made to come to a formal agreement with the Japanese government that will insure the continuance of the present policy of that government withholding passports to America to Japanese laborers.

So far as the pending legislation is concerned, it is stated that there is every reason to believe that it will be acceptable to the Japanese government; at any rate, there has not yet been the slightest sign of disapproval in that quarter.

An interesting fact that has developed in the discussion of the respective rights of state and nation where treaties are involved is that, in at least one case, the California courts have taken the most advanced grounds in favor of the supremacy of the treaties, in one instance holding that the treaty rights of aliens to possess real estate could not be destroyed by a state law.

LOSSES MADE KNOWN.

Fire Insurance Companies Suffered to Extent of \$180,000,000.

New York, Feb. 18.—The committee of the five of the thirty-five insurance companies which acted in union in settling their San Francisco losses by fire and earthquake, today made public in this city the list of their net losses by the disaster. The estimated round value of the destroyed or damaged property insured by the 233 companies in San Francisco was \$315,000,000, and there was a net insurance loss of \$180,000,000, covered by 102,000 policies. The gross loss of all kinds by the disaster is estimated by the committee at \$1,000,000,000. The 35 companies, in their settlements, handled 42,077 claims.

The eight largest settlements on individual buildings were: San Francisco Hotel, \$992,200; Fairmount Hotel, \$200,000; Merchants' Exchange, \$582,000; Shreve building, \$384,497; Spreckels (Call) building, \$515,000; Chronicle building, \$480,000; Palace Hotel, \$1,265,000.

Milk Poisoned With Formaldehyde.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—That thousands of infants in Illinois as well as many larger children, are being sent to premature graves, is indicated by the special report by State Pure Food Commissioner H. A. Jaynes. Commissioner Schuknecht points out that of 35 cities visited not one escaped having sold within its limits milk from unclean and unsanitary cans and vessels or milk not properly strained, showing a deposit of filth, and in 32 of the cities skimmed milk was sold as standard, and was adulterated with formaldehyde, which authorities pronounce a poison.

Signal Honor for Mulkey.

Washington, Feb. 18.—For half an hour Saturday Senator Mulkey, of Oregon, presided over the senate, while the Japanese question was under discussion.

STORMY TIME NEAR

Radical Victory in Russia Portends Violence.

BOTH SIDES MAKE DIRE THREATS

Letters Menacing Reactionary Leaders Met by Notice of Retribution on Democrats.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The returns received today were only from 15 additional electoral districts, bringing the total number of members of the duma elected up to 410, as follows:

Monarchists, 75; Moderates, 35; Progressives, 23; Constitutional Democrats, 74; Left Party, 125; Nationalists, 40; indefinite, 11.

The Monarchists made the greatest gains, 12 seats, but they have about attained their full strength, as an overweighing proportion of the 108 members yet to be elected will surely be opposition.

The results promise a stormy session. The bowling down of ministers will be supplemented by battles royal between the Radicals and the aggressive reactionists under the leadership of M. Kroushevian, the notorious anti-Semite of Kishineff.

M. Kroushevian has received many threatening letters, to which the organ of the reactionists, the Russian Banner, replies with a first page notice to the effect that Max Vinser, Joseph Hosen, Professor Milukoff and M. Kishaveter, all leaders of the Constitutional Democratic party, have been selected for retribution in case a hair of Kroushevian's head is harmed.

SAYS TRAFFIC IS DECLINING.

Hill Predicts a Gradual Reduction in Business Volume.

New York, Feb. 23.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway company, who has returned from St. Paul, expressed the conviction yesterday that the tide of prosperity is turning, and that there are indications of a significant recession in business. Mr. Hill phrased it, "the hills of prosperity are being reefed."

"General policies of retrenchment are under way," said Mr. Hill. "Less money is to be spent on new work. The effect of this movement is being felt at the present time in the falling off of orders. The beginning of this movement is very evident in Chicago."

"While I would scarcely call it a recession in business: it is more of a drawing in. The railroads are curtailing their expenses and placing fewer orders. On our lines we will finish the work we have under way, and that is all."

FAVORS SAN DOMINGO TREATY.

Senate Committee Reports on Plan for Collecting Revenue.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on the treaty with Santo Domingo relative to the collection of the revenues of that country by Americans. The Democrats voted against the report.

The treaty, which later was made public, provides for collection of the revenues of the Dominican republic for the benefit of creditors by a general receiver and assistants to be appointed by the president of the United States. The sums collected shall be applied as follows: First, to paying the expenses of the receivership; second, to the payment of interest upon bonds; third, to the payment of the annual sums provided for amortization of the bonds, including interest upon all bonds held in sinking fund; fourth, to the purchase and cancellation or the retirement and cancellation of such bonds as may be directed by the Dominican republic; fifth, the remainder to be paid to the Dominican republic.

No Connection With Japan.

Washington, Feb. 23.—It was stated at the White House today that the conference held there between the president, Secretary Metcalf and the general board of the navy had no bearing upon the relations between the United States and Japan. The statement was made that the name of Japan was not mentioned during the discussion. The conference, it was further stated, had to do in part with the general question of the personnel of the navy and the advisability of an increase of the strength of the entire navy.

Predicts War for Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—"The time is coming when our manufactures will outgrow the country and men may be turned out of the factories," said Secretary of the Treasury Shaw in an address last night. "One of these fine days we are going to have an excess of manufactures," he said. "Then the world will not come after our manufactures."

FRISCO BUILDING UP.

Music of Saw and Hammer Continues Night and Day.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—San Francisco, after all, is not going to allow the opportunities for civic betterment brought about by the earthquake and fire to go entirely neglected. A beginning, feeble enough though it be, has been made. Several of the downtown streets are to be widened. The heavy teaming and the congestion brought about where building is progressing have moved the board of supervisors to decree that portions of the sidewalks must be sacrificed to the thoroughfares. While this in itself is of importance for the future San Francisco, its greatest significance lies in the fact that it has met with general approval and represents the first signs of a willingness to make sacrifices for the city that is to be.

The magnificent programme of widened streets, parks and squares outlined for the city while the embers still glowed is a gradually passing vision, but those who unselfishly love San Francisco still have hope that part of the great plan at least will be realized. The street widening is the first ray of hope.

A walk about the burned section shows that a wonderful amount of rebuilding has been accomplished. Since the first of May new buildings to the value of \$45,000,000 have been begun. Plans are being drawn for a like amount. In every case the structures are erected under rush orders. In several instances work has continued night and day. The streets resound with the sound of the piledriver, the saw and the hammer by night as well as by day. The last traces of gloom have given way to an abiding faith.

The promotion committee has issued a bulletin bearing on the population of San Francisco at the present time. The committee, after figuring by various methods, comes to the conclusion that the city now contains 428,000 persons. Before the fire the committee figured that the population of the city was 500,000. The figures of the Southern Pacific agree almost exactly with those of the promotion committee. Due allowance, however, must be made for the zeal of both bodies, and a fair and conservative estimate of the city's population would place it at about 400,000.

STATEHOOD STRIKES SNAG.

Farmers Are Wary of Oklahoma Constitutional Convention.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 19.—Anxious to get busy with their plowing and fearing they will not receive pay for a long time, if ever, for their attendance on the constitutional convention, many of the farmer delegates have scattered to their homes, intimating that they will not return unless it is to vote for the document as a whole when it is completed by the few men in control of the convention.

The expense of the convention to date above the \$100,000 appropriation made by congress is nearly \$150,000. Pay of the delegates has stopped, and if congress does not come to the rescue with an additional appropriation, some of the delegates will be in a bad way, as they cannot afford to stay longer at their own expense. Advice are coming in from the state that citizens here and there are subscribing to funds to send the delegates back to their jobs. Neighboring farmers who do not wish to see the convention entirely in the hands of the lawyers, the politicians and the urban element, have promised to take care of the farm work of the rural statesmen. The daily attendance at the session is now less than 75 per cent of the 122 delegates, and many of those still here sit sullenly in their seats and let the leaders run things to suit themselves.

Prominent delegates from Indian Territory and some from Oklahoma are openly charged with a plot to defeat statehood entirely by drawing up a constitution that will be rejected by the people at the election next August. Those involved in the alleged plot have been against making one state out of the two territories for political reasons. Disaffection has now begun to pervade the democratic members as well as those on the republican side, and charges of bossism have become so persistent that there is apprehension the convention may break up.

Snow Assures Heavy Crops.

Ellensburg, Wash., Feb. 19.—If the heavy snow goes off gradually crops this year will be the largest in the history of Kittitas valley. Baled hay is now selling at \$23 a ton. Loose hay, alfalfa, is worth from \$12 to \$16 a ton in the field. Potatoes are worth \$30 a ton. The Northern Pacific, owing to shortage of cars and equipment, is unable to handle freight inward or outward bound, causing thousands of dollars loss to the railroad company and to the people.

Kansas May Give \$75,000.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 19.—A bill appropriating \$75,000 for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was introduced in the senate this morning by the committee on ways and means. The exposition is to be held in Seattle in 1909, and the appropriation is to cover the cost of a building and making an exhibit for Kansas.