

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS



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 given 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 reappointment 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.

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.

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.

Flint Opposes Agitation.
Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Flint, of California had a conference with the president today about the Japanese question and legislation. He expressed the opinion that the present agitation on the Pacific coast was unfortunate. The possibility of the Japanese government's issuing passports for the Japanese to come to the mainland, thus rendering nugatory the effect of the proposed legislation, was suggested to the president by the senator.

Veterans May Get Beer.
Washington, Feb. 20.—Appropriations aggregating \$104,137,547 are carried in the bill providing for sundry civil expenses for 1908, reported to the house by the committee on appropriations. The amount for 1907 was \$111,146,884. The committee failed to include a clause in the bill preventing the sale of beer in national soldiers' homes after March 4, a prohibition included in last year's bill, but it is believed the house will add the provision.

Not Drawing Two Salaries.
Washington, Feb. 19.—At yesterday's meeting of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canal, an effort was made to have reported on confirmation the names of the recently appointed canal commissioners, but it was frustrated by an objection from Culberson, who stated that he had heard it reported that Mr. Shonts is drawing a large salary from the Interborough Railroad company, in addition to his salary as canal commissioner. Mr. Shonts denied the report, but the denial was received too late to permit action.

Says Pinchot Packed Hall.
Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Heyburn, during a speech in the senate, flatly charged that the Forest service, on the occasion of his speech at the irrigation congress in Boise last September, packed the hall with its employees, and, according to a prearranged plan, deliberately hissed him down when he was attacking Forester Pinchot and the administration. He said the hissing was done entirely by Forestry employees. Senator Carter, who presided at that meeting, promptly denied it.

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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 \$55,000 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.

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Apple Seedlings.
We are asked the question if the seedling used in grafting apple exerts any influence on the tree as to hardiness and if so what are the best to use. The apple seedling is the foundation for the tree, as the scion depends on this at least the first two years for establishing itself and forming the nucleus of the future tree. In the past there has not been given the attention as there should have been to hardiness and adaptability of the stocks of our different fruit trees, and it has just commenced to be agitated by horticulturists the last few years. It has been the custom of many nurseries to import from France seedlings of French crab and domestic apples for grafting on. Many of these are known to be tender and hence many of the losses from trees dying out could be traced if we knew directly to the stocks on which the tree had been grafted. If we were to save seed from such varieties as Duchess of Oldenburg, wealthy, northwestern greening, etc., we would soon see a marked difference in the hardiness of our trees. Some of our painstaking nurserymen are very careful on this account and buy their apple seeds in Vermont or northern New York, where it is washed out of the pulps of the elder mills in sections where they have had for years large seedling orchards. While the fruit was inferior, yet the trees were hardy, and this is the only requirement in a stock, as the quality of the tree will always be influenced by the scion.—Twentieth Century Farmer.

Pruning the Plum Trees.
It has been frequently noticed that old plum trees do not produce as good quality fruit as a rule as the younger trees and sometimes become very inferior and unproductive. In many cases the old trees would be benefited by severe cutting back, and besides that, it would be well to keep the plum tree in better training than has been the usual practice in the west; cutting back the long and spreading branches, and compelling them to head in short and close to the trunk. This might not be good practice for all varieties, and it would be well to undertake it with some care, selecting some few individuals and noting the effect of such pruning upon them.—Rural World.

Halting Ties.
The necessity of making a knot in the end of the halter every time the horse is tied in the stall is done away with by the invention of a North Dakota ranchman. Where a hundred or more horses are employed the time involved in tying them in the stalls each day is considerable. The halter tie, as shown in the illustration, is made of one piece of metal, through which extend two slots. These slots are wider at one end than at the other. By placing a rope through one of the slots and pulling on the same the rope is sure to become wedged in the slot tighter and tighter. The halter tie is nailed at the head of the stall in advance of the horse, so that the latter in pulling on the rope will force it more tightly into the slot. Only a few seconds are required to slip the rope into the slot and over a small hook at the inner end. While in this position there is no danger of the horse working the halter loose and roaming in the stable.

Cultivating Young Trees.
The soil will dry very rapidly and to a great depth if allowed to get hard and compact. There is but a small space left for air in solid soils, and from this fact they become hot and dry to a great depth in summer, while if air is present, as it is in loose soils (being such a poor conductor of heat), it will allow only a small portion of soil to become hot, which soon cools at night and is filled with a copious dew, not only retaining the moisture already in the soil, but also adding to it at a season when moisture is especially desirable. Newly set trees are always benefited by cultivation, because all their roots are surface roots and cannot thrive in a hot, dry, compact soil, hence the necessity of summer surface cultivation of newly set trees.

Poisoning Cutworms.
Recent experiments in poisoning cutworms, which have been working on wheat and alfalfa, have shown the following mixture to be superior to spraying with paris green, as formerly recommended:
Thoroughly mix while dry 1 pound of paris green and 50 pounds of wheat bran; make moist, but not sloppy, by adding water in which a quart of cheap molasses has been dissolved. Place this mixture in spoonful piles where the worms are working. It attracts the worms from the wheat and oats. It is also good grasshopper poison.

Birds the Farmers' Friends.
Professor Cook of the national agricultural department declares that of the 800 different kinds of birds, but three are the farmers' foes, the English sparrow, the robin, and the crow, while the robin is looked upon as a destroyer of early fruit, his diet is but 1 pound of fruit to 9 pounds of insects.

