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PIERCE FISH BILL IS STILL IN COMMITTEE

Local Men Making Strong Fight Before Senate Committee, However, to Save People's Law Passed in November.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OF PORTLAND CONDEMNS

Appeals to Governor West to Veto Any Attack Made on Any Initiative Law Passed by People.

SALEM, Feb. 14.—The Pierce fish bill repealing the Rogue river fish bill passed by the people at the last general election by a majority of more than 16,000 is as yet in the hands of the senate committee on fisheries. The date of its appearance in the senate has not as yet been fixed.

George Putnam and J. E. Enyart of Medford are today in Salem for the purpose of appearing before the committee and making a fight against the bill.

Senator Von der Hellan of Jackson county is prepared to make a strong battle against the measure if it is reported favorably to the senate by the fisheries committee.

It is freely predicted in Salem today that the bill will not pass the senate owing to the strong sentiment which has developed throughout the state against the legislature repealing of the people's laws under the initiative. It is further generally believed that the governor will veto the measure should it pass as he has stated that he will not stand for any tampering with any law of the people's making.

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—The Central Labor council of this city passed the following resolution at its last regular meeting:

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MOBS RAMPANT IN OKLAHOMA

Governor Wires Sheriff to Preserve Order at Any Cost—Commissioners Are in Jail—Fight Comes Over Removal of County Seat.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 14.—Mob spirit is rampant in Salasoon County today as a result of the fight over the removal of the county seat from Mountain Park to Snyder. County Commissioner Bull and Thompson and County Clerk Briscoe are prisoners in the Mountain Park jail charged with illegally moving the county records to Snyder.

Additional guards were stationed around the Mountain Park jail today as it was feared that an attempt would be made by Snyder residents tonight to release the prisoners.

Governor Cruse has wired the sheriff of Salasoon County to preserve order at any cost.

'T WAS NOT POTASSIUM THAT KILLED LOVERS

CUMBERLAND, Mr., Feb. 14.—The theory that cyanide of potassium was responsible for the mysterious deaths of Charles Twigg and Grace Blosser was apparently abandoned this afternoon when State's Attorney Robb declared that the reports of the physicians showed that the couple were killed by carbon monoxide.

HOUSE BILL TO REGULATE SALE OF FISH PASSED

If Senate Passes Measure No Rogue River Fish May Be Sold or Shipped—Passes After Matter is Explained by Southern Members.

ANTI-WHIPPING POST BILL REPASSED BY HOUSE

One Additional Judge is Allowed Multnomah—Automobile Law Easily Passes.

SALEM, Feb. 14.—House bill 184, regulating the sale and transportation of fish caught in the Rogue river, passed without much opposition after the southern Oregon members explained that it would in no way conflict with the initiative measure passed by the people.

The Collins bill allowing Multnomah county one additional circuit judge passed the house this morning with 18 dissenting votes. Bigelow made a strong fight against the bill which he termed another attempt to raid the treasury.

The house of representatives this morning struck back at Governor West by passing Buchanan's bill abolishing the whipping post over his veto. Buchanan accused the governor of meddling in legislative affairs and warned him to keep his hands off.

"We can do our own thinking without his interference," he said, "and I think that the action of this body in overriding the veto will serve as a warning that he is not the whole thing."

The bill had just the constitutional two-thirds majority, several members voting to sustain the executive veto.

Representative Ralph Clyde had two bills killed today in the house. One measure which would compel owners of hotels to provide clean sheets and pillow slips every time a bed is used, and referred to in the house as the "lice annihilator" received a few votes. The other measure which aimed to prevent employers from using pressure on their employees to prevent them from becoming members of a labor union, was also voted down.

McKinney's measure for the regulation of automobiles and automobile drivers went through without opposition. The bill prescribes rules of the road for automobiles and provides for the licensing and identification of chauffeurs.

That Oregon will participate in the Panama exposition to be held at San Francisco is shown by the action of both houses today.

In the house the governor's message asking that a committee be appointed to investigate a site for the Oregon building, was acted upon favorably, and the senate fell in line by unanimously passing a resolution along the same lines.

It is probably that a joint committee from both houses will be appointed before the session adjourns to provide ways and means for a suitable building and appropriate exhibit at the great exposition to be held in the bay city.

Progressive members of the senate succeeded this morning in having the Founts resolution, calling on President Taft to withdraw the Canadian reciprocal agreement from congress, passed. Several members of the upper house spoke against the adoption of the resolution.

Several important measures were indefinitely postponed today in the senate. Among those killed was the Kellaher bill which provided that long distance telephone companies be compelled to reduce their charges for night service.

What, In Your Estimation, Does Medford Need the Most?

What Medford needs the most is a mooted question. Therefore the Mail Tribune seeks to know just where its readers stand in this regard. For this purpose it will give all a chance to register their views. The answers will be compiled and published in the Sunday issue of the Mail Tribune Sunday, February 19. Your name, if you so signify, will be treated confidentially. Limit your answer to 15 words. Name the one thing which, in your estimation, this city needs more than any other one thing. Clip the following coupon and mail it to the Sunday Editor, Medford Mail Tribune, before the mail closes next Friday evening. This will give a chance for the compilation of the answers for the Sunday edition.

Medford, Or., 1911.
To the Sunday Editor, Medford Mail Tribune.
Sir: In my estimation, Medford at the the present time needs more than any other thing

May we use your name? Yes..... (Signed)

(Mark with cross) No.....

COMMITTEE FAVORS A BRANCH STATION HERE

REBATES WILL SOON BE PAID

Southern Pacific Agrees to Return Overcharge to Shippers Without Trouble—Shippers Need Only to Receipt for Money.

SALEM, Feb. 14.—Southern Oregon shippers will not have to present their shipping receipts to the Southern Pacific to secure the rebates due to overcharges on freight received between the time the railroad commission ordered the reduction in class rates and the time the new rates were put into effect.

The railroad has agreed with the commission to voluntarily return the amount due each shipper so that all the shippers will have to do will be to receipt for the money.

Want ads in the Mail Tribune always bring results.

APPROPRIATION HOWEVER IS CUT

Westerlund Makes Strong Fight Before Committee and Succeeds in Getting It Favorably Reported to the House.

SALEM, Feb. 14.—The ways and means committee of the house today reported favorably upon the bill establishing a branch experiment station in the Rogue River Valley. The appropriation for the establishment, however was cut to \$5000.

Representative Westerlund of Jackson county made a hard fight for the bill appearing many times before the committee but failed to succeed in keeping the appropriation from being cut. However he saved the bill from being unfavorably reported upon as was predicted would be the case.

DARING ROBBERY PORTLAND STORE

Clerk Knocked Senseless by Well Dressed Thug Who Secures \$100 in Cash; \$5000 in Diamonds and Makes His Escape in Crowd.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—Knocking James Gilbert, a clerk, senseless with a blackjack, this afternoon, a well dressed desperado rushed to the back of the Diamond Palace Jewelry Store on Washington Street in the heart of the city, looted the safe of over \$1,000 in cash and then brushed the contents of a tray of diamonds into his pocket. After doing this the robber went out of the front door of the store and was lost in the crowd. The value of the diamonds secured is estimated at \$5,000. A dozen detectives were immediately rushed to the scene and all city policemen were notified to be on a look out for the robber.

SUPREME COURT TO HAVE NO ADDITIONS

Measure Providing for Two New Justices Killed Because of Strong Lobby Against the Measure—West Intimates He Would Veto.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—Saying that the bill to increase the number of justices of the supreme court was being lobbied for certain persons who expected to be appointed, the senate voted down the bill, and there will be no addition to the court this session. The emergency clause had as much to do with killing the measure as anything else, as well as Governor West's intimation that he would veto such a bill.

There will be no such luck, however, when the bill for increasing the circuit judges of Multnomah county comes up, for the lawyer lobby has packed enough support from the delegation to land one of the two judges asked for.

Eleven of the 15 lawyers in the senate voted against the bill to increase the supreme court, and the only four votes the bill received came from Attorneys Madarky, Joseph Norton and Oliver.

ACCUSED INSPECTOR CLEARED BY PROBE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 14.—Deputy Collector of Customs Hamilton today took the testimony of Inspectors Benninger and Stone and against Night Inspector Chester Gibbens by Benninger which gave rise to the suspicion that Gibbens had been engaged in smuggling opium off the liner Siberia. Gibbens will, in all probability be cleared of the smuggling suspicion with perhaps a reprimand for failing to comply with the rules of the department regarding the immediate reporting of seizures.

MINING TAKES ON NEW LIFE

Many Owners Are Making Preparations for Rushing Development Work Throughout Mining District of Southern Oregon.

That the coming spring will witness the birth of a new era among the mining interests of the Rogue River Valley is assured by the provisions for increased activity being prepared for by the owners of properties in this section.

Most of the better properties are already pushing development work to the utmost and according to a number of mine rings of the necessary capital with which to make accurate showings have unlimited quantities will probably be shipped in here for installation as soon as the present winter weather ceases.

H. L. Getchell, a mining man from Middle Fork district, said this morning that the properties in his immediate vicinity are contemplating either installing machinery themselves or else turning the properties over to a large syndicate to operate. A number of engineers from big mining interests have visited this section and tentative offers have already been received by owners of many of the properties located there.

The extent to which the district is mineralized, is beyond the conception of most people who are not familiar with the country surrounding Medford.

Within the city limits of Jacksonville, many finds of nuggets have been made, and it is a recognized fact that most of the property located within the corporation limits of that city are as equally valuable for their mineral worth as for any other. The only difficulty standing in the way of development is the fact that permission to mine within the corporate limits cannot be secured. While standing near the horse-

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TIMBER TRUST GREATER THAN STANDARD OIL

So Says Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith in Special Report to Congress—Says Gigantic Trust is Under Formation.

OWN ENOUGH TIMBER FOR 16,000,000 HOMES

Charges That Largest Holders of Country Are Not Cutting Timber—Many Protests Received.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—Producing some startling statistics, Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith today sent a special report to congress asserting that a timber trust is now being organized which will make the Standard Oil monopoly look like a pigmy.

Smith declared that four-fifths of the company's standing timber is privately owned. Three of these holdings, he says, those of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, the Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific comprise \$238,000,000,000 feet or 11 per cent of all the privately owned timber in the United States.

Commissioner Smith, in his report says: "These holdings have enough standing timber to build an ordinary five or six room frame house for each 16,000,000 families. If it were sawed and placed on cars it would make a train 100,000 miles long."

"The largest holders of timber in this country are not cutting it. Thus they are reserving to themselves incalculable profits which will accrue with the company's growth, and the consequent diminishing of the public supply or any further conservation thereof."

"Many protests are being received against such a concentration of control of the standing timber of the country, which, if it is permitted to continue makes probable the final and complete control of the lumber business by these interest which ultimately holding the bulk of the timber can set their prices at what they will. When the timber is finally cut, the land remains. There is being created, therefore not only the framework of an enormous timber monopoly, but an equally sinister concentration of land."

"Finally, to the concentration of land and timber, is added the closely concentrated railroad domination. The possibilities of this combination in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere are most important. The possibilities of the ownership of timber, are enormous, and the owners of land occupy dominating positions in the railroad transportation over great sections of the country."

"Many of these interests are protesting against conservation and the national forest system because, they say, it ties up neutral resources while they themselves are deliberately tying up farm lands for their private gain."

TIME CHECK NOW MAY CEASE IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 14.—The so-called time check evil is done away with in the bill passed by the assembly today prohibiting the issuance of negotiable paper for wages. It allows payment of checks on banks which may be cashed without discount, but upon demand of the employee the employer must pay in cash.

'OREGON PLAN' IS CURE FOR THIS ILL

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 14.—The deadlock in the voting for United States senator remained unbroken after today's ballot.

EAST, IN GRIP OF ICE, HOLDS RACES

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Skating races for the championship of the east began here today under the auspices of the Newburgh Wheelmen.

If the real estate ad "reads all right," go and see the property, and you'll probably find that the ad is "straight" and candid.

ASSOCIATION GAINED \$5950 IN PAST YEAR

Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association Holds Annual Meeting for Election of Directors—Expected Deficit but Finds Net Gain.

HANDLES SIXTY-SEVEN CENT OF APPLES AND PEARS

Valley Shipped 507 Cars of Fruits—Medford Is Chief Shipping Point in Rogue.

Stockholders of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association who met in annual session today, were greeted with the cheering report that the association during the first year of its history had made a net gain of \$5950.27. When the organization was formed it was believed that if the association broke nearly even it would be well and to learn that a net gain of nearly \$6000 was made. The statement as the association to its stockholders follows:

RESOURCES.
Warehouses—Grants Pass, Central Point, Medford—"A" and "B," \$6859.16; merchandise, \$11,043.17; due for stock, commission, accounts, \$79,891.81; cash, \$39,062.97. Total \$136,857.11.

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock subscribed, \$27,540.00; accounts and bills payable, \$103,566.84; net gain, \$5950.27. Total, \$136,857.11.

During 1910 there were 507 cars of fruit shipped from the valley of which number 315 cars were shipped by the association. The 192 cars shipped by individuals included 40 cars of peaches, so that the association shipped 67 1/2 per cent of the apples and pears leaving the valley.

Shipment of fruit was divided as follows among the stations of the valley:

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NAVARRO ADVANCE HAS BEEN CHECKED

Rebels Hold Federal Troops on Their Way to Relief of Juarez—Another Rebel Victim is Said to Have Taken Place.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 14.—His advance to the relief of Juarez blocked by Orozco's command, General Navarro and his federal troops today are held at Candelaria, according to advices reaching the rebel punta here today by courier from the south.

This courier and railroad men returning from down the line of the Mexican Central Railroad say that yesterday's firing near Samalayuca was at long range between the pickets of the Navarro and Orozco forces.

The insurgents today are reported to be harassing their forces at Guadalupe and on a line from there to Zaragoza, 13 miles down the river from Juarez. At Zaragoza, Abram Gonsales, the provisional governor of Chihuahua, who fled from El Paso when warrants were issued for his arrest for violation of the neutrality law is reported to have set up a provisional government backed by 250 men under the command of Raoul Madero, brother of Francisco Madero, the leader of the revolt.

Couriers from Casca Grandes, which lies to the south west of Juarez, tell of another rebel victory—or alleged victory, there. General Blanco's force of revolutionists are reported to have beaten the 18th Mexican infantry, which was moving to their relief of Juarez, and to have forced that regiment to retreat with losses, to Galeana.

EUSTACE BALFOUR DEAD.
LONDON, Feb. 14.—Eustace Balfour, brother of former Premier Arthur J. Balfour, died here today.