

GOOD ROADS BILL VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Badly Drawn and Unconstitutional They Would Only Result In Endless Complications—No Chance for Bonding Counties for Two Years.

SEVENTY-TWO MEASURES FEEL OSWALD WEST'S AXE

All Records in Vetoing Broken by Youthful Executive—Reasons Accompany Each Rejection.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—With the veto of the Rogue River fish bill, Governor West brought to a close the most strenuous campaign of axe wielding ever conducted by a governor of Oregon.

Almost every bill for the raising of salaries, except those purely local, met with the governor's displeasure. Most of the game bills passed by the legislature were vetoed.

List of New Vetoes.

Among other bills vetoed are the following: H. B. 230, Warner Valley Land bill; S. B. 54, preventing officials selling goods to state; S. B. 43, creating board for eradication of diseases among animals; S. B. 236, increasing salary of prosecuting attorney fourth district; S. B. 136, increasing salary of prosecuting fifth district; S. B. 217, bringing actions against corporations; S. B. 156, providing for division of counties; H. B. 409, election of one railroad commissioner from Eastern Oregon; S. B. 179, requiring bonds of contractors; H. B. 386, relating to loaning public money; H. B. 34, unknown heirs bill (Oliver's) restoring lands to heirs of Morrison in Union County.

Inspection Clause Omitted.

In offering his reasons for the veto of Senator Wood's county division bill, which by many was considered a measure of considerable importance, one of the most important, in fact, passed at the session, the governor says:

"No provision is made for the investigation by any person, on behalf of the state at large, as to the merits of the proposal to divide a county or create a new one. It does not provide any accurate manner of conducting an election when a new county is to be carved out of two old ones and where the boundaries of the proposed county would cut through an election precinct. Owing to this nothing but the utmost confusion could result in counting the ballots cast for or against the measure. There is no provision in the bill which will prevent the filing of petitions for two or more counties covering portions of the same territory and with conflicting boundaries.

Governor Sees Plot.

In vetoing the bill providing that eastern Oregon shall have one member of the state railroad commission, the governor says: "Ostensibly the purpose of the bill is to secure for eastern Oregon representation upon the railroad commission, but its real purpose is to legislate out of office a member of the commission who has been and is now giving good service and who should by all means be retained as a member of said commission. There

PROSPECTS FOR COMING YEAR VERY BRIGHT

Contracts Let for Construction Work Costing Several Millions and it is Expected That Total for Year Will Reach Five Million of Dollars.

QUARTER MILLION YARDS PAVEMENT TO BE LAID

Paved Area Will Exceed 20 Miles of Streets by Close of Year—Many Buildings Planned.

Construction work, involving a total expenditure of several million dollars, is part of the industrial program in and near Medford for 1911. Already contracts have been awarded or are in an advanced stage for improvements to cost fully \$2,000,000 and it is expected that railway, hotel, store, office and residence building operations will bring the amount to \$5,000,000. Work has been started on several projects.

The city of Medford will spend over a million dollars in street improvements. Contracts are already awarded for 140,000 square yards of asphalt paving, which will add six miles to the city's paved thoroughfares. In addition, between 75,000 and 100,000 square yards additional pavement has been petitioned for, and contracts for which will soon be awarded, bringing the total paved area up to 20 or more miles. In addition, there will be many miles of sewer and water mains laid.

Work will soon begin upon a \$100,000 hospital, upon the \$110,000 federal building, upon the Masonic temple and many other structures. The new \$100,000 five-story Medford hotel is being rapidly constructed and other partially built buildings being rushed to completion, including the Westerlund and Sparta and Medford Furniture and Hardware block.

Extension of the Pacific & Eastern to connect with the Oregon Trunk at Pelican Bay, involving the expenditure of several millions, making Medford the terminal of the Hill system in Oregon, is expected to be among the developments of the year. Meanwhile the Rogue River Valley railroad is being extended up the Applegate towards the Blue Ledge district.

The Rogue River Electric company has begun the construction of a 25,000 horse power electric plant to harness the Rogue near Prospect at a cost of a million or more and has awarded contracts for machinery to equip it. This will give power enough to turn all the wheels of southern Oregon. The present plant at Gold Ray will be used for emergency purposes.

Mining is receiving more attention than since the days of '49 and development work on many claims is under way. Preparations are under way to manufacture lumber upon a large scale along the Pacific & Eastern. From 10,000 to 15,000 acres of commercial orchard are being planted, making the total planted orchard area over 75,000 acres.

ALL DANGER SLUMP OVER

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—At the opening of the stock exchange, Southern Railway, Southern Pacific and Reading showed fractional losses. Missouri Pacific was half higher but soon lost its gain. Realizing that all danger of a serious slump had passed, the big financiers rushed to get their money out of the market. As a result New York Central, Missouri Pacific, Reading and other prominent issues declined nearly a point from yesterday. Canadian Pacific advanced two points during the early trading. Reading had good buying as did Union Pacific during the last minute. The market closed strong.

Governor West's Fish Bill Veto Message

Salem, Oregon, February 24th, 1911.

To the Honorable, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I herewith return house bill No. 218 with my disapproval. The purpose of this bill is to nullify a law, passed by the people of this state at the last general election, whereby the Rogue river was closed to commercial fishing.

The commercial fishing on the said river has for years been controlled by one man, who, through riparian ownership, has maintained a complete monopoly upon the industry. Through the enjoyment of this monopoly he grew wealthy and was absolute dictator as far as that stream was concerned. Deriving his revenue from Oregon, he spent it in California, where his family resided and his supplies were purchased. The money he spent for the propagation of fish he spent because it would ultimately add to his revenue.

Such streams as the Rogue and the fish therein are given by the laws of God to the people, for their common use and benefit, but this one, through the favoritism of man made laws, was given over to the sole use and benefit of this one man. For every dollar expended in equipment and propagation, hundreds were taken in profit. Therefore the charge that the closing of the stream is unjust and confiscatory is without foundation.

If, through laws passed by the legislature, one man was permitted for years to enjoy a monopoly, which, while making him rich, retarded the growth and development of the country, his heirs have no right to complain when the people see fit, through the passage of another law, to break the said monopoly and place the control of the stream back in the hands of all the people, where it rightfully belongs. I, therefore, return this bill with my veto.

OSWALD WEST, Governor.

EXTRA SESSION APRIL FOURTH

Taft Set Date for Reconvening—House Passes Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill—Panama Canal to be Fortified.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—President Taft today set April 4 as the date for an extra session of congress in case he is obliged to carry out his threat. The session will be called in case there is no vote on Canadian reciprocity.

The house tonight made a record in passing the sundry civil appropriation bill, the largest supply measure of the session, which had been up only two days. The bill carried more than \$140,000,000, and usually takes from five to 15 days for consideration. Only three minor alterations were made on the floor. Without a dissenting voice \$45,560,000 was appropriated for continuing work on the Panama canal, something unprecedented. The bill carried \$350,000 for raising the battleship Maine, \$400,000 for continuation of the tariff board for two years, and \$3,000,000 fortifying canal.

PROSPERITY PREDICTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Reports tonight of the development of crops and financial condition in various parts of the country, specially collected by the United Press, indicate a period of prosperity is promised for 1911. Financiers point out that more money is in possession of farmers and that high prices in the last three years have increased the savings, and also the production everywhere.

The Pacific coast, California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho particularly have progressed, bank clearings increased materially, railroads are spending millions for improvements and extensions and the influx of home-seekers now starting indicates unusual prosperity in the west.

TAFTS ATTEND FUNERAL OF HEROIC COACHMAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—President Taft and Mrs. Taft, with many high officials of the government, today attended the funeral of Edward McQuade, Secretary Dickinson's coachman, who was killed here Thursday while saving the life of Secretary Dickinson's daughter Helen, during a runaway.

JACK FROST SHOT BY UNKNOWN ROBBER

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Jack Frost, 59, proprietor of a small confectionery store, was held up and shot three times last evening by an unknown burglar.

RAILROADS TO DROP FIGHT

Belief Growing That Lines Will Make No Protest Against Decision of Interstate Commerce Commission Forbidding Increase.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Belief is growing here today that the railroads will make no protest against the decision of the interstate commerce commission in refusing to allow advances in rates, and that they will retrench to meet current obligations.

The chief public concern over the situation is whether there will be a reduction of wages to the level prevailing before the recent concessions to employees. In this connection the statement of George F. Baer, president of the Reading railroad, that the workman might suffer from the refusal to allow the rate raise, is causing surprise. Referring to Baer's statement, a big labor leader said today:

"There will be no reduction in wages now. The eastern and most of the western systems have signed up with the various brotherhoods for a term of years. If the railroads violate their contracts, which is unlikely we will have the biggest railroad strikes in history.

The impression among financial men here is that everything soon will be adjusted, that the roads will carry out their contemplated improvements, and that no fight for higher rates will be made.

MINE DEATH LIST TOTALS 17

TONOPAH, Nev., Feb. 25.—With the recovery today of two more bodies from the Belmont mine, the death list now totals 17. Shortly before noon a rescuing party found the body of Frank Burke, a shift boss, lying at the bottom of the 1100-foot level, and that of an unidentified Slav in a stokehole just above the 1100-foot level.

Rescuers today made a complete search of the mine, but no other recoveries were made. With the finding of the bodies of Burke and the Slav it is believed all the missing men are accounted for.

A coroner's jury was called this afternoon to view the remains and an inquest will be held either Sunday or Monday. With the fire out and the smoke and gas rapidly clearing, the officials expect to resume operations Monday.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR FEEBLE MINDED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Dr. Frank E. Smith of Salem was appointed superintendent of the state institution for the feeble minded. The appointment was made yesterday by the state board. He succeeds H. E. Bickers, who recently resigned.

WAPPENSTEIN IS ARRESTED

Deposed Chief of Police at Seattle Indicted by Grand Jury on Charge of Having Accepted a Bribe to Permit Gambling House to Run.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 25.—Charles Wappenstein, former chief of police, recently deposed, was arrested this afternoon upon indictment of the grand jury charging him with accepting a bribe of \$2500 from Gideon Tupper and Clarence Gerald for permission to conduct a gambling game.

The grand jury has been investigating for over a week. The evidence was collected by William Burns, the San Francisco graft detective. Wappenstein tonight denied having accepted a bribe.

WEST OPPOSES JAP TREATY

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—"I look upon it as an entering wedge to open the doors for coolie labor on the Pacific Coast," said Governor West this afternoon when asked for an expression of opinion relative to the treaty entered into between Japan and the United States and which congress has ratified.

"Labor conditions on the Pacific Coast," continued the governor, "are today better and superior to those prevailing on the Atlantic. On the pressure of opinion relative to the complete with foreign labor and it has Atlantic coast American labor must would have had to compete with American labor on the Pacific coast immigration laws and treaty restrictions on the subject. Remove these and an invasion of Asiatic labor to the Pacific coast and the placing of Asiatic labor on an equality with Asiatic labor will be the result."

TAFT TO SPEND THREE WEEKS IN DIXIE LAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—President Taft is contemplating spending two or three weeks in the south, beginning March 10, when he speaks at Atlanta, it was learned tonight. He feels his long siege since December 1 is entitled to rest before the extra session.

COLONIST FOLDERS NOW ARE READY

Manager Charles A. Malboeuf, of the Commercial club, issued notice today to the effect that any persons wishing to secure data on the colonist rates from the east to be in effect on the transcontinental railroads from March 10 to April 10, may get the same by applying at the club rooms in the Natatorium building.

FINE OUTLOOK FOR BIG YIELD BY ORCHARDS

Professor O'Gara, After Examination of Groves, Reports Both Apples and Pears Heavily Set With Buds—Better Than a Year Ago.

FIVE INCHES EXCESS IN RAINFALL OVER YEAR AGO

Up to Present, Conditions Have Been Ideal—Cool Weather Hoped for to Hold Back Buds.

By P. J. O'Gara.

The prospects for a heavy yield of apples and pears in the Rogue River Valley were never better. During the past couple of weeks I have been pretty well over the orchard districts of the valley from Ashland to Grants Pass and find trees of practically all varieties of pears and apples heavily set with buds. A critical examination of the pear orchards, in particular, shows that they are more heavily set with fruit buds than a year ago. The Bartlett's are perhaps in the lead, but this is natural since this variety is not only an early bearer but a very regular one. The other varieties, however, are well set, and there should be one of the best crops of pears of all varieties that the valley has ever seen.

The present prospects for a heavy crop are brightened by the fact that at this time the excess in precipitation over last year is more than five inches. Up to this time, weather conditions have been ideal, the bright but cool weather has held back the buds, and it is to be hoped that it will continue for some weeks. We hope to see the blooming season for all varieties more nearly the normal this year. Pears should not come into bloom until after the first week in April; and apples of course, from a week to ten days after that date. The number of acres of all varieties of fruits to come into bearing this year is about 3,000. Of course, this is a very heavy increase over last year, but this increase comes from a number of very fine young orchards planted from six to eight years ago and which have been given the best of care. Naturally, we expect such trees to help to swell the grand total. It is a little too early to estimate the number of ears which we expect to ship, but to be very conservative, the amount of fruit to be sent out of the valley this year should easily double last year's output. In connection with this statement I wish to say that every orchardist should avail himself of every opportunity to keep posted on weather conditions. Time for spraying, and for every other orchard practice which will help him to protect his crop. There is no trouble in saving crops from any cause whatever in the Rogue River Valley if the orchardist will give intelligent attention to the details of the business.

FAIR VICTORY IS CELEBRATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—With parades, band concerts, receptions and speeches, San Francisco today celebrated her victory over New Orleans in securing national endorsement as the site for the Panama exposition.

By proclamation of the mayor, the stores were closed for the afternoon, and when the great parade started down Market street at 2:30 o'clock San Francisco outdid herself in wild demonstration. Promptly with the starting of the parade every controller of a steam whistle or siren in the city and harbor was tied down and the resultant roar shook the nearby hills.

A large contingent of militia and regular troops figured in the parade. Tonight band concerts, confetti throwing and general jubilation will keep the city awake until long after midnight.

DEATH STALKS IN SHADOW OF DIRE POVERTY

Youth, Dying of Galloping Consumption, in Destitution Amid Squalid Surroundings—Family of Orphans.

DEATH OF PARENTS SHROUD CHILDREN IN MAZE OF DEBTS

Physicians Not Summoned in Time to Render Material Aid—Must Depend Upon Charity.

Every moment approaching nearer to the inevitable end, Clarence Veach, seventeen years old, a sufferer from galloping consumption is confined to the two room "shack" home on South Front street which he, four brothers and a sister have shared together since, two months ago, their mother fell a victim to the same dread disease. Save for the attention given the boy by City Physician R. W. Stearns and the aid given the family by kind hearted neighbors, the dying boy, whose end is daily expected by those now ministering to his wants, would be forced to suffer the pangs of destitution in addition to the tortures of the disease he is feebly combatting for his life.

One reason for the present condition of the boy is the fact that, although he has been seriously ill for almost a month, medical aid was not summoned until last Monday. Dr. Stearns, when he answered the call on that day discovered that the boy's temperature had reached 103 degrees and that the entire upper lobe of one lung had already consolidated. Since that day Dr. Stearns has attended the boy regularly but following a visit paid the patient by him last night he held out little hope for recovery.

Children Left Orphans.

Since the death of the father, a painter, from injuries received when he fell from a scaffolding two years ago, the family, which consists of David, aged 19 years; Clarence, the sick boy, aged 17 years; another boy, 14 years old, who is also on the sick list; two small boys, aged seven and five years; a married daughter, whose husband is away; and until two months ago when she died, of the mother, has been dependent for support upon the earnings of David and what money Clarence was able to earn from time to time.

Although David is regularly employed, and is favorably thought of by his employers, a grocery delivery company here, the family, just as they were recovering from the destitution in which the sudden death of the father left them, were again shrouded in a maze of debts when the mother died. Since then, however between them, the two older boys have paid up all of the obligation but about \$5.

For a short while they kept boarders out at their small home, but the cramped quarters prevented this when sickness visited the house, with the result that the Misses White and McDermott, school teachers in the city schools, who visited the home last week discovered that the younger children were without sufficient clothing to withstand the cold. They secured some clothes and left them at the house.

Doctor Called Too Late.

According to Dr. Stearns, who also attended the mother before consumption carried her off, both the cases of the mother and the boy Clarence could have been combated better had there been any one in the family to summon medical help when the patients first became seriously ill. When summoned to attend the mother about two months ago, he found that the woman was beyond all medical aid, and in the present case not only was Clarence almost at that stage but the next youngest child had also succumbed to an attack of sickness.

The house in which the children make their home is very squalid and, situated as it is upon a vacant lot to the south of the Medford grocery company's new warehouse on South Front street is without any sanitary arrangements.

Within the past few days, the at-