

NO VETOS FROM GOVERNOR UPON ANY LEGISLATION

SALEM, Or., Feb. 22.—Not a single vote has thus far been filed by Governor Withycombe and the prospects are that the harmony program will be marred by none. Nor have any bills been filed without the governor's signature, as frequently happened with Chamberlain and West.

In the senate there were 314 bills introduced. This is 24 less than the number introduced at the 1913 session. In the house the total number of bills introduced was 515, which is 118 less than the number introduced two years ago. About half of the bills have been passed.

A new tax law and a permanent registration law have been enacted. The tax law provides for tax payments April 5 and October 5. It provides for a charge of 1 per cent a month interest on first payments when not paid when due, and an additional penalty of 5 per cent if the second half payment is not paid November 5, or one month after the due date of the second payment.

Responding to the demands of the people of the state, the legislature passed a resolution referring to the voters a constitutional amendment giving the governor authority to veto single items in appropriation bills. This same demand of the people also brought about a much needed reform in the manner of drafting appropriation bills. Instead of introducing a great omnibus appropriation bill, carrying items that would total a million dollars or more, a separate bill has been introduced for the appropriations for each state institution and department.

Those who have given study to movements for the improvement of farming conditions say that the bill, which has been passed, providing for the formation of rural credit unions is a very important step in the interest of the farmers of Oregon. Another bill along somewhat similar lines authorizes the establishment of state banks on a co-operative plan.

The irrigation interests, while being disappointed in failing to obtain appropriations for the development of central and eastern Oregon, have obtained a revision of the irrigation laws which is expected to promote the development of irrigation districts.

No road legislation was enacted. The state highway engineer office was consolidated with the state engineer's and the highway engineer made an assistant to the state engineer.

INITIATIVE CHANGES SUBMITTED TO PEOPLE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Amendments relating to the circulating of initiative and referendum petitions, so as to allow two methods of placing measures upon the ballot, will be submitted to the people, if senate bill 59, by Day, is passed by the house. It was passed by the senate yesterday afternoon.

The bill provides that measures may be initiated by employing paid circulators, as now, but if this done then in connection with the ballot title there must be a statement to the effect he paid circulators were employed. The other method is that the petition is to be placed with the county clerk, who shall provide a place in the county courthouse for persons to sign the petition. When two per cent of the voters of the county have signed it then the clerk must provide five other public places where the petitions may be signed.

The clause referring the measure to the people, if passed by the legislature, was tacked on at the request of Senator Kellaker.

HONOR MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was being commemorated here today with appropriate exercises. Government business was partially suspended with the closing of the executive and judicial departments and President Wilson joined with other high officials in honoring Washington's memory. The legislative branch of the government, however, was in session.

The principal celebration was at Memorial Continental Hall, under the joint auspices of various patriotic organizations, with President Wilson on the program as principal speaker.

EDITOR KAISER NOW POSTMASTER OF GRANITE CITY

ASHLAND, Feb. 22.—P. M. might stand for either post portem or post meridian, but in this instance it means postmaster, applied as a suffix to the well-known name of E. J. Kaiser, who was nominated by the president last Saturday as head of the local postoffice, to succeed John R. Cooney on or about March 4 prox. This nomination is equivalent to confirmation, and the appointment was a foregone conclusion months ago, inasmuch as Ed undoubtedly had the backing of not only both the Oregon senators, but also the moral support of Governor West.

Kaiser is a native son of Siskiyou county, California. At one time it looked as though his fortunes were to be cast in the ministerial matrix, but he showed a predilection for journalism and drifted into the office of the Yreka Journal, where he graduated with high honors. In 1884 he crossed the plains over into Jackson county and for years presided over the destinies of the Ashland Record. Always positive, and never negative in the expression of opinions, this trait sometimes naturally got him into trouble. In a certain content case years ago a "defi" on his part and resultant court proceedings was the occasion for not only the unmaking of one circuit judge, but also the creation of another. This was a cause celebre in Oregon's judicial annals. Politically, Kaiser is a free lance. Old mossback democrats repudiate his political affiliations and have successively termed him a socialist, proli, reactionary and anarchist. His shoulders are broad, however, and he can stand it. In his strenuous work year after year, in season and out of season, for the rehabilitation of the Southern Oregon Normal school, some have even twitted him as being an ah-Normalist.

Physically, he probably weighs more than any ex-editor in Jackson county, and is the nestor among those who have retired, weary if not wealthy, from that exalted profession. Intellectually he ranks above the average, with brain storm powers and vehement argument that are not to be measured in watts, tungstens or amperes.

Like Kitchener, and also resembling Cleveland—at least until Grover arrived at years of discretion—Kaiser is a confirmed bachelor. Unlike the British war lord, however, his sympathies are most pronouncedly pro-Touton in the present war which is devastating Europe.

Girls, the salary of the Ashland postoffice is over \$2000 per year and the office is completely furnished.

SELLING PRESENTED WITH TESTIMONIAL

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—As a testimonial of their esteem for their speaker, members of the house Saturday night presented Ben Selling with a handsome engraved gold watch. At the presentation a ringing round of cheers and an outpouring of oratory betokened the sincere good wishes of Mr. Selling's fifty-nine associates.

Allen Eaton, who opposed Mr. Selling for the speakership at the opening of the session, made the presentation. He interrupted the proceedings about 10 o'clock and asked to speak on a point of personal privilege. The speaker seemed perplexed, but readily assented. Judge Littlefield, who appeared to be in on the secret, shouted to the speaker to lay down his gavel and allow Mr. Eaton to make his speech.

HUNDRED THOUSAND FOR NEW BUILDINGS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—One hundred thousand dollars for new buildings for educational institutions was appropriated by the house Saturday, \$50,000 for the accommodation of the Monmouth Normal school and \$50,000 for the construction of a medical college building in connection with the University of Oregon at Portland. Both measures encountered opposition. The ways and means committee having refused to consider favorably the medical school appropriation, and it remained for the house itself, in committee of the whole, to add that sum to the amount authorized for maintenance of the school.

Smoke Home-Made Cigars. Governor Johnson, Mt. Pitt and La Vista are the best.

"AMERICA" AT THE PAGE THEATER TONIGHT AND TUESDAY



BERT GREER IS SERENADED

ASHLAND, Feb. 22.—Friday night Bert Greer was serenaded. The surprise was complete and the pleasure was reciprocal. A party of over 50 mutual friends, both ladies and gentlemen, mobilized at the Hotel Oregon and from that strategic position, raided the Greer domicile adjacent on Oak street. The ladies are given credit for the affair, Mrs. Louis Dodge having taken the initiative. The demonstration was intended as a vote of confidence in Mr. Greer's labor at the head of the water commission in view of a crisis which is pending in the furtherance of the great mineral springs project. This movement is going ahead. Whatever happens it can only be temporarily delayed by a cabal of malcontents who uphold nothing in common with the spirit of civic righteousness and municipal progress. Pledges of allegiance in behalf of the work in hand were given the chairman of the water commission and his fellow members of the board. Light refreshments were served and songs were sung prominent among which was a paraphrase on the Battle Hymn of the Republic, the refrain of which echoed the sentiment, "We'll hang all knackers to a sour apple tree, while the springs go flowing on."

In basketball schedules, Ashland defeated Cottage Grove, last Thursday, 36 to 18, and on Saturday night repeated the defeat by a score of 32 to 5. The local team is now victorious over Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Etna Mills, Roseburg and Cottage Grove. The high school squad will now tackle Medford in a four-game series, the first of which will be played here Friday evening this week, and the second at Medford on Saturday evening. The other two games may be played on neutral territory.

Guest Boese, a German, detained here last Friday evening from No. 16, in a demented condition, though at times apparently rational. His mileage credential over the railway from Oakland, Cal., to Portland, was of the scalper's classification and not considered good form by the S. P., a fact which annoyed him. He also tore up his bank book, showing a balance to his credit in the First National of Portland. He dictated a telegram for funds, being short of cash, and \$20 was forthcoming Saturday morning. In the afternoon he started for the northbound train, saying his home was at Boring, Clackamas county, but was seized with another spell of intermittent mania and pelted bystanders with pellets in a manner that was more potent than polite. Sheriff Singler then took him to Jacksonville, pending further investigation.

CAMPBELL NAMED EUGENE POSTMASTER

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 22.—E. L. Campbell, pioneer democratic editor of Lane county, has been appointed postmaster of Eugene, which carries a salary of \$3100, though not endorsed by the local democratic organization. There were six candidates. Lee Campbell is proprietor of the Sayoy theater. He was born in Eugene in 1865 and his father was a Lane county pioneer. His brothers, John Campbell and Ira Campbell, published the Daily Eugene Guard for a quarter of a century, and finally sold it to Lee Campbell, who had learned the printing trade in his brother's plant. He was editor for seven years, when he sold it to Chas. Fisher and entered the furniture business six years ago. While editor of the Guard Mr. Campbell was an ardent democrat.

DEADLOCK BROKEN BY COMPROMISE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—The house Saturday evening broke the deadlock by passing the Moser bill making all appointive officials subject to removal at the pleasure of the appointive power tonight.

In return the senate agreed to three industrial accident commissioners and took off the emergency clause.

On the appropriation bill for the girls' industrial school, the house cut out the item of \$15,000 for a new building and the senate approved all the other items, including those for equipping the present building. The underlying motive of the senate's efforts to amend the Schuebel bill was to get the scalp of Miss Fern Hobbs, a member of the industrial accident commission.

POPE ONCE MORE WORKS FOR PEACE

ROME, Feb. 22.—Reports received by the secretary of state of the vatican says the Giornale d'Italia, show that Germany, although maintaining excellent military positions, feels seriously the consequences of the war, and therefore has modified materially her views on peace conditions to be imposed. The paper adds: "The pontiff considers such a condition of affairs lends itself favorably to diplomatic steps. He is reported again to have interpolated Emperor William to know on what conditions Germany would be disposed to negotiate peace, observing that in any case the military honor of Germany is safe."

SWISS FIRE UPON GERMAN WARSHIP

BERNE, Switzerland, via Paris, Feb. 22.—Swiss soldiers opened fire yesterday on an aeroplane said to have been German, which flew over Bonaf. The machine was struck by nine bullets and the pilot was forced to descend at Forrette, after hovering over the positions at Rechesv.

WORDS FROM HOME

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Medford Citizens
When a Medford citizen comes to the front, telling of his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Medford resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.
F. W. Gray, 507 W. Palm street, Medford, says: "My kidneys began to bother me and caused severe pain. I think the trouble was made worse by the strain of being on my feet so much. Sometimes during the day's work, my back pained me dreadfully and by night I could hardly stand. After I quit work, I couldn't rest. Doan's Kidney Pills were just what I needed and cured me in a short time."
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PLAN TO IMPEDE ACTIVE WORK ON SODA POP SYSTEM

ASHLAND, Feb. 22.—Saturday night a meeting was held at Bressler's store for the purpose of formulating a plan which will seek to interfere with active work on the auxiliary water system. Those who took part in this preliminary meeting assert that the neglect of the springs commission to advertise for bids in connection with letting the contract on a \$100,000 basis, is the cause of their grievance. They assert a fund is being raised to meet the expense of injunction proceedings and that a firm of local attorneys are ready to serve the same, the injunction to be carried through circuit to supreme court channels if necessary. They further claim the neglect in advertising for proposals on contract work, as aforesaid, is in direct contravention of city charter provisions. Another meeting will be called at an early date to further agitate this matter. The general public discourages any mor contention regarding this contemplated move.

For Club Rally

The date of the rally and boost by the Commercial and Civic Improvement clubs is February 26, and not March 26, as erroneously stated in these columns recently, and the date for receiving slogan proposals is limited to February 25, instead of March 25, likewise incorrectly given. Chairman Eubanks and Superintendent Briscoe, of the school board, accompanied by their wives, were guests of Superintendent Frazier, of the Everett Wash, schools, at a six o'clock dinner, served at Hotel Oregon, last Friday evening.

Epworth Leaguers

Ross Ellason was host to a jolly gathering of Epworth Leaguers, at the parental residence, corner of Main and Laurel streets, last Saturday evening. The social event mingled with the serving of refreshments. His sister, Miss Bertha, teacher in the East Side school, assisted in entertainment of the guests.

RAILROAD COMMISSION CHANGES ITS NAME

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Exit the Oregon Railroad Commission. No, this is not a part of the so-called consolidation program. It merely means that the house and senate have passed a bill that changes the name of the Railroad Commission to the "Public Service Commission of Oregon."

The duties and personnel of the commission remain the same. The change was made for the reason that it describes more adequately the functions of the commission now that it handles all public utilities as well as railroads.

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