

STERILIZATION BILL PASSES SENATE BY VOTE OF 18 TO 10

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Ore., Jan. 31.—The senate has passed Senator Farrell's sterilization bill. The vote stood 18 for the bill, 10 against and two absent.

For two hours the senate debated the measure. Senator Vinton declared to pass it would be a disgrace to the senate. He vigorously denounced it. Senator Hurley made an impassioned talk against it, saying one of the reasons he opposed it was because four years ago the people of the state voted down a sterilization measure which had been passed by the legislature.

Houston and Moser Oppose.
Senators Houston and Moser and Strayer opposed it, principally on the ground that the people had once voted down a sterilization bill. Senators Farrell, Eddy, Pierce, La Follette, Lewis and Smith of Coos spoke in support of the bill.

"There is no similarity between this bill and the one voted down by the people four years ago, except the word sterilization," declared Senator Farrell. "This is intended as a protective measure against the birth of idiotic and feeble-minded children. The people of Oregon have safeguarded the propagation of their fine horses and cattle, and why not do as much for the human family?"

Pierce Advocates Bill.
"I only wish that this bill was more sweeping in its terms," said Senator Pierce, who predicted that if the bill was referred to the people it would carry two to one.

Senator Garland pointed out that the opponents of the bill failed to discriminate between the provisions of this bill and the one voted on four years ago. The one voted on before, he said, provided for castration, while this bill provides for a simple operation which in no way disfigures the body.

"If the people of the state could visit the institution for the feeble-minded and see the inmates," said Senator La Follette, "they would vote unanimously for the bill."

The vote on the measure was as follows:
Yes—Baldwin, Bishop, Casiek, Eddy, Farrell, Garland, Hawley, La Follette, Leinenweber, Lewis, Orton, Pierce, Shanks, Smith of Coos, Smith of Josephine, Steiner, Wilbur, Wood—18.

No—Barrett, Dimick, Gill, Hanley, Hurley, Houston, Moser, Strayer, Vinton, von der Hellen—10.

Absent—Bingham, Olson.

FIGHT RAGING ON UMPQUA FISHING

SALEM, Jan. 31.—Restrictions proposed in the Douglas delegation's bill regulating fishing on the Umpqua river provided another vehicle for airing intra-county troubles before the legislature.

When the house fisheries committee held its public meeting on the bill last night there were delegations on hand from Roseburg and the lower Umpqua county to discuss its effect. Those from the coast section presented imposing arguments against it on the score that it would ruin one of the country's most important industries, while those from Roseburg held that the upper river has already been started on the highway to ruin from the angler's viewpoint.

During the discussion, which waxed hotter as it progressed, there were charges of bad faith and broken promises on both sides. Before the meeting had progressed very far Senator Eddy arose to state that, while the bill bore the parentage of the Douglas delegation, he was not consulted in its drafting and knew nothing of the squall it had stirred up until today. He declined to say what his attitude would be toward the bill should it reach the senate.

A member of the committee indicated it would be a day or two at least before the measure would be reported back to the house.

ABOLISH DELINQUENT PUBLICATION MULTNOMAH

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—With but three votes against it, the senate passed substitute senate bill 3 abolishing the publication of delinquent tax lists in Multnomah county. The bill carries an emergency clause. Senator C. L. Hawley's effort to have the senate go into committee of the whole to have the bill amended so it would apply to the whole state

FISH BILLS SENT JOINT COMMITTEE; FIGHT EXPECTED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—The several pending fish bills aimed to close the Columbia, Willamette, Rogue and Umpqua rivers to commercial fishermen, will be reported back from the joint senate and house fisheries committee soon, it is expected. And whether the reports are favorable or unfavorable, one of the fights of the closing days of the session promises to be over the measures, it is freely predicted.

Commercial fishermen in numbers from various sections are here for the avowed purpose of working against the bills. One delegation of Umpqua fishermen appeared before the joint committee this week and protested against any change in the present laws.

Trading Stamp Bill.
Portland and Salem merchants have lined up against a bill introduced by Representative O. Laurgaard, Portland, which they claim will bring trading stamps back into Oregon. Representatives of merchants' organizations of Portland and Salem appeared before a joint meeting of the Multnomah and Marion county delegation Tuesday and said they were willing to have the law remain as it is but resented any attempts to permit use of stamps.

The bill provides that no concern can give trading stamps unless it can show a capital stock of \$25,000. This would mean that one large eastern firm would again be given a monopoly of that so-called form of advertising," said Robert G. Duncan, Portland, secretary of the Portland Retail Grocers' association.

Mr. Laurgaard protested against the calling of the matter and declared it was a scheme to "put something over on him while his back was turned."

Classifying Teachers.
Senator Orton, Portland, has introduced a bill amending the tenure in office for school teachers and providing that teachers shall not be dismissed or reduced in rank or pay without first being given a hearing before a commission of three to be appointed by the presiding judge of the circuit court of Multnomah county.

RUSHING PASSAGE BONE DRY BILL

SALEM, Jan. 31.—The Oregon "bone dry" absolute prohibition bill will be given its third reading and final consideration by the state senate here tomorrow, it was announced today. The bill was passed Monday by the house of representatives and at present is in the hands of a senate committee.

Several stringent regulations have been added to the measure by the senate committee, it is said. The five days period of grace allowed by the assembly which would permit mail order liquor houses to fill orders received within five days after the bill is passed and signed by the governor, has been eliminated by the senate committee which would provide that orders cannot be filled after the bill is signed.

BILL TO ELIMINATE LONG-WINDED SPEECHES

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—A resolution restricting members of the legislature from explaining their vote will be introduced in the lower house tomorrow, by Representative Charles Childs of Brownsville. Valuable time, Mr. Childs points out in the resolution, is wasted by the legislature, for which the taxpayers pay by verbose explanation of a vote.

The lower house today passed almost unanimously the bill increasing the minimum term of school, from six to eight months. The bill is aimed to benefit rural school districts and increases the fund for the conduct of each rural school from \$300 to \$400 a year.

The lower house passed a bill requiring employers in all classes of labor to pay their employees as frequently as semi-monthly at least.

The railroads and other employers on a large scale fought the bill on the ground that it would increase expense materially.

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We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their help and kindness during the recent illness and death of our wife and mother; also for the floral offerings which we believe nothing you have

POLISH COUNCIL THANKS WILSON FOR RECOGNITION

WARSAW, Jan. 30.—The provisional Polish state council has telegraphed the following message to President Wilson in regard to the president's recent speech to the senate:

"The provisional state council of the kingdom of Poland, which came into being by the proclamations of November 5, 1916, solemnly announced by the monarchs of Germany and Austria-Hungary, has the honor, Mr. President, to take cognizance of your message. It is the first time in this war that the head of a powerful neutral state, who at the same time is the chief representative of a great nation, has declared officially that, according to his conviction, the independence of the Polish state is the only just solution of the Polish question and an insurmountable condition of a lasting and just peace. For this wise and noble understanding of the rights of the Polish people, Mr. President, the provisional state council tenders you deep and grateful respect in its own name and in the name of the Polish nation."

WHO HAS COURAGE TO ANSWER THIS?

Will some one on the inside please explain these awful howls we hear about bonds and rebonds? And what means the little star we see hovering over the Blue Ledge copper camp. Tell us, please, is this the time we read about? Namely, the lion should eat straw with the cows?

Has an electric shock touched them up, or have the pangs of hunger made some of our city lions wish a whiff of straw? Well, do we believe that the days of prophets and false prophets have past?

We look with interest on the quick, alert, revived tread of the business man. The old prospector has handled his pick and shined his shovel and with his side of saw bosom and pansake flower, is going forth to find and to reap.

The farmer smiles as he looks up and up and up, yea. With his field glass watching the price of wheat, barley and pork, and Professor Beckwith informs us he has an alliance whereby apples from the Rogue of the Triangle brand will be able to judge the Dutch lapjoes in the Atlantic and once there adorn the tables of royalty. So you fellows, who can boast, but won't, had better get scarce, for verily, we say unto you, this is the time to make a glad noise and before we forget it, the wise men of all the regions round about proclaim that a Bear Spray Rig puts fear and trembling into all bugs and microbes that look with eager appetites on the apples and pears. Now fellows, let us forget the past and get a new lease on life, pull for the Blue Ledge mine, the Applegate Lumber Company's big mill, join hands with "Pop" Gates and simply set 'em afire with Shorty Ben and Big Johnson always ready to serve you at the big store, known as the Garnett-Corey Hardware Co.'s place, where you can always see life. More next Saturday.

PRESIDENT FAVORS DAYLIGHT SAVING

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A letter from President Wilson supporting the objects of the movement to turn the clock forward one hour during the summer months was read today at the National Daylight Saving convention in session here. The communication came in response to a letter written to the president by Marcus M. Marks, chairman of the convention, setting forth the purpose of the movement. The president wrote:

"Your letter of January 26 unhappily reached me too late for me to send a letter which would get to you by the 30th.

"I would have been glad to back up any movement which has the objects of the daylight-saving movement."

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PUGILIST'S DEATH LIKELY TO STOP BOXING BOUTS

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Governor Whitman today in a formal statement, announced that he was in favor of repealing the law authorizing boxing exhibitions in this state.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 31.—The death of Stephen McDonald, who was killed during a boxing bout here last night, was due to "shock, occasioned by a blow over the solar plexus," according to the decision of Dr. Fred Myers, coroner's physician, who performed an autopsy today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Boxing promoters expressed fears today that the game would suffer further restriction at the hands of the state legislature. It was reported that Governor Whitman intended to ask the legislature to repeal the present law, which permits ten-round bouts without a decision. The rumor was without confirmation, however, either in Albany or New York.

Developments in the boxing game expected to affect the future of the sport include the investigation now in progress of charges against Frederick A. Wenck, chairman of the state athletic commission, and the death of Stephen McDonald, who was killed last night in the first round of a professional bout at Albany.

A number of legislators saw the fight in which McDonald was knocked out by Toddy Hicks with a blow under the heart. Hicks, his second, the referee and promoters of the bout are held on charges of manslaughter, second degree.

The Wenck investigation will be continued next Monday in New York. The chairman of the athletic commission is charged with attempting extortion in seeking a bribe from boxing promoters.

FRANCE SUFFERS WORST WINTER

PARIS, Jan. 31.—France is experiencing the most severe winter since 1893. For the last week the thermometer has never been higher than twenty-eight degrees Fahrenheit, except in the extreme south. The cold reached even the most southerly point yesterday and affected such favored spots as Nice and Cannes, while at Cetta there were eleven degrees of frost. At Paris, at the same time, the mercury fell to 14, at Belfort 8, at Lyons to five, while the port of Nantes was frozen up notwithstanding the efforts of ice breakers.

The Seine, Marne and Saone are full of floating ice and the backwaters are completely frozen over. If the frost continues a few days more the whole surface of the rivers will be covered and all traffic stopped.

BAND OF ELK FOR CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 31.—Deputy Game Warden George Mitchell brought to this city Saturday a band of elk which he captured at the Billy Meadows pasture, thirty miles north-east of here, and acting under orders from the state game commission, they will be shipped at the earliest opportunity to the Crater Lake National park in southern Oregon. It is likely that two of the elk will be left at Salem. The herd is made up of yearlings and two-year-olds and they are fine specimens.

This constitutes a part of the increase from a shipment of elk made to this county a few years ago from Jackson's Hole, Wyo.

They were placed in the government pasture and have since been under the guardianship of the state game officials. Through the winter the elk have been fed hay and throughout the year a watchful eye has been kept on the herd, with the result that they have grown and multiplied from a little bunch of half-starved scions of a noble race to a large and healthy bunch that is worthy of the name they bear.

The captured elk will be sent by express over the Southern Pacific via Weed, Cal., to Chiloquin, Or., where they will be taken from the train and hauled to Crater lake. Mr. Mitchell will accompany the shipment.

The capture of the elk was the least of Mr. Mitchell's troubles, he said, when asked how they were caught. They have a series of pens in which hay is fed to the elk, and during the night when they come in to eat they trip the latch that holds the gate open and in the morning when the attendant goes out there is Mr. Elk all hemmed in without a scratch on him. He is then let through a chute to a larger pen to join those of his companions who have fallen for the same bait that he did.

BRITISH LOSSES IN JANUARY 32,354

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The total of British casualties, as reported in the published lists during January, are 490 officers and 31,394 men.

British casualties for January show a considerable decrease over those of the preceding month. No lists were published during the Christmas holidays, but the total for the first twenty-three days of December was 815 officers and 36,350 men. The January total brings the sum of British casualties since the beginning of the Somme offensive to 552,371.

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