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THE LEGISLATURE HAS ADJOURNED.

Wound up affairs of State last Saturday.

A FEW MOST IMPORTANT BILLS.

Abolishment of the June Election and substitution of November up to the Voters.

The legislature adjourned last Saturday.

The bill creating the State Board of Tax Commissioners was killed in the Senate, failing to pass by a vote of 10 to 18. Other measures prepared by the State Tax commission covering the subjects of assessment and taxation, collection of taxes, and duties of the county boards of equalization were all passed without opposition.

The senate concurred in House amendments to President Haines' burglary law by which the minimum sentence for conviction of that crime is reduced from twenty to five years. The bill provides a maximum sentence of forty years.

The senate adopted House concurrent resolution No. 22, by Newell, declaring ownership of water powers to lie in the public.

House joint memorial by Freeman, asking congress to provide for travel pay for the Second Oregon Volunteers was adopted by the senate.

House concurrent resolution directing the secretary of State to furnish the state printer with copies of all laws enacted by initiative petition and by the State Legislature, to be printed in pamphlet form, was adopted by the Senate.

Representative Jewell's proposed constitutional amendment increasing membership of the Senate to 36 and the House to 72 members, was killed in the Senate.

H. J. R., changing time for holding general election from June until November, was adopted by the Senate. This proposed constitutional amendment will be submitted to the voters of the state in 1908.

House bill of the ways and means committee appropriating \$20,000 for payment of interest on certificates issued in 1905, when the appropriation bill was held up, passed the Senate, amended so that interest is not to be paid on such certificates as were discounted.

Before receiving interest on these certificates the holder must make oath that he paid face value therefor.

Haines' Banking bill passed the House after the adoption of a few minor amendments.

Speaker Davey's bill placing the State Printer on a flat salary of \$4000 per annum after 1911 was passed by the Senate without a dissenting vote.

A law to raise the per capita of school tax from \$6 to \$7 has been passed. This will give each child of school age in each district one dollar more for school purposes.

The Flag Raising.

The flag raising at the school house last Thursday afternoon was a most pleasant event. The assemblage was large and the exercises conducted in a pleasing and entertaining manner. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Armstrong.

Dr. B. Daly, chairman of the board of directors and Prof. Scott Leavitt, delivered the addresses of the afternoon and were listened to with interest. The Black Cat Orchestra played the National airs, and the scholars sang America, to the accompaniment of the band. Then the flag was raised and all eyes were upon it, as it was slowly carried to the top of the 70 foot pole to the strains of The Star Spangled Banner. When it was floating on the very top of the pole, the pupils gave the salute with hands raised toward the flag, after which the gathering was dismissed by Rev. Armstrong.

May the Stars and Stripes ever float over the public school of Lakeview.

The Lake County Mines.

We are occasionally called upon to verify the statements contained in newspapers of other localities and literature sent out concerning the mines in this county. The following is a sample of these requests:

"Seeing you are having considerable excitement up your way in regard to the mines, and I being somewhat interested in mining, I thought I would inquire if there is anything in the statements in the papers outside of your locality, etc. The above letter was received from Mr. F. A. Milward, of Fairbanks, Oregon.

Having read numerous articles published about the Lake county mines we can readily see why people away from here are becoming interested. But we fear should these people be induced, by the reports sent out, to visit these mines at this time, with the expectations of seeing things as they have been reported, they would be sorely disappointed and go away from here ready to give Lake county mines a very black eye. We have talked with reliable men concerning these mines and have been told, both by mining experts and by resident, interested parties, that "They are good prospects for mines." But so far as developed and paying mines are concerned, there is no use saying any such stuff.

There is no telling what the result of development will be. The rock, it is said, very much resembles that found on the surface in the Tonopah district, but what is under the surface no one knows. There is, as yet, no great rush for the mines, nor none is expected, or even desired by the conservative residents of the county, until it can be known that the mines can make good. So far as verifying outside reports is concerned, we have been unable to get reliable facts that will do it, and all we can say is that some of the reports are considerably exaggerated. We hope, however, a little later on, conditions will be such as to justify a most glowing report of the mines.

Tobacco Tags Not Admissible.

It is violation of the postal laws to send tobacco tags in letters to companies who offer to pay premiums on them, and the offense is punishable by a \$10 fine. Tags should be sent in separate packages away from written matter and at 4th class rate. Parties sending them desiring to write explanations should do so in regular letters, but not in the same package with the tags. Inspectors are looking for these violations of the postal laws now.

Beat the Courts.

It will be remembered that the Court in the Vernon divorce case granted Mrs. Vernon the care of the children but forbid her removing them beyond the limits of the county.

It appears now that she has outwitted both the Court as well as her husband, using the latter to accomplish her purpose. Pleading with her husband that she desired to live at Petaluma with her relatives he took her to Madeline and returned with a hired team, expecting to follow. But he soon learned that she had gone to Reno and there purchased a ticket for Ogden and was well out of the jurisdiction of the Court as well as husband. —Alturas Plaindealer.

J. W. Waters Dead.

Word was received here last week that James W. Waters died in Portland Sunday, February 17th, after a long spell of sickness. He leaves a wife, who is the daughter of John Metzker, and two daughters, Mrs. F. D. Jack and Miss Millie Waters. Jim Waters was an early resident of this valley, and for several years conducted a barbershop in Lakeview. He left here with his family about 15 years ago and went to Portland, where he has since resided, conducting a barber shop. Deceased was a stepson of Mr. Lewis, an early settler of Goose Lake valley.

May Install Simplex.

We understand that Mr. Cronmiller, publisher of the Klamath Falls Evening Herald, is considering the proposition of installing a Simplex typesetting machine. We have used one in The Examiner office for fourteen months, and we believe that if Bro. Cronmiller puts in one, and takes good care of it, he will be as well satisfied with it as we are with ours. In the fourteen months' time we have used one we have not lost five minutes time on repairs at any one time. The machine must be kept clean. One could not expect good service from even as simple a machine as a pair of spectacles if they were not kept clean.

LARGE SUMS RAISED TO ADVERTISE STATE.

Effort to Secure a Portion of the Immigration Resulting From Low Excursion Rates.

The enthusiasm which is manifested by the various commercial bodies throughout the state of Oregon, particularly those holding membership in the Oregon Development League, in presenting to thousands of people asking for Oregon facts and opportunities, will certainly result in adding enormously to the population of the State.

Last Thursday night, Astoria, the oldest city in Oregon, held a meeting under the auspices of her Chamber of Commerce and raised \$6,480 in less than an hour's time. This was \$6,000 in cash for advertising, and the \$480 represented forty new members at \$12 each. There were numerous subscribers of \$300 per year and \$180 per year, many at \$120 per year, payable monthly, and among the latter were three ladies.

The North Bend Chamber of Commerce raised \$5,000 in two hours for advertising purposes.

Mr. William Pullman of Baker City, who never fails in any undertaking, is in charge of a campaign started to thoroughly advertise that city.

Thousands of letters are being received by all the different organizations. Oregon City, La Grande, Al-

bany, and many other points are doing their part.

The School superintendents throughout the state, as well as the teachers are at work, and County Superintendent B. L. Milligan, of Malheur County, suggests that all should get busy and do all possible to stir up the school teachers and pupils to cooperate with the Oregon Development League in advertising our great state and the cheap colonists rates which begin March 1st and continue until April 30th. These rates of \$25 from all Missouri River points, St. Paul, Minneapolis and adjacent territory, present an opportunity to more than ten millions of people to get to almost any point in Oregon; from St. Louis the rate is \$30, and from Chicago and the surrounding country \$33.

One of the best known citizens of Central Oregon, in conversation on the street in Portland, remarked that the whole state was ablaze with interest on the subject of the colonist rates, which were being utilized now for the first time by all the people of Oregon as a reason for writing letters to their relatives, acquaintances and friends in distant states, to whom they are presenting the opportunities of their particular locality.

Buyes C. & E. Road.

E. H. Harriman has bought the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, running from Yaquina Bay to Idanha, in the foot hills of the Cascade range. The road is 142 miles long, and was built with the purpose in view of, at some time, crossing the state, east and west.

The road was built by Eastern capital and the company went to the wall. The road was then sold to A. B. Hammond, and has paid a small dividend since. In view of the fact that Harriman is back of the projected road from Natron to Ontario, known as the Oregon Eastern, it is not likely that the C. & E. will be extended across the state, but will likely be made the Coast end of the Oregon Eastern.

Too Much Power.

After a long debate in the lower House of Congress on Feb. 22, an amendment to curtail the power of special agents of the general land office sent out to inspect the public domain before settlers can make final proof, was adopted. The assumption that the whole West is dishonest was hotly condemned by western representatives, and Mr. Hitchcock's suspicions of western land claimants denounced. It was urged that unless there was ground for suspicion of fraud it was unjust to the honest homesteader and settler on the western domain to place a herd of private detectives to watch them.

Coyotes are Thick.

Coyotes have been more numerous on the desert this winter than for many years. A few years ago the coyote pest was down to a minimum, a bounty on scalps having accomplished what private interests could not, but as coyotes propagate very rapidly, their numbers are becoming almost incalculable and their depredations ruinous. Small bunches of sheep that get strayed away from the main band for a day or night are wholly wiped off the earth, nothing remaining but bones and locks of wool to mark the massacre. Young calves are also killed by the coyotes.

Harry Corbett Dead.

Harry Corbett, one of the most prominent and respected sporting men in the world, died at San Francisco very suddenly, a week ago. Harry Corbett was a brother of the ex-champion J. J. Corbett. He had the distinction of being "the squarest sporting man in San Francisco," and was almost worshiped by not only the sporting class in good standing, but the has-beens and down-and-outs.

Schmitz in Washington.

Vice-president and Mrs. Fairbanks gave a banquet in Washington last week to which Mayor Schmitz was the guest of honor. No doubt such things will have weight with the San Francisco jury that try Mr. Schmitz when he returns to that city.

The Range Question.

It is feared by some that an amicable settlement of range problems will be somewhat difficult when the meetings of stockmen come off. Up to now, no serious controversies of range have occurred for some time, in fact never, excepting once or twice. The desire to secure certain portion of the reserve will no doubt give rise to some difficulty, but as the forest official will have the situation wholly in charge, the matter will be settled officially. First, however, stockmen will be given an opportunity to settle the range question themselves, and if they fail, then the forest officials will settle it, and the stockmen will have to abide by the adjustment, whether it suits them or not. There seems to be a rush by stockmen to send in their applications first, but it is presumed that priority in this matter will have little effect. It is true, however, that priority of range privileges will establish rights to a certain extent, but no allotments will be made until the meetings of stockmen have been held and the conditions put before the supervisor.

Dalles Land Office Closed.

The Dalles Land office has been ordered closed until a new set of officers can be selected after March 4. Register Nolan has been discharged and Miss Lang's term will expire on March 3, and both places will be filled by new officers. Malcomb Moody, will endeavor to have Miss Lang retained, but both Senators Fulton and Bourne will oppose it.

Advance Called Off.

The insurance companies have discontinued the 25 per cent advance which they imposed in order to recuperate from their heavy loss resultant upon the California earthquake. The insurance companies paid out \$180,000,000 in claims in San Francisco and the people of the country have reimbursed the companies through the 25 per cent advance within the past few months. So that the losses have fallen upon the policy holders of the country instead of the reserve funds of the companies.

Fulton Warmed up.

Senator Fulton made the best speech of his life the other day in the United States Senate and was applauded. He scored Secretary Hitchcock, and handed some sharp cuts to Senator Beveridge who persisted in interrupting Senator Fulton on behalf of Mr. Hitchcock. Mr. Fulton frankly told Mr. Beveridge that he (Beveridge) was fonder of hearing his own voice than any one else in the Senate.

Senator Fulton said that there had been more land fraud practiced under Mr. Hitchcock's forest reserve policy than under any law on the statute books.

Boats for Lake.

Some local parties have this week ordered two gasoline launches to be put upon Goose lake, one will be 18 ft. 4 horse power and the other 25, with a 10 horse power engine, with solid pressed steel, water tight compartments. The boats will be on the plan, similar to those used in the State life saving department. They will be thoroughly suited for carrying freight and passengers, with semi-weekly excursions. A wharf will be built below New Pine Creek, on the State Line. It is the intention of these promoters, providing business increases, to put more boats on the lake.—Pine Creek Miner.

Cory Has Say.

Ed. Examiner:—In your issue of Feb. 14th, under the head "No Wash-out at Bly," Mr. W. F. Reed seeks to intimate that no part of the road was washed out. Now, without seeming to be controversial, it would be interesting to know just what Mr. Reed would call a washout. It is true, as he says, the grade was not washed away; it is also true that I did not say that the road was washed away, but in several places along the road there were large holes, which, in the night, rendered traveling practically impossible.

No injustice to the people of Bly was intended by the article to which Mr. Reed took exceptions, and too much publicity has already been given to what is really a "tempest in a teapot." Some misunderstanding may have arisen in sending the news over the phone, but as such news could injure no one, I am at a loss to know why anyone could object to the explanation of a delayed mail.

P. M. Cory.

HOT CHASE FOR DUTCH CHARLEY.

Pulled gun on Captor and Got Away.

RECAPTURED IN A SHEEP CAMP.

Fined \$40 and Costs for Stealing Hay—Bound Over on More Serious Charge.

A forty-dollar fine and costs of trial was the sentence imposed upon Charlie Lorenz, charged with stealing hay. Lorenz did not have the money and went to jail to serve out the time. The case was tried in Judge Bayley's court Saturday. The story of the case is about as follows:

Tuesday night Feb. 19th, the vaqueros on the home ranch of the Warner Valley Stock Co., at Adel, went down into a field to pull a cow out of a pot-hole. The night was dark and they could not see a great distance. They heard a wagon, and heard cattle moving about a hay corral. They thought some one was there killing a beef so one of the boys went back to tell Parker, foreman, Mr. Parker took his gun and went to the hay corral, and found "Dutch Charley" ready to leave the stack with a load of hay. Parker arrested the fellow and took him to the Corporation ranch and guarded him over night. Next morning he started to bring him to Lakeview, "Dutch Charley" saying he would go without any trouble. When they came to the Vineyard House, where the young man had been living he told Parker that he wanted to get a change of clothes, and was allowed to go into the house after them. When he came out he leveled a savage rifle on Parker and made him drive away. The fellow then took a horse, armed himself with a six-shooter and the rifle and skipped out. Parker went home, called up the sheriff on the phone for instructions, and in company with Deputy Sheriff Andy Morris started after the fellow. They followed him to the M. P. Barry sheep camp in Guana valley, where he stopped to get something to eat. In the mean time the officers had phoned to Jack Kelsey and Jack Barry at Coleman valley to take some fresh horses to the Barry camp for them. When Kelsey and Barry arrived at the camp it was dark, but the fellow heard them come and supposed it was the officers, so he skipped out on foot. Next day the posse rode upon Lorenz at a sheep camp in the edge of Catlow valley where he was taking refreshments. He was seen to enter the tent with coat and hat off, and Parker called to him to "come out." No answer came, and the posse halted to await developments. Presently Lorenz came out with his guns and started for a ravine nearby, when Mr. Parker dismounted, and told him to throw up his hands. Lorenz did not comply, and Parker took a shot at him, the bullet striking the ground at Lorenz feet. At this he dropped his gun and threw up his hands, submitting to arrest. The prisoner was closely guarded and the officers arrived in Lakeview with him Saturday morning. It is said that some parties in Warner remarked that "They will never get Lorenz; the chances are that Parker and all the others are dead by this time." Charlie Lorenz is a young man, not far from 20, and doesn't have the appearance of a desperate man, and of very ordinary intelligence.

On Monday Mr. Parker filed a complaint against Lorenz, charging him with the crime of pointing a gun at him. This offense being not within the jurisdiction of the justice court Lorenz waived examination and was bound over to appear for trial in the Circuit Court with bonds fixed at \$250, in default of which he will probably lie in jail. The penalty for the offense with which Lorenz is charged is not less than ten days in jail nor more than six months or fine not to exceed \$500, or both.

It is said that work on the N. C. O. railroad will soon commence with a large force of men and teams, and that the work will be pushed rapidly to Likely, and on to Alturas.

THE NEWEST OCTOPUS.



—Triggs in New York Press.