

## HOUSE REFUSES TO CONDEMN BAILEY

### Charges Against Oregon Food Commissioner Not Considered

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—By unanimous vote the House this morning tabled the report of the special joint investigating committee which probed the office of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner, J. W. Bailey, along the lines suggested by Governor West. The reasons assigned for this policy were that there is no legal authority for the procedure followed and no rules of evidence were mapped out.

The report of the committee, signed by Chairman Rackleff, recommended that Bailey be requested to resign on the following grounds:

That he does not have the executive ability to carry on the affairs of his office, that he is incompetent and unscientific, not familiar with the duties of his office, works without a system and keeps no proper records; that he has failed to enforce the dairy and food regulations; that he has sent deputies into the field without proper instructions; that he has been partial in prosecutions for violations of the law, and that the evidence shows he has misappropriated funds of his office.

Thompson attacked the authority of the committee to act, and averred that the question of Bailey's competence rests only with the people. While not caring to pose as apologist for Bailey he said, he deprecated the procedure taken without any rules or evidence, without keeping a record of what had been testified to and without swearing witnesses.

While trying to show the people demand the action, Brownbill practically admitted the procedure had been irregular. Gill and Rackleff were the only other defenders of the committee's action.

"Nobody has a right to brand a man as a thief without proper legal procedure or to demand his resignation until he has been adjudged guilty by some proper tribunal," said Thompson, in reply. "It is unkind to brand any man in that way for political reasons. I want to see the evidence before I vote on such a

measure." Bigelow moved that the report be laid on the table. Clemens substituted to refer the Governor's message and the committee report to the judiciary committee. The motion to table the report was adopted, there being on votes in the negative, despite the support given the committee's recommendation by Brownbill, Gill and Rackleff.

Huntington was called down by Speaker Rusk for running around on the floor during the debate. "We're not running a school here," remarked Huntington. "You are mistaken, we are—for some members," retorted Rusk.

### Davis Creek Items

Dennis Brown took Ex-Senator Weed, of Donswair, to Alturas Sunday night, but arrived in Alturas too late for Mr. Weed to catch the train.

The sportsmen here are planning a rabbit hunt. They are to choose sides, the losing side to buy a supper for the winners. Everyone is asked to come out with their guns.

Fred Hanson and Andy Hammersley were in Davis Creek Friday night on their way to Lakewood. They came up on the first through train from Reno.

Mr. and Mrs. John Briles left last week for the lower country for a month's stay.

Forest Cantrell is in Davis Creek from Jess Valley. Mr. Cantrell has just received a patent on a speedometer which shows to the public the speed at which the vehicle is moving. It takes the place of the lower wind shield on automobiles.

The white rabbits are doing some damage to the young trees while the snow is on the ground.

Miss Allie Coonse has returned from Jess Valley where she has been visiting.

Louis Henderson is over from Lake City visiting his daughter, Mrs. Walter Bryan.

Word has been received from Hartlerode Bros., who have sheep on the lava beds that their sheep are doing well.

Pearl Briles has been sick for a few days, but is feeling much improved.

The M. W. A. lodge are making arrangements for a big oon dance. Everyone in black face Feb. 14th.

Edgar Henderson and Water Bryan are taking advantage of the cold spell we are having and are filling their ice houses.

## INSANE PATIENT FATALLY INJURED

### Is Subdued With Difficulty and Dies an Hour Later

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—Hans Hansen, a patient committed to the asylum from Pendleton, January 6, and placed in the semi-violent ward at the asylum January 13, mutilated against the attendants of his ward early Saturday morning and received injuries from the attendants and other patients who rushed to the help of the attendants, from which he died within an hour. The matter was at once reported to the state board and Governor West and State Treasurer Kay held an investigation at the asylum in which they found the asylum authorities not to blame but requested the holding of a coroner's inquest and that inquest under the scrutiny of Deputy District Attorney Charles L. McNary, is being held today.

Hansen attacked George C. Harrington, an attendant and traveling agent for the asylum, in his ward, about 6 o'clock apparently for no reason except because Harrington had brought him to the asylum. The scuffle attracted two other attendants, W. R. Kane and J. C. Ackerman, who came to the rescue of their fellow attendant. Though Hansen was a small man weighing less than 150 pounds his maniac strength enabled him to make a fierce struggle against his three combatants. He secured Harrington's little finger in his mouth and began to chew it putting Harrington in great agony. Harrington's cries led Attendant Kane to grab the patient by the throat and he was strangled until he let go of the fingers.

During the scuffle between the three attendants and the patient, another patient came up to assist the attendants and kicked Hansen violently in the stomach, and according to the asylum physician caused an internal rupture and Hansen's ultimate death.

After Hansen had been subdued he was raised to his feet, and with assistance walked to the strong room where he was locked up. After breakfast Attendant Ackerman came

to the room and found Hansen lying on the floor dead.

Before the coroner's jury Kane testified that the choking did not last for more than a minute or a minute and a half. Hansen was able to walk after the encounter, and from all outside appearances was not seriously injured. He was between 21 and 25 years of age.

### Send For Your Friends

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This will apply at any time, especially during the LOW COLONIST RATES that are in effect March 10th to April 10th, and are very low from all points to Nevada and California.

## FAMOUS STAR GROUP

The Constellation Orion in Legend and Literature.

The constellation Orion is mentioned in the literature of all ages. In Egypt it represented Horus, the young or rising sun, in a boat surmounted by stars, closely followed by Sirius, which was shown as a cow. It has also been found sculptured on the walls of Thebes 5,000 years ago. And on the men of that early time it shone down from the same position and with the same brightness as it does on us today, a striking example of the unchangeableness of the heavens.

From the days of the early Hindus to the present the constellation has for some reason borne always a stormy character. Allusions to its direful influence are found everywhere among the classic writers. Thus Milton wrote:

When with fierce winds Orion arrived—  
Hath vexed the Red sea coast.

The loss of the Roman squadron in the first Punic war was ascribed to the fleet having sailed just after the rising of Orion. The group has also been employed as a calendar sign, its morning rising indicating the beginning of summer, its midnight rising the season of grape gathering and its early evening rising the arrival of winter, with its attendant storms. In recent times the group has always represented a great hunter or warrior. Its present title came into Greek astronomy from the Ephrates and originally signified the light of heaven.

The Davis Creek Orchard Co. has their reservoir filled and the snow is not gone as yet. They have been enlarging their temporary east way.

## OLIVER PLANS FOR NEW CONGRESSMAN

### Bill Provides for District of Multnomah, Columbia and Clatsop

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—For the purpose of re-apportioning the state into three Congressional districts, Senator Oliver today offered a bill which makes the counties of Multnomah, Columbia, and Clatsop one district.

This division does not satisfy the Multnomah delegation, as Portlanders have expected Multnomah County to be a Congressional district by itself.

As the Legislature is likely to adjourn before Congress passes the re-apportionment bill, and no provision would be made for Oregon's third Congressman, Oliver wants the state divided into districts to take care of the new representative before the legislature ends.

Oliver's measure makes the following division:

"A. The first district shall be composed of all the counties in the state of Oregon lying west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, except the counties of Clatsop, Columbia and Multnomah.

"B. The second district shall be composed of the counties of Clatsop, Columbia and Multnomah.

"C. The third district shall be composed of all the counties of the state of Oregon lying east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, including the county of Hood River."

Dissatisfaction is already expressed by Multnomah men over this proposed arrangement. Multnomah County has one-third of the population of the state, although the territory is small.

Tacking Columbia and Clatsop to Multnomah would not prevent Multnomah from dictating the Congressional nominee, but it practically prevents Columbia or Clatsop from naming a congressman. The Multnomah members argue that the new third congressman awarded to Oregon should be awarded to Multnomah, and Oliver contends that area as well as population should be taken into consideration, a theory which should not obtain in the thickly settled Con-

gressional districts of Eastern states. The Oliver bill will probably cause a quarrel in committee.

### The Roar of China's Ducks.

Tourists in China are always surprised by the number of ducks they see. There are more ducks in China than in all the rest of the world. Their voices are a familiar sound in every town and country spot of the southeast and the interior of the vast empire. Even in the large cities ducks abound. They dodge between the coolies' legs. They sit squawking out of the way of the horses. Their indignant quack will not unscolded drown the roar of urban commerce. Children herd ducks on every road, on every pond, on every farm, on every lake, on every river. There is no back yard without its duck house. There is no boat, little or great, without its duck quarters. All over the land there are great duck hatching establishments, many of them of a capacity huge enough to produce 50,000 young ducks every year. Duck among the Chinese is a staple delicacy. It is salted and smoked like ham or beef.—New York World.

### Willing to Be Reasonable.

"Do you believe in long engagements?" he asked after she had consented to be his.

"Yes, dearest," she replied. "I have always thought it was such a mistake for two people to rush into matrimony before they learned to really know each other."

"Well, about how long would you wish the engagement to be?"

"Let me see! Would you think it was too long if we didn't get married until a week from next Thursday?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Fellow Worms.

Before Longfellow bought the house in Cambridge so associated with his memory it was owned and occupied by old Mrs. Craigie. Mrs. Craigie was a woman of many eccentricities. Some one once tried to persuade her to have her trees tarred to protect them from caterpillars, which also invaded her neighbors' trees. She refused to be so cruel to the caterpillars. "They are our fellow worms," she said.

### Somewhat Surprised.

"Why didn't your boy enter college?"

"He couldn't pass the examination."

"Do they have to pass an examination? I thought all a college boy needed was some funny clothes."—Pittsburg Post.

### His Motive.

Pillows I never realized till three years ago why Dobson was always preaching pathos. Bonifiers—What made you realize it then? Pillows—I lent him \$10.—New York Globe.

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