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WASHINGTON TO CONTROL ITS CORPORATIONS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Olympia, Wash., March 7.—With but one slight amendment, the house yesterday afternoon accepted the public utility bill, as it passed the senate last week. This bill, which was fathered by Senator Cox, was substituted for the Mores bill in the house. Both are practically the same, both following the Hughes law in New York.

By the terms of this code, the present railroad commissioners will be the public utility commissioners until their present term expires. The governor is given the power to appoint their successors.

These commissioners will have general supervision over railroads, street car companies, telephone and telegraph, steamship, gas, electric, heating, water companies and other public service corporations. Public service institutions owned by cities, however, are not under the jurisdiction of the state commission.

A limit of five cents is placed on street car fares within incorporated cities. The commission will also have the power to regulate the rates of other corporations, and to provide schedules insuring adequate service. And this, too, has been accomplished by this bill. When the public utilities commission fixes the physical valuation of any public service corporation, the assessors cannot lower it, though they may raise it.

Supreme Court Opinions.

Declaring that under the law it was intended that the board of control and the state desert land board should work in conjunction, the supreme court this morning held that the board of control had the right to direct the state engineer to grant only the applications of persons for the appropriation of water rights as would secure a final contract with the state desert land board, reversing the decision of the circuit court of this county in the case of R. S. Cook-ingham and W. A. Thatcher against the state board of control, state engineer and Finkelburg, trustee.

The plaintiffs made application for the appropriation of the waters of Powder river on March 18, 1909, and on March 31, in the morning, filed supplementary papers. On the same day, in the afternoon, Finkelburg made application, and the state engineer held that both would be a public menace, and referred the

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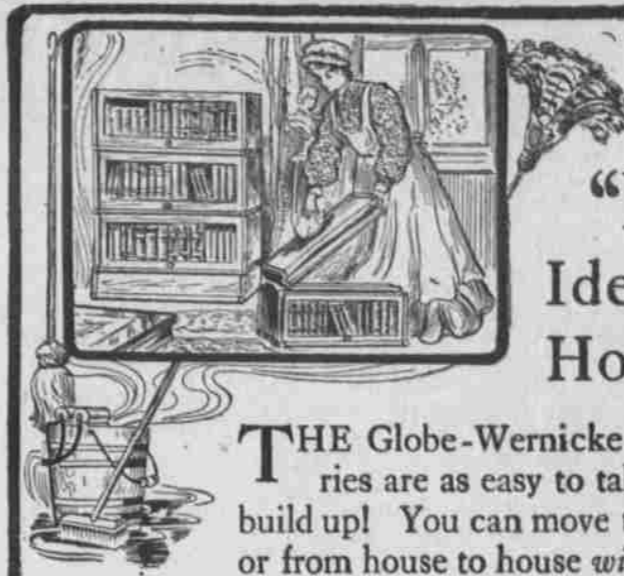
matter to the board of control. The board directed him to grant the application to the party securing a final contract with the desert land board, and Finkelburg was successful. A writ of review was sued out by the plaintiffs, and sustained by the circuit court, on the ground that the board had acted on matters which were beyond its jurisdiction.

Astoria Not Liable.

Asserting that where a city exercises due care in the employment of competent officials in street improvement work it is not liable for injuries which flow therefrom to real property, the supreme court reversed the lower court of Clatsop county in the case of Joseph Giacomi against the city of Astoria. The city, in this case, sought to fill in a hollow in a street, with the result that a slide followed, carrying trees and stones on the plaintiff's property, and he sued for \$2000 damages.

Other Cases Decided.

The circuit court of Coos county was affirmed in the case of the Bennett Trust Company against Henry Sengstacken, et al., a suit involving the constitutionality of the act creating the port of Coos Bay. The inferior court was reversed in



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REBELS PROCLAIM SULTAN ABDUL ASIZ
Tangier, Morocco, March 7.—Rebel forces who held nearly all the territory between Alcazar Kebir and Fez, today proclaimed the restoration of Abdul Aziz as sultan in the place of Mulai Hafid.

The sultan's troops have been repeatedly defeated in the fighting that has now lasted nearly a week, and today their position is so critical that unless Mulai can engineer a coup his overthrow seems inevitable. Meager telegraph reports say that hundreds have been slain.

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the case of J. T. Purdy against F. E. Horns, a suit from Douglas county, and brought to collect a fee for locating the defendant on timber land. The circuit court of Jackson county was affirmed in the case of the Grants Pass Bank & Trust company against the Enterprise Mining company, involving several miners' leases. The appeal in the case of A. M. Ze-

llg against the Blue Point Oyster company, a case from Multnomah county, was dismissed. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are safe, sure and reliable, and have been praised by thousands of women who have been restored to health through their gentle aid and curative properties. Sold by all dealers. Get it at Dr. Stone's Drug Store

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