

WOULD TAKE ENTIRE CHARGE OF THE FAIR

Malarkey, McArthur, Abbott
and Perkins Would Boss
The Job.

A BROTHER-IN-LAW STUNT

Committee Recommends Appropriating
\$180,000 for Oregon Exhibit at
Panama Fair.

One of the biggest fights of the legislative session is coming over the appropriations for the Panama and the San Diego expositions. The committees on expositions finally introduced a bill into the house late last night, as a substitute for the previous bill, to appropriate \$180,000 for the Oregon representation at the Panama exposition, and \$20,000 for the San Diego affair.

This is somewhat surprising, in view of the fact that the first bill named \$500,000 for the Panama exposition alone, but it is understood that there is a general feeling that any larger sum would be defeated by the people in a referendum election. However, it is known that a strong fight will be made to make the appropriation at least \$300,000.

But the big fight will come over the composition of the commission to expend Oregon's appropriation funds. The substitute bill stipulates that this commission consist of nine members to be chosen by the emergency board, consisting of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, president of the senate, speaker of the house, and the chairmen of the ways and means committee of the house and senate. This board, on the face of it, would be anti-West, and would doubtless appoint a commission inimical to the governor.

The emergency board shows that with Speaker McArthur, President of the Senate Malarkey and Chairmen Perkins and Abbott, of the ways and means committees, all Portland men, and leaders in the so-called organization, in control of both houses, would be in a majority over Governor West, Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay.

Even some of the governor's political enemies are opposed to putting the responsibility of planning and preparing Oregon's exhibition at the Panama exposition, and having charge of the exposition, in the hands of a commission to be chosen by the Portland majority on the emergency board.

The fight over the manner of naming this commission is expected to be a bitter one.

The substitute bill proposes that the Panama exposition money be expended as follows:

Buildings and grounds, \$48,000; salaries of employes, \$65,000; glassware, \$7000; storage, packing, etc., \$18,000; literature, \$1500; freight, \$4000; information bureau, \$2000; entertainment, \$2000; fruit, berries, etc., for free distribution, \$4000; traveling and hotel expenses, \$7500; premiums for live stock exhibits, \$7500.

Battleship Hits Reef.

Calmanera, Cuba, Feb. 14.—Sustaining gashes in her sides that allowed water to enter her compartments, the battleship Arkansas ran on a reef here, but was refloated. A survey to estimate the damages is being conducted today.

Turkey Still Dodging.

London, Feb. 14.—Semi-official announcement was made here today after a "conversation" by the ambassadors of the powers, that Turkey's request for mediation of the Balkan war was not explicit and could not be completed with. Dispatches received here today say the bombardment of Adrianople continues but give no details of the fighting. No news has been received of the war at Scutari, Tchatalja, or on the Gallipoli peninsula.

UNIFORM SALARY BILL PASSES HOUSE

Classifies Counties and Fixes Salaries
of County Officers on Basis
of Population.

Late last night the house, after hours of discussion and disagreement passed the governor's uniform county salary bill, but considerably amended as drawn and approved by the governor. However, it was pronounced by the majority of house members as one of the greatest reforms that could be inaugurated by the legislature.

The bill classifies the counties into six classes in basis of population and assessed valuation, as follows: First, Multnomah; second, Lane and Marion; third, Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Linn and Umatilla; fourth, Baker, Coos, Crook, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Union, Wasco, Washington Yamhill; fifth, Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Josephine, Morrow, Polk, Tillamook and Willows; sixth, Curry, Gilliam, Hood River, Lincoln, Sherman and Wheeler.

The present salaries in Multnomah county are unchanged. Coroners and surveyors are to be paid by fees. The salaries of officials in counties in the various classes are as follows:

Fifth class—Sheriff, \$1700; clerk, \$1500; assessor, \$1500; school superintendent, \$1300; treasurer, \$900; judge, \$1300; commissioners, \$5 a day.
Sixth class—Sheriff, \$1600; clerk, \$1600; assessor, \$1400; school superintendent, \$900; treasurer, \$500; judge, \$1200; commissioners, \$5 a day.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS ARE INDICTED TODAY

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 14.—State Senator Ben Smith and Representatives Hills, Asbury, Rhoades and Duff, all Republicans were indicted today by a special grand jury on the charge of accepting bribes.

It was learned today that Burns detectives have been working on the alleged legislative graft scandal here since January 20. It is stated they have been paying the legislators not only for their votes for United States senators, but for opposing certain legislation.

William Seymour Edwards, the progressive candidate for United States senator, is aiding the grand jury.

ILLINOIS WILL CONTRIBUTE \$200,000

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 14.—Two hundred thousand dollars is the Panam-Pacific exposition appropriation asked for in a bill introduced into the legislature today by Senator Franklin, of Lexington. The senate appropriations committee favors the measure.

THEY QUIT FIGHTING TO GO TO BREAKFAST

Shell Falls in Convent and Explodes
in Group Kneeling
in Prayer.

SEVEN NUNS ARE KILLED

Native Population Flocking to the
Churches and Convents Vainly
Seeking a Place of Refuge.

Mexico City, Feb. 14.—At 9 o'clock the battle ceased, while the combatants ate breakfast. During the lull Madero sent a message to General Diaz notifying the rebel leader that he and his followers would be shown no mercy unless they ceased firing in such a way as to endanger non-combatants. Many persons were killed in today's battle, half the number being non-combatants.

Despite Madero's message, and his declaration that Diaz is violating the rules of civilized warfare, the federal forces dragged cannon into position beside the British legation, where the rebels returned the fire. This action resulted in severe damage to British property.

Madero's soldiers are also firing from roofs, compelling the rebels to fire high, their shells falling in neutral territory.

Seven Nuns Killed.

Mexico City, Feb. 14.—One of the first shells fired by the Diaz rebels today entered the chapel of a convent, five blocks from the national palace, and exploded amid the nuns and women and children refugees, who were kneeling in prayer. Seven nuns and five other women are reported killed.

The native population today is flocking to churches and convents for protection. Thousands of women and children form continuous processions from the center of the city to the suburbs.

SHE IS ONLY 105 BUT WANTS TO MARRY

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 14.—Determined to marry, despite the protests of their relatives and friends, Marcelina Elizalde, 105 years old, and Pleasant Leon, 86 years old, Mexicans, appeared before Superior Judge Rives today to demand why they are not allowed to become man and wife. Judge Rives appointed a guardian for the aged woman several weeks, at the request of her relatives, who represented that the proposed marriage was a plan to dispose of the \$75,000 estate of Mrs. Elizalde.

FEAR MORE RIOTING IN COAL REGION

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 14.—Two companies of militia arrived here today for guard duty in the Paint Creek coal mining region, where further riots between mine guards and striking miners are feared. The findings of the military court, which tried 69 cases of belligerent strikers, arrested by the militia, were not published today, as expected.

Robbers Are Captured.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 14.—With the capture of three masked men in an automobile today the police believe they have held up 15 street cars on the West Adams line during the past few weeks. George Johnson, Bert Hamilton and Frank Smith were arrested early today following a running revolver battle with a squad of policemen. Hamilton is said to have confessed.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IS THE TAXES

Sheriff Esch Explains Why Neither He
Nor a Deputy Went to Silverton
on Case.

"The taxpayers of Marion county are not receiving the proper service under the present law requiring the sheriff to collect taxes," said Sheriff Esch this morning when discussing the circumstances, which prevented him from making an investigation of the assault made upon the person of Jennie Rose in Silverton last Wednesday night.

Sheriff Esch received a call to come to Silverton and take charge of the case, but was unable to respond in view of the fact the work of collecting taxes is now in full swing and his force of clerks and deputies is so limited that he is unable to leave the office then and, he said today, will not attempt to discontinue his labors in the department until the rush is over.

Tax Collection Important.

According to Sheriff Esch, the collection of the Marion county taxes is of supreme importance at present. The sheriff has now the responsibility of taking care of \$800,000 of the people's money, and he doesn't propose to let any master come between him and this duty.

"I would much rather go out on cases than collect taxes," said Sheriff Esch today, "but what can a man do when your deputy hire is limited to half the number of men necessary to collect taxes, serve civil notices, work on criminal cases and perform other duties in connection with the office. Some people say, why don't I send out a deputy? This is why—if I sent a man to Silverton, my office force would be crippled as there is no man who can take an experienced man's place during tax collection time. Moreover, if I engaged another man to work on the case, his salary would come out of my pocket, as there are no funds available to pay an extra man's expenses."

AMERICAN EMBASSY STRUCK BY A SHELL

Washington, Feb. 14.—The American embassy in Mexico City was struck by a shell during the cannonading today, according to a dispatch received this afternoon by the state department. It is reported that an American named Brandenberg was wounded.

The French and German legations were frequently hit by shells during the cannonading, and the Belgian and Cuban ministers were forced to abandon their official residences.

IS IT A PUT UP JOB OR JUST A COINCIDENCE

Have Chairmanship of Ways
and Means Committees in
Both Houses.

IT IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

A Remarkable Coincidence That the
Chairmen Happened to Be
Brothers-in-Law.

If the reporter, in his diurnal search for news, could print all that he hears, there would certainly be a big increase in his paper's subscription list, for the things he is forced to turn down are those brim full of interest. Now, a Capital Journal reporter last night, meandering around the lobby and shaking hands with old Eastern and Southern Oregon friends, heard several stories of just this class, yet all, while apparently true, lacking that substantiation that would protect the newspaper from a libel suit, if it used them. There was one story, though, that seemed to have a strong following that may prove of interest.

This, like many other stories, is simply a matter of inference, but the combination is surely a queer one, whether the inference is correct or not. It is evident that the report of the "Ways and Means" committees in both the house and senate are being unnecessarily held up. Why, no one knows definitely, but here is the situation and the inferences you can draw to suit yourself.

Abbott, who is chairman of the house committee on ways and means, is the brother-in-law of Dunlway, who is a brother-in-law of Plimpton, and he is a brother-in-law of Perkins who holds down the job of chairman of the committee on ways and means in the senate. Abbott was at one time the business partner of Mr. Dunlway, the state printer, and some even go so far as to say that he is still interested with Mr. Dunlway in the printing business—but if he is The Journal is not aware of it.

Now, as every one knows, there is a pretty bitter fight over the state printing. Mr. Dunlway, naturally, being opposed to the proposed "flat salary" of the state printer, as the emoluments of the office, and earnings of the plant, which is owned by Mr. Dunlway, would be, or are much larger than the flat salary, though, he contends, the cheaper system for the state.

Now, for the inference. Is it probable that the selection of Abbott in the house and Perkins in the senate, for these committees that would have charge of the bills, was just a coincidence, a mere happening? Is it not more fair to presume that these selections were made by political manipulation and private influences of which neither President Malarkey or Speaker McArthur were aware?

Anyway, these are the things that are talked in the lobby, and discussed pro and con, and cause some shaking of heads and sly winking. The Journal reporter does not know but that these rumors and conversations are absolutely foundationless, but the facts remain as stated, and you can reach the conclusion that suits you best, with out hurting the reporter's feeling or the paper's, either.

STRUCK A MATCH TO LOOK FOR GAS

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 14.—A Bieler, 34 years old, lay down on his bed in a room of a local hotel after turning on the gas. He wanted to die. Today Edward Havel, keeper of the hotel, noticed the odor of gas and traced it to Bieler's room. Lighting a match, he opened the door. A terrific explosion followed. Every window in the building was blown out and Bieler and the hotel man were knocked senseless and both terribly burned.

Bieler will die.

Must Serve Sentence.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 14.—Meyer Cohen, manager of a local picture show, twice convicted of embezzling \$900 from the local Moose lodge, must serve his sentence, the supreme court which passed on his case, today affirming his conviction. Cohen has been out on bail and several weeks ago left Tacoma. Where he now is none appears to know. He will be brought back to serve his sentence or his bail will be forfeited.

HOUSE WAS PEEVISH OVER LATE SESSION

But Members Felt Easier After Ex-
changing Compliments and
Passed Some Bills.

Hollow-eyed and a little peevish were the members of the house after their late night session, and a little more peevish, too, when that body was called to order at 9:30 this morning.

This peevishness cropped out especially during the discussion of the Hill bill to provide for county attorneys and abolish district attorneys. The main fight was over the salaries the bill carried for the various counties. Almost every member was jealously looking out for either the welfare of a nice fat salary for his county, or for the interests of the taxpayers. "Salary grab," "another steal," "vicious," "breakers of platform economy election pledges," were some of the denunciations hurled by those opposed to the bill. "Four flushers," "hypocritical economists" and "grand stand players," shouted some of those who favored the bill.

Sifting everything down it can be stated truthfully that one faction claimed that the bill raised salaries in most counties and the other faction claimed that it decreased them. Various efforts were made to amend the bill, and a general tangle of talk and parliamentary procedure resulted. The bill was finally passed by a vote of 40 to 20.

Among the bills passed today were several tending to better the morals of Oregon. Probably the most important was that of Hagood, to help out the governor's moral crusade. This will compel all owners of hotels, rooming houses, apartment houses and tenement houses to place on them a conspicuous sign giving their names and addresses. Should the bill become a law it would enable the authorities to get at the owners of many evil places, which are now run under the guise of respectability.

A bill by Howard, which was passed, is along the same line. It would enable the authorities to enjoin and abate evil resorts by compelling the owner of a building used by such resort to put up a bond after he was found guilty, to insure that he will abate the nuisance or compel the resort to vacate. The bond, in no case, however, is to exceed the value of the building.

The house passed a bill by Hurd, introduced at the request of District Attorney Bryson, of Eugene, amending a present law to make it unlawful to sell malt liquor. This bill reduces the legal percentage of alcohol in any beverage from two and one-half per cent, as at present, to one per cent, and prohibits the selling of hard cider. Applegren's bill to make the grounds of non-support and willful neglect to furnish actual living expenses a cause for divorce, is also half a law.

Speaker McArthur's bill to provide a fund of \$500 annually for the protection of the state from the bubonic plague was passed, as was the Hughes bill, providing that each of the three members of the state barbers' commission must be an active working barber.

Journal Want Ads Bring Results.

COMMITTEE GETS DECIDEDLY SASSY

Ways and Means Committee
Tells Speaker and House
to "Go to Hell."

JOE SINGER FRIGHTENED

But Speaker Quiets Him By Promis-
ing Not to Accept the Kindly
Invitation.

The house was in session last night until 1 o'clock in an effort to pass as many bills as possible before Saturday night, as the senate has given out the ultimatum that after that day it will receive no more house bills for consideration. Much important business was disposed of at the night session.

But it was only by iron-handed methods that Speaker McArthur was enabled to have a quorum present. At 8 o'clock, the time set for the evening session, there still lacked a quorum, as the ways and means committee, the exposition committee and the judicial committees were holding important meetings elsewhere. Speaker McArthur ordered Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Singer to summon the members of the exposition and judicial committees forthwith. Singer soon came trooping in with exposition committee members. There still lacked a quorum, but the house treaded water by transacting light business routine.

A little later Singer reported to the speaker that the judicial committee had refused to even answer his knock at their door. McArthur then ordered Singer to get an axe and break down the door, and bring the members in to the house, dead or alive. Twenty minutes later Singer returned with the judicial committee, all alive.

Through desertion from one cause or another, there was barely a quorum at 10 o'clock, and Speaker Mr. Arthur ordered the doors closed and locked, and that no more members leave the house without his permission.

Some time later, when the uniform salary bill was about to come up, McArthur ordered Sergeant-at-Arms Singer to summon the ways and means committee from their session. Singer returned in a few minutes, and excitedly related that the committeemen had told him and the speaker and the house to go to some place warmer than Salem.

McArthur then put the question of the committee's disobedience and insubordination up to the house for action, and that body voted unanimously to uphold the committee's refusal.

And thus it was all night. All members tired out and crabbed. Another revolt occurred about 11 o'clock, when Nolte, of Multnomah, started to explain his vote on the salary bill. Several Multnomah members objected. Then Nolte, crimson with rage, sat down and shouted: "Now you fellows just try and make me vote."

Speaker McArthur explained to Nolte that earlier in the evening the house had adopted a rule that on roll call members could no longer orally explain their votes, but must send such explanation in writing to the clerk's desk. Nolte, however, refused to vote, or make explanation in writing and, glaring over at his fellow colleagues in the Multnomah delegation, said: "You fellows make me vote if you can. I'm getting tired of all this hot air business."

The roll call went ahead without Nolte, after McArthur had informed the house that there was no way of compelling a member to vote if he absolutely refused to do so.

Tillamook Gets \$100,000.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Tillamook Bay, Or., \$100,000; Valdez, Alaska, \$55,000, and San Diego, Cal., \$288,537. These were the amendments to the house rivers and harbors appropriation bill which were reported to the senate committee on rivers and harbors today. The Valdez appropriation is to provide protection against glacial floods.

Mrs. Thomas P. Clarke Dead.

(Special to Capital Journal.)
Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Clarke, wife of Thomas P. Clarke, superintendent of the Washington state school for the deaf, died this morning at 1:15 of acute cerebral meningitis. She was ill only three days. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke were formerly residents of Salem, where Mr. Clarke was superintendent of the Oregon school for the deaf.

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