



WHAT THE LEGISLATURES OF TWO STATES ARE DOING

More Drastic Local Option Measure is Reported

BE ACTED ON FRIDAY

Strong Lobby at Work in Favor of State Railroad Construction

HOUSE PASSES MANY BILLS

Washington Legislature May Come to a Deadlock Over Local Option Bills and in That Event a Special Session Will be Held.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—The House bill amending the local option law so as to make it more drastic has been reported by the judiciary committee both favorable and unfavorable. It is made a special order for tomorrow morning. Delegation of Portland business men this evening appeared before judiciary committee of the Senate in behalf of the amendment to constitution permitting the State to engage in railroad construction.

Having come to an understanding with the Senate the House this afternoon passed nine Senate bills and is tonight passing others as rapidly as possible. Speaker McArthur expects 20 more Senate bills to be disposed of before tonight's session of the House is ended. On the other hand, the Senate, while accepting the House bills has passed none and is holding a night session to discuss them. The day's work in the Senate is apparently satisfactory to the members. Over \$100,000 asked for was not appropriated by the Senate. The long expected pruning of appropriations has commenced, although somewhat belated. The big items refused by the Senate were \$30,000 for Indian war veterans; \$30,000 for topography maps of the State; \$10,000 for the Oregon Historical Society and smaller items.

"There is no need for this appropriation for the Oregon Historical Society," announced President Bowerman. "For at the rate we are spending money, the people will remember us without the assistance of a historical society.

Semi-charitable institutions were well taken care of. The Boys and Girls Aid Society received \$8,000 and later this was increased to \$10,000;

SALARY PROVISION SETTLED IN HOUSE

Controversy Over Secretary of State Matter is at Last Settled in Satisfactory Manner

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The controversy over the legislative appropriation bill in connection with the salary of secretary of state, regarding the ineligibility of Senator Knox for that office was settled in the House today when the bill was sent to conference and the committee was authorized to consider the salary provision as if in disagreement. This gives the committee power to reduce the pay from \$12,000 to \$8,000, its former figure. The republicans were caught napping when the resolution by Fitzgerald

Florence Crittendon Home received \$6,000 with \$5600 for betterment; Potter Home received \$6,000 and \$4,000 for improvements, and the Baby Home \$6,000.

The House passed the military code bill and this bill was concurred to by the Senate. An amendment keeps the present adjutant-general in office until he is 60 years old. Also the House passed the Miller's water code bill. The Senate refused to confirm W. P. Keady as a member of the State Board of Regents, the claim being that Keady is a resident of Spokane and not of Oregon.

LOCAL OPTION MEASURES.

Absorbing Topic in the Washington Legislatures

OLYMPIA, Feb. 18.—Each branch of the Legislature now has passed local option bills. The House adopted McMaster or the Anti-Saloon League Measure and the Senate defeating a duplicate of McMaster's bill and passing a substitute more liberal in numerous particulars. Ultra local optionists reinforced by the influence of acting Governor Hay are planning the defeat of the Senate bill when it is submitted to the House.

If the House defeats the Senate substitute, an attempt will then be made to take the bill already passed by the House out of the Senate committee on public morals and ask for its adoption in the Senate. There is a possibility of a deadlock between the two houses over the local option measures in which event Acting Governor Hays will likely call a special session of the Legislature.

DELIVERS ADDRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—"Conservation and Co-operation of World-wide Scope," was the keynote of the address of President Roosevelt made at White House today before delegates in attendance upon the North American Conservation conference. This sentiment which was first voiced by the President gathered considerable momentum during the day's proceedings and was reflected in the addresses of those who participated. The President after the session opened expressed hope to Secretary Bacon that universal congress in which all nations shall be invited to participate should become a reality in no distant future. Other speakers were Secretary Wilson, Sidney Fisher of Canada, Romulo Escobas of Mexico, Senator Smoot and Senator Newlands.

MADE MASON ON SIGHT.

Unusual Honor Conferred on President-Elect Taft.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 18.—President-Elect Taft is a master mason. Impressive ceremonies which brought

him that distinction were conducted by Grand Master Heskingson of Ohio. The highest Masonic authority of 17 States witnessed Taft's admission as did the members of the Kilwinning Lodge of which Judge Taft's father was a member as well as his brother Charles. Frank A. Hitchcock, at request of Taft, came here today from Chicago and after a conference left for Washington. It was admitted the discussion related to the treasury portfolio, but beyond this statement no decision was reached or no information obtainable.

ELEVENTH JUROR SECURED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—During the day filled with frequent quarrels between the opposing attorneys, a juror was secured to occupy the 11th place on the jury in the Calhoun case today. During the day 20 talesmen were examined at greater or less length and the 12th special venire was exhausted.

JAPANESE BILL SHELVED.

Matter Never Seriously Considered By Montana Salons.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 18.—Representative Norton's measure which provides for the segregation of Indian and Mongolian school children in separate schools was unfavorably reported by the committee on military affairs. The bill was never seriously considered by the House. The memorial which asks for the maintenance of Chinese exclusion act and widening of its scope so as to take in the Japanese has been favorably reported and will without doubt pass the House.

SIGNS SPECIAL ACT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The President today signed the special act relating to the salary of secretary of state, which is counted on to remove constitutional objections to Senate Knox as premier in Judge Taft's cabinet.

STORM DOES DAMAGE TO MIDDLE WEST

RAILROAD AND TELEGRAPH LINES ARE IN A VERY BAD CONDITION.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—In point of damage done, it was learned today that the storms of last Saturday, Sunday and Monday were the worst ever experienced by the telegraph companies and railroads. Thousands upon thousands of poles are still down and hundreds of miles of wires prostrate. Throughout the Central and Eastern States and New England telegraphic service is curtailed and in sections discontinued. One eastern railroad alone is said to have lost 80 miles of cable. The work of re-setting poles in the frozen ground is slow and it will be weeks, it is said before normal conditions are restored.

PURCHASE MORE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Judge Kohlsaat today granted Receiver Chalmers, of A. Booth & Co., authority to purchase for not more than \$10,000 the remaining stock of Chlopek Fish Company, of Seattle. Booth & Company previously had purchased \$51,000 of the stock.

ICE INTERVENES.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The ice jam in the Niagara river has become so serious that power companies have resorted to blasting in the hope of increasing the flow of water. Thousands of visitors are coming to the city to view the ice spectacle.

The stream in the American channel early today was no larger than a small creek, although blasting has increased slightly the flow over the American and Horseshoe Falls.

PENROSE AND LA FOLLETTE MIX

Wordly War Ensues Between These Senators

APPROPRIATION CAUSE

La Follette Charged With Not Doing His Duty But Always Kicking

PUTS UP VIGOROUS DENIAL

Says he Was Reasonably Diligent and Gives Sickness and Important Private Business as Reasons For Not Attending These Meetings.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The postoffice bill carrying an appropriation of over \$232,000,000 was passed by the Senate today after a stormy debate during which Senator Penrose in charge of the measure made an angry assault on Senator La Follette who had entered into a general criticism of the Senate committee, because of what he termed their unwarranted delay in reporting general appropriation bills. La Follette's principal charge was that these bills were held until the end of the session and then in a hurry to get through with them, appropriations which could not pass if introduced in separate bills got through with the main bill.

He claimed that it would be no calamity if all these bills should go over to the special session. Responding Penrose said that La Follette's criticisms sounded more like the arguments of a "Vender of patent medicines, from tall door of cart in village of Wisconsin," than those of a Senator of the United States senate. Mentioning several important committees of which he said La Follette is a member, Penrose asserted that he rarely attended the meetings of these committees. "There is," Penrose continued, "no senator who has a greater record for absenteeism than he. It becomes him to criticize those committees. When he is here, it is only to delay the business of the senate; to hold up the transaction of public business and to embarrass those who under their oaths of office and conscientious discharge of their duties endeavor to enact legislation."

La Follette explained his absences from some of the committee, saying in regard to one that he had asked to be relieved from it; that he was ill two months of last session and absent a week during the holidays on important private business, but otherwise he had been reasonably diligent in his attendance. Referring to the committee on Indian affairs, Penrose broke in with "It is the uniform testimony of its members that you failed to attend those meetings."

Replying, La Follette caustically declared, "I would have more confidence in the statement if the senators on that committee made that declaration themselves." La Follette ended by saying that no course Penrose could take would deter him (La Follette), from exercising his right upon the floor to express his views on legislation.

A SUPERB GIFT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A rug said to be worth more than \$50,000 was presented to the White House yesterday as a gift to the nation and was accepted by President Roosevelt. The donor was H. H. Topsykian, a rick American of New York City.

MEN GET LOADED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Bishop C. P. Anderson has added a unique celebration to the arguments in favor of women suffrage. In an address last night to a men's club he took up the cudgels for the other sex.

"When men have an afternoon off they go to a ball game or a circus," he said. "When women have an afternoon to spend they go to a meeting of the Browning Club. The women come home loaded with ideas; the men come home simply loaded."

The Bishop went on to say that there was much reason why the women should get together and refuse to allow the men to vote as for the opposition to exist.

DEBATE ON PROHIBITION.

Mayor Of Milwaukee To Meet Prohibition Champion In Argument.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The challenge recently made by Mayor Rose of Milwaukee to meet any accredited champion of prohibition, has been accepted by Samuel Dickie, president of Albion College, Mich., and former Chairman of the Prohibition National committee.

The debate will be held in Milwaukee, Friday evening March 26. The subject is: "Resolved that Prohibition As Applied to the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Beverages is Right." Dr. Dickie will champion the principles of prohibition while Mayor Rose will defend the policy of regulation as applied to the liquor traffic.

COPYRIGHT BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Washburn Copyright Bill with minor amendments has been re-introduced by Representative Currier of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee on patents. The bill provides against "Canned" music for the protection of composers and has been under consideration by a sub-committee for some time past.

RATES RAISED BETWEEN PORTLAND AND GOBLE

NORTHERN PACIFIC PRACTICALLY WITHDRAWS FROM IN THAT TERRITORY.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—Upon being advised by the receipt of notice that the Northern Pacific intends putting into effect March 1 a new tariff on its lines between Portland and Goble, Or., the Railroad Commission today gave notice of investigation of the same. A hearing has been set for March 5, at Salem. The table of proposed rates, which has been filed with the Commission, shows that the rate upon the first four classes of tariff has been doubled over the existing schedules.

Frank H. Fogarty, assistant general freight agent of the Northern Pacific, in explanation of the advance in the tariffs just announced between Portland and Goble by his company, said this afternoon that it practically meant a retirement of the Northern Pacific from participation in the hauling of freight between these points.

"The new schedules are being put into effect," said Mr. Fogarty, "simply for the purpose of adjusting our rates on a mileage basis to conform with the rates on other portions of our system. For a long time we have been giving extremely low rates to meet the competition of the river steamers which ply between here and Goble, and the boats have been getting most of the business. Realizing that the water transportation companies had the best of the game, we decided to readjust our tariffs or put them on an equal basis on all portions of our lines. It simply means our withdrawal from the field, and gives the river steamers full swing on the local business between Portland and Goble."

HARRIMAN AND THE MILWAUKEE SYSTEMS REPORTED ALLIED

Such is Report Sent Out From Chicago

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Over 12,000 Miles of Trackage Taken Over by Wells Fargo Express Company.

DISPLACES U. S. COMPANY

Looks as Though Two Systems Will Use Same Track Between Portland, Sound Points and Grays Harbor Points.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—Formal and official announcement made in Chicago that the United States Express Company would be superseded by the Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, over the entire Milwaukee system, about July 1, next, is taken as the surest indication that the Rockefeller system will enter Portland through some joint arrangement with the Harriman interests, the first step toward which plan was taken when declared, "I would have more confidence in the line between Tacoma and Black River Junction, to the Union Pacific, this week. The strongest indication that this is so is the fact that Wells-Fargo Company is to all intents and purposes a Harriman concern. The two carrier corporations are very closely tied up here in Portland, and to gain the 12,000 miles of the Milwaukee system for the Wells-Fargo, may be taken as positive assurance that Portland will secure a superintendency over the Northwest, inasmuch as the express company has in this city the finest building owned by the company west of Chicago. For this reason it would be only natural to suppose that as soon as the gap from Puget Sound to Portland is linked by the Milwaukee, the Wells-Fargo people will establish a Northwestern department with headquarters here, because, at present it is better equipped to handle this territory from here than from any other city in the Northwest, and Portland is furthermore the headquarters for the Harriman system in the Northwest. It is significant that President A. J. Earling, of the Milwaukee, during his brief stay here yesterday, spent (Continued on page 6)

BERG IS DEFEATED BY O'CONNELL

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—John Berg, known in the wrestling world as Young Hackenschmidt, tonight lost the match to Eddie O'Connell when he tried to gain five falls from the latter in one hour of actual wrestling. Berg had agreed to throw O'Connell four times in one hour if (Berg) weighed in at noon today at 165 pounds. Berg did not make the weight and appeared to weigh when he entered the ring about 175 to O'Connell's 150. Berg got the first fall in three minutes, second in 12:20, third in 24 minutes, and fourth in 15 minutes. The match was perhaps the best exhibition of wrestling ever seen here.

FAILS TO THROW HIM FOUR TIMES IN ONE HOUR LAST NIGHT

"PULLED HIS TEETH."

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 18.—Ash-ton Collart, sentenced to the workhouse on the charge of assault and battery declares that an operation on his teeth has cured him of a continual desire to attack someone. He has applied for a parole, but the parole officer has reported against such action.

DIES OF SERIOUS INJURIES.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—Frank J. Montgomery, a conductor on the Oregon Electric Railway, died tonight from injuries received today in the local yards of the company. Montgomery fell underneath a moving car while attempting to fix something on the car.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSES DEVASTATION

Fifteen Villages Reported as Wholly or Partially Destroyed and May Reach Fifty

BURUJURD, Feb. 18.—Thereand, Government of Burujurd, a town of Southwestern Persia, has sent out agents to investigate the damage wrought by the earthquake of January 23. The center of the disturbance is apparently two days' journey from Burujurd. Up to the present time only meagre reports have reached here. The devastation was particularly severe in mountainous regions between Burujurd and Luristan province. It has been already established that 15 villages were wholly or partially destroyed and

it is estimated that the total number will undoubtedly be more than 50. Only a small portion of the area where shocks were most felt escaped. Some villages disappeared completely and no trace can be found of them. A severe quake was felt at Isfahan, 100 miles away, the morning of January 23. The fact that there is no foreign consuls anywhere in the neighborhood accounts for the delay of nearly a month in receipt of news here, but delays of that kind are very characteristic of occurrences in Persia.