

isolation and that the basis of the percentage shall be the vote cast for governor at the last preceding election instead of for the justice of the supreme court receiving the highest number of votes.

An amendment providing that not more than one-fourth of the signatures shall come from any one county lost.

The state tax commission won the preliminary skirmish on its bill introduced by the committee on revenue and taxation putting in the hands of the members of the commission the fixing of calculations for assessment purposes of all properties of firms or corporations engaged in the business of furnishing light, water, heat or power. It was moved to amend by giving that authority to the county assessors and a pretty fight developed, the friends of the tax commission being easy victors.

The House bill prohibiting the marriages of whites and Orientals caused considerable discussion, Denman of Spokane leading an attack on the measure on the ground that the amalgamation of races is bound to come in the United States and it could not be prevented by legislation. The bill went to third reading.

The House passed a resolution protesting to the President and secretary of the navy against the unequal division of the naval forces.

MILLER'S BILL GIVES KING ONE CONGRESSMAN

OLYMPIA, Tuesday, Jan. 31.—Miller of Whatcom County introduced a new congressional apportionment bill in the House yesterday, which is designed to take the place of the bill offered by Buchanan of King several days ago.

Practically the only difference of any importance is that the Miller bill gives King County one representative in Congress instead of giving the city of Seattle one member and placing the remainder of King County in the district with the Northwest, as it provided in the measure proposed by the King County representative.

The Miller bill divides the state as follows: First District—Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan, Island, Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap Counties.

Second District—King County.

Third District—Chehalis, Mason, Thurston, Pierce, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clarke and Skamania Counties.

Fourth District—Klickitat, Yakima, Kittitas, Benton, Walla Walla, Garfield, Columbia, Asotin, Adams, Franklin, Grant, Chelan, Okanogan and Douglas Counties.

Fifth District—Ferry, Stevens, Spokane, Lincoln and Whitman Counties.

Miller states that it is the intention of his bill to divide the state upon the best geographical basis as well as to place together such counties as have common interests that will require national legislation.

COMPROMISE EFFECTED ON WENATCHEE BRIDGE

OLYMPIA, Tuesday, Jan. 31.—The House has passed the resolution authorizing the highway commission to make a compromise on the purchase of the Wenatchee bridge, by which the state will save \$65,000 on the price fixed in the original bill passed two years ago.

This ends the controversy over this matter as the Senate passed the resolution several days ago as it is known Lieut.-Gov. Hay will approve the action.

There was considerable fight made on the resolution on the grounds that it would not be constitutional, but after it was shown that it had been prepared by the attorney-general it passed by a vote of 54 to 37.

Some of the opponents of the resolution stated that it was apparent the bridge company did not expect to win the suit in court or the proposition of a compromise would not have been offered.

During the debate Davis of Pierce charged that certain state officials did not have the moral courage to do their duty or this proposition would not have been submitted to the Legislature.

"We have a set of officials in this state," said Davis, "who do not have the moral courage to conduct the business that properly comes before them, otherwise we would not have this matter here now."

INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES WILL BE NULL AND VOID

OLYMPIA, Tuesday, Jan. 31.—In passing the bill preventing the marriage of whites with other races today, the House nearly made it a crime for any person to get married in Washington. Tacked onto the bill was a provision that persons who shall contract such marriages should be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The printed bill

was minus the word "such." The error was discovered in time and the proviso stricken, so that now such marriages are merely held null and void.

CHAMBER INDORSES INSURANCE CODE

Pending Bill Before State Legislature Receives Recommendation by Seattle Commercial Body.

BENEFICIAL FEATURES OF MEASURE SHOWN

The legislative committee of the Chamber of Commerce today presented a report indorsing the pending insurance code bill with several modifications and amendments. The committee recommended that the section requiring that insurance companies doing business in this state deposit not less than \$200,000 with the insurance officials of one of the states, be stricken out.

The committee declared in its report that the beneficial features of the bill include the change in the office of state insurance commissioner, which is made elective instead of appointive; the provision for the fixing of rates in such manner as to insure competition and at the same time prevent discrimination; and that the California marine code is contained verbatim in the new measure.

The committee went on record against the automobile tax bill now pending at Olympia.

Say Tax Is Excessive.

The committee holds that the proposed tax of \$1 per horse power, according to the motor of the auto, is excessive and unjust to the cities of the state.

Further, it is asserted that the automobiles now pay a heavy burden of taxation through the license system and by means of the ordinary tax assessments and levies. The committee endorsed the proposed so-called industrial education commission bill, providing for the appointment of a commission of five persons to investigate the subject of industrial education and report at the legislative assembly of 1913.

A letter was received from the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce thanking the Seattle body for its efforts recently in behalf of the high line irrigation canal in Kittitas County.

SEIZED BEEF SHOWS FORMALDEHYDE USED

Five Japanese Restaurant Keepers Placed Under Arrest by Pure Food Commissioners.

Forty carcasses of beef, or a total of 15,250 pounds, on cold storage since about December 1, 1909, seized for analysis by Deputy State Pure Food Commissioners W. H. Adams and George S. Henderson several weeks ago showed by analysis that formaldehyde had been used in its preservation. This disclosure was followed by complaints issued this morning calling for the arrest of five Japanese restaurant keepers, owners of the meat.

These Japanese are: K. Nogaki, 212 First Avenue South; T. Yamashita, 116 Second Avenue South; T. Tsokono, 210 Occidental Avenue; Y. Yonago, 129 Yessler Way, and K. Nishimura, 209 Main Street. They all banded together in the purchase of this meat from a man named Riley, formerly a commission merchant of Western Avenue, but now in Vancouver, B. C. They paid 6 cents a pound for the meat, while beef was holding at 9 cents in the market.

Deputy Commissioner Henderson said this morning that the attention of his department was directed to the meat by its peculiar appearance. It did not freeze under the storage temperature but was rubbery to the feel and looked nummified.

INVESTIGATION ASKED

BREMERTON, Tuesday, Jan. 31.—The Navy Yard Bay Commercial Club has invited Lieut.-Gov. M. E. Hay, other state officials and members of the