

AS MATCH TO FUSE

Day of Turmoil in Legislature Sees Senate Split on All Reports.

M'ARTHUR RESCUES HOUSE

Speaker, in Able Address, Soothes Malcontents, Who Threaten to Break Harmony of Session. Railroad Commission Target.

NIGHT SESSIONS OF HOUSE WILL BEGIN TONIGHT.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The first night session of the House will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, when a series of county officers will be considered. The House probably will hold night meetings right along till the end of the legislative session.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—This was a day of turmoil in the Legislature, particularly in the Senate, largely brought on by the message of the Governor attacking the ways and means committee.

The upper body split wide open on practically every adverse report that came before it and as a result, although there were 21 bills on the calendar for final passage, none of them were reached and all but a few minutes' time was consumed in determining what should be done with the bills.

This is the first time a condition similar has existed during a number of sessions, at least while the closing days are here. The members sat in the air and harmony was lacking throughout the day. In the House the same condition was threatened until Speaker McArthur took the floor and in a strong speech soothed the malcontents, for the day at least.

There seemed to be no particular reason for insuring and none of the members have been able to explain just exactly what it was all about. It is not construed as an attempt at disrupting the organization or an insurrection movement against the organization. But for a week or two small bills, in which various members have been interested, have appeared for final disposition, have brought about friction between the respective members.

This friction reached a boiling point today and resulted in a general inharmonious melee. It needed only the Governor's message as a match to the fuse.

This set the members of the ways and means committee on edge. Then came a plan to slip through a bill which would abolish the Railroad Commission. This caused a dire situation to appear. The commission was attacked as insufficient and as being without reason for existence, declarations being made that the power of the state behind it, it had not accomplished the ends sought. The bill would eliminate excess charges on baggage and reduce the rate of storage for 48 hours. It was indefinitely postponed, despite the attack on the commission.

Attacks were made on the ways and means committee in support of a resolution by Joseph to abolish committees in the legislative assembly, but that resolution was also indefinitely postponed.

CHARGES HURLED AT FINLEY

Senator Carson Complains Game Warden Acts in Bad Faith.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Senator Carson today charged with bad faith in the Senate today by Senator Carson when his bill, providing for the relief of persons whose property has been damaged by beavers, returned with an adverse report from the game committee.

Carson objected strenuously. "People in Northern Marion County have suffered damage from beavers," he said. "I took the matter up with Game Warden Finley and he agreed to let the people of that section kill beavers, and to write me a letter to that effect immediately. I have never received the letter, and now comes an adverse report from the committee."

The bill was laid on the table to be taken up when the game code is considered.

HURDY-GURDY BILL PUZZLE

If Governor West Signs Measure All Will Be Well—Maybe.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The bill which was not unlawful to govern "hurdy-gurdy" of the Governor signs a bill which was passed by the Senate yesterday and which had already been passed by the House.

No one in the Senate seemed to know what a "hurdy-gurdy" is supposed to be. Senator Neuner attempted to explain the bill. It was passed in 1864, and the word "hurdy-gurdy" was the name of a certain kind of music. The bill was intended to provide for the relief of persons whose property has been damaged by beavers, returned with an adverse report from the game committee.

DAY BILL GOES TO 3D READING

Much of Afternoon in Senate Used in Fight Over Measure.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—After a long fight, which consumed much of the time of the afternoon in the Senate today, that body decided to order the bill providing for a special referendum election in August, to go to third reading.

The bill came in with two reports, the majority report being in favor of its passage and the minority against it. A move to substitute the minority for the majority report, there being 14 in favor of the bill and 12 against it. How the absentees or the President, who was not present, stand in relation to the bill is not known.

Sweeping Investigation Aim.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Under a joint resolution, introduced by Senator Wood, an investigation of all institutions, commissions, boards and offices would be carried on during the next two years by a legislative committee to report at the next session.

Constable's Salary Bill Passes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The House today passed a bill requiring state banks to capitalize to 25 per cent of the amount of deposits and surplus carried by them. Oison, of Multnomah, made a slight fight against this, saying he believed it favored National banks, but it passed regardless.

WEST BILLS DOWN IN CAPITOL CAMP

But Legislature Won't Adjourn Until Every Bill Passed Is Reported Back.

MESSAGE SENT 2 HOUSES

Only Appropriations Absolutely Necessary to Carry On Government Will Receive Sanction of State Executive.

LEGISLATURE HONORS MEMORIAL IN JOINT SESSION.

Rev. C. E. Cline, of Portland, Principal Speaker After President Malarkey Calls for Order.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—There will be no adjournment of the Legislature until after the last bill has come from the hands of the Governor if the organization can be held in line.

The attack made on the ways and means committee from the executive today has finally determined that such a lineup will be made in the House and it seems likely that one may be held together in the Senate regardless of inharmonious features which seemed to appear today.

The House has at least a solid 49 and a few members more in case of need to remain in session for several days after the 40-day period. This, in itself, means that the House will adjourn together, inasmuch as the Constitution provides that one body cannot adjourn for more than three days at a time without the concurrence of the other body.

In that event it is probable that the House in remaining in session would do the same thing. Nothing has brought to the attention of the Legislature the possibility of trouble with the executive since the attack made by him a few weeks ago, as the message of today.

Leaders in the Senate state that there will be a sufficient number of Senators who will remain over if the executive is inclined to be intractable to deal with the situation. Minority members say today's apparent inharmonious conditions are signs of a split which will obviate the possibility of the Senate being strong enough to deal with the Governor. But the situation today seems to have been brought about on a technicality, and it is not seen the Governor given complete away.

The inevitable seems to be that the Legislature will resent any effort to deal with legislation with a high hand. The members declare that they will protect what they consider good legislation. If the Governor vetoes inconsequential bills, they will not have a shadow of doubt as to their value in all probability no effort will be made to continue to override such vetoes.

But as to legislation which the Legislature deems of the first class, and which the members believe is for the general public good cannot undergo the veto without the Assembly taking decisive steps to undo the effects of the veto.

Declaring that no opposition bills will receive the sanction of the Governor unless it is an absolutely necessary one to carry on the government, mutual disposition is made of appropriations to care for the wards of the state. The Governor today threw a bomb into the Legislature.

He sent a message into both houses in which he charged the failure to get the big appropriation bills into the Legislature to the chairman of the ways and means committee.

He declared that with only nine days left and \$9,000,000 in appropriations facing the Legislature, it will require a disposition of the rate of \$1,000,000 a day to clean them up.

Perkins Champions Senate. In the Senate Chairman Perkins, of the ways and means committee, declared that the message cannot apply to the Senate ways and means committee, as that committee has its business cleared up, and moved that the message be re-referred to the Governor. On motion of Miller it was placed on file.

In the House the message was at first laid on the table. Later it was taken from the table and referred to the ways and means committee. The message from the Governor follows:

I wish to call your attention to the large amount of appropriations asked for at this time. I am informed that these requests amount to nearly \$9,000,000. The Legislature has only nine days left in which to act upon these appropriations and it will therefore be obliged to dispose of an average of \$1,000,000 a day. These requests cover a multitude of small bills, and it is the opinion of the Legislature that it is not possible to make a proper disposition of these requests.

"Call Storage" Bill Attacked. The budgets covering the needs of the state institutions and which amount to a vast sum were prepared long before the

FORBES BILL APPROVED

HINKLE'S ELOQUENT PLEA WINS FOR IRRIGATION.

Appropriation Measure, Carrying \$500,000 for Columbia Southern Project, Passes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—At the conclusion of one of the most brilliant speeches ever delivered on the floor of the House, the Forbes bill, appropriating \$500,000 for the Columbia Southern irrigation project, there were but few votes against it.

Gill, of Clackamas, and Hill and Johnson, of Marion, were among those who supported the bill. Hinkle, of Multnomah, was the champion of the bill. He held it to be dangerous precedent for the state to align itself with irrigation projects by the appropriation of funds, even though it be but a small sum.

Hinkle, of Multnomah, took the floor and made a most eloquent plea for the bill. He declared that the biggest piece of legislation ever before the House, and said he doubted if any greater will ever be presented. He said in part:

"State reclamation of desert lands is a thing that has been done since time immemorial. This state has some 18,000,000 acres of tillable, but unoccupied, land and it is the duty of the state to see that its speedy use and occupation. We have extended a broad invitation to see to it that the water is put to use and that it be not left unutilized upon his arrival."

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REPEAL MOVE UP TO GOVERNOR

Senate Judiciary Committee Passes Up Gas Franchise Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Senate Judiciary committee tonight decided to let the proposed repeal bill of the franchisees of the Portland Gas & Coke Company take the question of whether the public interest would be served by the repeal of the franchise.

The question of the operation of the gas company and as to whether it has abused the terms of its franchise will be left to be determined during the

next two years, preferably with the Governor, if it is acceptable to him. The bill repealing the franchise states that "it appears to the Legislative Assembly" that the company has violated its rights and privileges under this language, appearing to the committee as being untrue on the face of it, was the principal cause for the attitude that it took.

Corvallis Indorses Bridge. CORVALLIS, Feb. 12.—The Commercial Club got into the political game last night and adopted resolutions affecting two measures before the State Legislature. The club was unanimous in its indorsement of legislation affecting the proposed interstate bridge across the Columbia, and it also went on record as violently opposing the Murcums bill cutting the maintenance for the Oregon National Guard.

The Corvallis business men are in hearty sympathy with the Governor, for to the big bridge and there was no dissent with the idea that the state should guarantee the bonds. That the State Guard should be cheated out of the \$100,000 maintenance maintenance was accepted with disfavor.

PRaise GIVEN COLLEGE

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT OF TRIP.

Need of Additional Facilities at Oregon Agricultural Institution Is Mentioned.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Frank of the Oregon Agricultural College is given in the report from the ways and means committee on its junketing trip to that school. The report said in part:

The committee found that the money appropriated by the Legislature in 1911 for buildings, equipment and improvements has been judiciously and effectively expended. The new buildings are plain, substantial and admirably suited to the purposes for which they were authorized. In the equipment of the buildings and in the direction of the work of the institution we found a policy of strict economy, practical businesslike management and a spirit of effective effort.

We found a splendid appearing body of young men and women, intelligent and earnestly and enthusiastically engaged in the most practical and profitable lines of study. We were impressed with the value of this type of educational effort, particularly as it applies to the upbuilding of the industry, the improvement of homes and the advance of the general welfare.

The growing demand for increasing demands made upon the institution by the growing resident attendance and the requests for assistance from the people of the state who are unable to go to the college deserve and require additional facilities for the proper prosecution of the work for which the institution was established.

SENATOR'S SWITCH WINS

DAY OF MULTNOMAH VOTES FOR STERILIZATION BILL.

Dr. Owens-Adair Sees Complete Victory in Her Fight in Oregon Legislature With Hope in West.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. Owens-Adair saw a complete victory in the Oregon Legislature today when the sterilization bill introduced by Lewelling in the House passed the Senate by a vote of 16 to 11.

Senator Day changing his vote at the last minute from no to yes assured the passage of the bill by making the necessary 16 affirmative votes.

This question has had a stormy time for the last six years but now bids fair to become a law. It has received the indorsement of Governor West and although slightly amended to give a vicarious appeal, it is probably the amendment is not such as to cause the Governor to withhold his approval.

The bill was the subject of considerable debate on the floor of the Senate, or rather was the theme of much vote explaining. Some of the Senators expressed themselves as unalterably opposed to the plan of the sterilization bill, but the opinion of the constitutional provision prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment. President Aylesworth expressed the opinion that the bill does not cover all of the purposes of those who have advocated and fathered it.

The vote on the bill was as follows: Ayes—Burgess, Day, Dimick, Farrell, Hawley, Hollis, Joseph, Kiddie, Lester, McCulloch, Perkins, Ragsdale, Smith, Cooch, Smith, Josephine, Stewart, White, Aylesworth, Nays—Barratt, Bent, Butler, Calkins, Carson, Kellisher, Miller, Moser, Neuner, Patton, Malarkey, Nays—11. Absent—Hoskins, Thompson, Von der Hellen.

BANKER SENT TO PRISON

W. E. Schricker, of Defunct Lacombe Institution, Starts Sentence.

MT. VERNON, Wash., Feb. 12.—W. E. Schricker, formerly president of the defunct private bank of W. E. Schricker & Co., of Lacombe, was taken to the penitentiary at Walla Walla today to serve a sentence of from one to five years imposed when he was convicted of accepting a bribe after he knew his bank was insolvent.

Prosecuting Attorney Augustus J. Brawley announced today that he would seek to retry Schricker on R. V. Andrews, officers of the Seattle National Bank, who are accused of violation of the state banking law in connection with the failure of the Schricker bank.

GRAND JURY TO TAKE HAND

Seattle Produce Distributors' Union to Be Investigated.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—It was semi-officially announced today that the Federal grand jury, in this city, will start up next Monday the evidence against the Produce Distributors' Union, known as the Produce Trust, which is alleged to keep down prices paid to farmers and keep up prices paid by consumers.

The District Attorney's office has had the union under investigation for several weeks. Farmers in Western Washington and the apple valleys of Eastern Washington have furnished correspondence and other information to the District Attorney.

Vale Organizes Boys' Club. VALE, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A boys' club has been instituted in Vale, the first organization for boys that the last frontier has ever known. The boys, started the club in the winter, and proceeded in such manner as to attract the attention of the older people of the town. The Chamber of Commerce has turned over a room in the Western boys are meeting out of the week. The young men have started a debating league and athletic instruction in connection with their club. They call themselves the Knights of the Triangle.

GOOD ROADS FIGHT TAKES NEW TURN

Tacoma and Southwestern Development Association Apparently Join.

SEATTLE PLAN IS TARGET

Pierce and Adjoining Counties Evidently Form Coalition to Combat Alleged Alliances of King and Other Parts of State.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—What looks like a coalition between Tacoma and Pierce County and the Southwestern Washington Development Association in a fight against the remainder of the state and Seattle King County in particular, relative to road legislation has made its appearance. Scouting certain supposed alliances which they apparently took to be discriminatory against their county and the Southwestern part of the state and in favor of King County, in the matter of the good roads program, President George Scofield and Secretary H. H. Martz, of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, hastily left this city last night and word from Tacoma is to the effect that a special train bearing about 100 leading road advocates in Pierce County will come here tomorrow night to meet with the Southwestern Association to formulate plans to induce legislation.

So far it is averred that proposed legislation looks favorable to appropriations favoring the northern or Seaside section. These are the mountains, with the lion's share of the expenditure for road improvement of other parts of the state rather than in the Seaside section. It is against this alleged plan that the present opposition is forming, though leaders refuse to divulge the exact grievance. The association meeting here has called off its dogs to join with the Tacoma delegation in a conference looking toward breaking up the plan proposed.

This morning a public meeting was held at which several persons interested spoke on good roads and logged-off land development. Strong opposition under the leadership of President Scofield and of Chelalis was manifested against development of logged-off land through any of the proposed state plans. It is charged that if the suggested improvement district idea were adopted, it would mean the virtual confiscation of the property of the small settler, whereas under development, track and road improvement programs as the owner became able to carry on the work.

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