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REVIEW OF OREGON LEGISLATURE WORK. WEEKLY DIGEST OF BILLS CONSIDERED

Salem.—The legislature started on the fifth week of the session with the legislative wheels clogged with unfinished work and unless business is speeded up during the present week and the customary flow of oratory curtailed, the usual jam during the closing days is certain to prevail.

Practically no important piece of legislation received the attention of both houses during the first four weeks of the session. In fact, very few of the important bills have passed the house in which they originated. The big bills were still in the hands of the various committees, but this week most of them will appear on the calendars and the real legislative battles of the session may be looked for.

Among the more important measures awaiting final action were: Appropriation bills, soldiers' bonus, road bills, irrigation, re-apportionment, teachers' tenure and prohibition.

When the legislature adjourned over Sunday a total of 573 bills had been introduced, 319 in the house and 254 in the senate, and 38 bills had passed both houses and were ready for attention by the governor.

Sixty Day Session Proposed.

The people of the state will be asked to pass upon the question of fixing the length of the legislative session at 60 days and increasing pay of members from \$3 to \$5 per day, as a senate joint resolution proposing these changes in the state constitution passed both houses.

The measure as adopted provides: "The legislative session shall not exceed 60 days in duration of actual working days," and that "no bills shall be introduced after the fortieth day of the session, except appropriation bills or bills pertaining to the defense of the state or nation, except by unanimous consent of the members of the legislative assembly on roll call."

Game Code Passes.

The Rogue river fish and the game commission bills have passed both houses. These bills were in accordance with an agreement reached last November by the commercial interests and sportsmen.

Fishing through the year with hook and line is permitted in the Rogue river, and the game bill creates a commission of five members to be appointed by the governor. The license schedule provides: For hunting wild animals or birds, \$3 for residents of the state, \$10 for non-residents; for fishing with hook and line, \$3 for residents, or, if non-resident and a higher rate is required by his own state, then the same rate as he would have to pay in his own state; for combination licenses, \$5.

Woman Juror Bill Falls.

Oregon women will not be forced against their wills to serve on juries for the house defeated the woman juror bill introduced by Mrs. Kinney, Astoria representative.

The Roosevelt military highway bill, fathered by Senators Norblad and Hall, passed the senate with only four negative votes, but the bill was vigorously denounced by R. A. Booth, chairman of the state highway commission in an argument before the house committee on roads and highways and the opposition of the state highway commission caused a revulsion of sentiment and it is very doubtful if the measure is passed by the house.

The Roosevelt Highway was originally approved by the people and calls for \$2,500,000 of state money to be matched by a like amount of federal money for a coast military and scenic highway. This contingency was stricken out in the senate bill and in its present shape it calls for setting aside of \$2,500,000 for the road, to be paid for by direct taxation.

Road Committees Make Progress.

The joint road committees have made progress in whipping proposed legislation into shape and the bills will receive attention this week.

The committees put the stamp of disapproval upon the proposal of Governor Olcott that the highway commission be given the power of eminent domain and authorized to purchase or acquire parks and scenic beauty spots along the highways, and to improve and maintain them out of the state highway fund.

Teachers' Bill Defeated.

An amendment to the requirements

for elementary teachers' training course framed by Senator Patterson was defeated in the house.

The bill proposed to extend the time of the elementary teachers training course from a term of 12 weeks to a term of 26 weeks from January, 1923, to January, 1925, and after that period it was proposed that the course should extend for 18 months.

The house also killed a proposed bill offered by Representative Shank which provided that where schools throughout the state were closed for more than two weeks teachers should not be paid.

Would Deport Alien Public Charges.

The board of control, under a bill introduced by Senator Vinton, is authorized to use state funds for the deportation of non-resident aliens and so-called public charges confined in the public institutions of this state.

For the purpose of facilitating the return of such persons, the board of control may enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other state or states for the mutual exchange of such public charges. Under the bill a person shall be deemed to be a resident of Oregon who shall have lived in the state continuously for a period of two years.

Any person who shall bring or in any way aid in bringing any public charge into the state, except for treatment for his or her ailment without first obtaining permission in writing from the state board of control, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Meat Commissioner Proposed.

Creation of the office of commissioner for the co-operative marketing of meats is provided in a bill introduced by Senator Upton.

Under the provisions of this measure the commissioner shall maintain an office at any union stockyards in the state, and his compensation shall be fixed by the governor and be paid out of a fund made up from the fees and charges to be levied against shippers of livestock to the said stockyards. Among the specific duties of the commissioner as set out in the proposed law would be:

To gather and disseminate impartial information concerning supply, demand, prevailing prices and commercial movements of livestock and to promote, assist and encourage the organization and co-operation of co-operative and other associations for improvement of the relations and services among growers and producers, distributors and consumers of meat and meat products. And generally to do any and all things necessary to co-ordinate the livestock growers to the end that the speculator and profiteer between the growers and the consumer can be eliminated.

Meat Packers Divided On Bills.

Independent small packers and stockmen were arrayed against representatives of the stockyards and the big packers in the committee on agriculture and forestry over the Upton bills. These measures are calculated to work certain reforms in the handling of cattle in the stockyards to the benefit of the growers and are strongly opposed by the big packers.

Indications point to a favorable report by the committee on the bill which requires statements of meat in cold storage, but the bill calling for carcasses to be stamped as to grade and price will not receive the favor of the committee, it is expected.

Legislative Briefs.

The Ellis bill providing for the marking of boundaries of unfenced lands was killed in the senate.

The bill providing for punishment of habitual criminals passed the house.

Members of the state legislature inspected the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis Saturday.

The house killed Representative Hubbard's bill prohibiting the use of seines, fish wheels, traps and other gear on the Columbia river.

The senate approved Senator Nickelson's bill providing that notaries shall not charge for the administering of an oath of verification of any claim against the state.

A house bill by Representative Wells providing a penalty for any person who shall willfully misrepresent his personal assets when seeking credit, was approved by the senate.

FARMERS PLAN PADLOCK FOR GRAIN EXCHANGE



HOOPER GUSTAFSON BARUCH HOWARD

Gambling in grain as practiced by speculators in grain exchanges is one business that the American Farm Bureau Federation is going to try to stop. The Committee of Seventeen appointed by President James R. Howard with C. H. Gustafson of Lincoln, Neb., as chairman is making exhaustive investigation of the whole subject of grain marketing for recommendations and action by the Farm Bureau Federation. Herbert Hoover, former food dictator, and Baruch, former chairman of the War Board, were on the program of the committee meeting at Kansas City. Farm-owned elevators and direct marketing plans are being worked out.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TAKES ACTION TO INCORPORATE BOARDMAN A CITY

A meeting of the Boardman Commercial Club in the school auditorium Tuesday night was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in this city. Committees were appointed on incorporation and water supply for Boardman, to arrange a place where auto tourists might camp, to get trees for planting all through the community, to investigate the present status of the Farm Loan Act as applying to this district, and to organize a park and cemetery association.

A delegation was also appointed to meet with the Prosser Community Club on Monday the 14th to encourage cooperative relations for a road connecting Prosser and Boardman, with a ferry at Boardman. J. C. Ballenger, C. H. Dillabaugh, A. L. Larson, Sam Boardman, T. H. Weston and Chas. Barnes will make the trip.

A report on the present status of the John Day Irrigation District controversy was offered by S. H. Boardman, and it was unanimously decided to stand by the present board of directors and to continue lively interest in the present plans. The barbecue it is expected to hold as planned with the exception that it will probably occur in September, and it will be a Hydro-Electric John Day Barbecue.

Breaks Up Gang

Morrow county has a wise judge. A gang of five boys from 14 to 18 years of age, it is alleged, have been causing trouble in Irrigon both in the school and community for some months. Recently they attacked Frank Strader with brass knuckles, and it is reported they also had a gun, over some fancied grievance in connection with a horse deal. When arraigned before Judge Campbell, he ruled that the gang must be broken up and proceeded to do it in a very efficient manner. One is to be paroled to relatives in Goble, Wash., another to relatives at Boardman, Ore., and still another was found a job at Echo, Ore. The two youngest are to remain at home. One feature of the sentence is that each must continue in school.

Attend Power Site Meeting

Boardman was represented at the Umatilla Rapids Power Site Association meeting by Messrs. S. H. Boardman, W. A. Goodwin, Wm. Finnell, C. H. Dillabaugh, Ed Miles and George McEfferd. S. H. Boardman was honored with a vice presidency, as he should be as he has done as much as any one man or group of men to bring this dream or vision to pass.

COMMUNITY PLAY PROVES UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

The community play, "Al Martin's Country Store" given last Friday was an unqualified success. All taking part did exceptionally well and \$70 was taken in at the door. The play is a lively rural comedy and many of the parts require able histrionic ability to sustain. It was a big undertaking for us but as everything we try to do in Boardman it went over the top with flying colors. The characters were:

Al Martin, storekeeper and postmaster, W. A. Goodwin.
Marie Martin, his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Finnell.
Sam Johnson, carpenter, Herb Everett.
Tom Biggs, laborer, L. V. Kutzner.
Buck Friend, brickmaker, N. A. Macomber.
Rube Hutchins, old time farmer, A. J. Hedger.
Harold Hawley, civil engineer, Glenn Mitchell.
Robert Corey, promoter, Sam Boardman.
Bess, chum of Marie, Mrs. W. H. Stewart.
Anna, also chum of Marie, Miss Myrtle McNeill.
Mrs. Blake, Mrs. W. O. King.
Mrs. Smith, Mrs. L. V. Kutzner.
Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Rands.
Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. C. P. Harter.
Hunter, Maurice Goodwin.
Gus, slow young man, Alton Klitz.
Ned, fast young man, Lyle Blayden.
Jerry, a hungry loafer, Wm. Finnell.
Si Newcomb, Chas. Dillabaugh.
Ralph Miller, school teacher, W. P. Tucker.
Rev. John Wesley Ashbury, M. B. Signs.
Otto Padretti, traveling music teacher, Edgar Doering.
Squire Holden, A. J. Hedger.
Jim, Ed McClellan.
Mandy, Wahnona Rands.
Between the acts specialties were furnished by Smith and Tucker.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

Exports from Portland during January had a total valuation of about \$4,559,986.

Cottage Grove will have a modern ice plant before the opening of the summer season.

A woman's auxiliary to Umpqua Post, American Legion, was organized at Roseburg.

The Corvallis Country club directors have elected Warren G. Harding to honorary membership.

The sundry bill as reported to the senate carries \$400,000 for beginning the Deschutes project in Oregon.

Reopening of the state lime plant at Gold Hill was urged by Marion county realty men in session at Salem.

Additional classrooms are needed at once to house the increase of nearly 3000 children in Portland schools this term.

Oregon's campaign to raise funds for the starving children of eastern and central Europe is to be closed officially February 15.

The Commercial Club of Dallas has given a bonus of \$800 to the Dallas Machine & Locomotive works and \$500 to the Dallas cannery.

John I. Lukkila, a farmer on an island in Youngs river, about ten miles from Astoria, committed suicide by shooting himself.

The public schools at Jefferson have been closed as a precautionary measure against the spread of diphtheria, which is prevalent there.

The United States bureau of roads has let a contract for two miles of roads near Tidewater. The work will require about five months.

The total membership of the Linn county farm bureau has passed the \$30 mark, and is well on the way toward the original goal, 1000.

The Eugene high school at the close of the midwinter term had an enrollment of 729, which is 100 greater than the largest enrollment last year.

The cleanup of stored apple stocks at Hood River will be later than usual. Approximately 175,000 boxes are yet in the hands of the growers' association.

The First National Bank of Albany, the second oldest existing national bank in Oregon, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its organization last week.

J. L. Bowman, who owns the Brownsville woolen mills, is negotiating for the purchase of the woolen mill machinery at Bandon and its removal to Brownsville.

The new Deaconess hospital at Salem was dedicated last week. The building is not the property of any sect, but was erected by donations from all sources.

Snow nearly five feet in depth was found by Forest Ranger R. E. Smith and G. L. Drake, who have just completed a week of cruising in the Lost Lake region near Mt. Hood.

Because of the crowded condition of the Albany schools, the school board has decided to call a special election for the purpose of issuing bonds to provide additional room.

The executive committee of the Clatsop county farm bureau has appointed E. W. McMindes of the state agricultural college extension department as county agricultural agent.

While preparing a chicken for cooking, Miss Grace Orde, a Medford nurse, found a rich gold pocket in the chicken's craw and extracted five nuggets about the size of small peas.

Representative McArthur at Washington has been notified that all the details for the transfer to the government of the Tongue Point naval base by Clatsop county have been completed.

Under the provisions of a lump sum legislative bill, as was agreed to in the river and harbor committee surveys were authorized for Tillamook bay and the Umpqua river in Oregon.

Two hundred retail shoe dealers from all sections of the state are expected to attend the annual convention of the Oregon Retail Shoe Dealers' association to be held at Salem on February 24.

The depth of snow at Crater lake rim is 11 feet, and at Anna spring camp, five miles lower down, is 10 feet, according to word received from

Ranger Brown, who is stationed at the lake this winter.

Traffic accidents in Portland for the month of January showed a decline of 249 from December, while traffic violation arrests for the month showed an increase of 60 per cent over the preceding month.

More than 60 irrigation districts have been organized or are in the process of organization in this state, according to the biennial report of the state engineer. These districts have a total area of 1,200,000 acres.

Overwork, incident to his achievement in completing the Deschutes county tax rolls three weeks earlier than in any previous year, caused a nervous breakdown which resulted in the death of W. T. Mallarky, assessor of Deschutes county.

The sale of timber on a tract of land, between 9000 and 10,000 acres in extent, on Winberry creek, within the Cascade national forest, to Washington milling and timber interests is in contemplation, according to announcement of the Eugene office of the forest service.

A flume five miles long, to carry lumber from the Lost Creek valley above Dexter to the Southern Pacific railway at Pengra station, on the Natron cutoff, will be built at once, according to announcement of D. E. Yoran, one of the organizers of the Mount June Flume company of Eugene.

During the week ending February 3 there was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was John McKeown, laborer of Portland. A total of 424 accidents were reported in the course of the week.

Unidentified men gained entrance to the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem, carried a safe to an automobile, which had been parked some distance from the institution, drove more than a mile down the highway, and there wrecked the strongbox and obtained approximately \$500 in cash and \$150 in checks.

Contracts for more than half a million dollars' worth of road work including construction of six bridges and the laying of 15 miles of pavement were ordered entered into by the state highway commission following the opening of bids upon the proposed work. Bids on many other jobs were opened and rejected, and a second advertising of the work ordered.

Charles J. Schnabel, prominent attorney of Portland, was shot in the back and fatally wounded by Joseph C. Poeschl, an ex-client, as he was about to enter an elevator on the third floor of the court house. He died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital. Fancied grievances against the lawyer, harbored for more than ten years by Poeschl, furnished the motive for the killing.

Representative Hawley of Oregon has succeeded in having four special pension bills incorporated in the omnibus pension bill which has been reported to the house. They are for Mrs. Henrietta Brewer of Roseburg, Mrs. Sofia E. McKimney of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Caroline Hines Willis of Roseburg, and James M. Berry of Mills City. The widows will receive \$20 each and the veteran \$30 a month.

Federal aid for developing hydro electric power at Umatilla rapids, in the Columbia, and passage of the Joseph hydro-electric commission bill by the Oregon legislature, were sought at Pendleton Saturday in a meeting of government and reclamation engineers, representatives of the Northern Pacific, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, Oregon-Washington Rail way & Navigation, and Milwaukee railroads, the ways and means committee of the state legislature and 204 business men of eastern Oregon. John H. Lewis, formerly state engineer and Robert N. Stanfield, United States senator-elect, were among the principal speakers. The project proposes the development of 120,000 horse-power from the river and the irrigation of 585,000 acres in the John Day project, Oregon, and the Horse Heaven project, Washington. A large sum of money already has been pledged, and co-operation of the railroads and the government is sought.