

RESUME OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Solons Obligated to Hold Over to Finish Large Amount of Business.

Big Bond Bill Sent to Governor—Senate Slaughters Salary Bills—Local Initiative and Referendum Bill Passed—Lieutenant-Governor Favored—Military Training Compulsory—Provide Tax for Farmer Roads—Threshers Regulated.

(Special to the Enterprise.) The following resume of the work of the legislature covers the sixth week of the session giving the important topics considered by the legislature up to Monday morning February twenty-fourth.

Salem.—The legislature was unable to complete its work within the 40 days legally allowed for a session, which expired at midnight February 21, and found it necessary to hold over this week to clear up the large amount of unfinished business. The members will receive no pay for sessions held after the 40 day period expired.

The senate cleared its desks and could have finished in the allotted time, but the mass of unfinished business which clogged the wheels in the house rendered it necessary to extend the session.

While there was a large amount of unfinished business to receive attention when sessions were resumed Monday morning, most of it was of minor importance, about the only matter of general interest to the state at large being reconstruction legislation.

The biggest piece of constructive legislation of the session, the \$10,000,000 bond bill, finally ran the gauntlet in both houses and was passed up to the governor to become a law. Inasmuch as it carried an emergency clause, when the signature of the governor was attached the vast fund created to carry out Oregon's progressive road building program could immediately be made available.

Provisions of \$10,000,000 Bond Bill. Briefly, the \$10,000,000 bond bill provides that \$7,500,000 of this sum shall be used for completion of the Pacific highway from the California line to Portland and the Columbia river highway from Astoria to The Dalles, these roads to be hard-surfaced. The remainder, \$2,500,000, is to be used for the improvement of other roads.

The principal interest of the bonds are to be met by automobile licenses. All bids are to be let in open competition and county courts or county commissioners can bid on work in their counties. If desired, the commission can build by force account.

The bond bill provides for issuance of \$10,000,000 in bonds in denominations such as the commission may determine, and to be sold during the next five years.

Road Funds Made Elastic. It provides for making more elastic the various funds under control of the highway department and to include in the state highway fund the various funds heretofore provided by law. The highway commission is directed to carry out the road programme enacted by the people in 1917, being empowered to make such local changes in roads as it deems expedient.

In event royalties are claimed for patented pavements, the commission may pay such royalties directly to the patentee and deal independently with contractors who in that event shall bid only on the construction of the road, without including the cost of any royalties that may be claimed.

Salary Increases Killed in Senate. The senate upon recommendation of the ways and means committee mercifully slaughtered bills designed to increase salaries of state officials. While the slaughter was in progress a storm of protest came from senators

who saw their pet salary bills killed. The debate at times was bitter and sprinkled with personalities, but the only instance in which the senators did not sustain the recommendation of the committee was in connection with the bill to increase the salaries of supreme court justices to from \$4500 to \$5250 a year.

The only other salary bill to receive favorable consideration was a house bill by Mrs. Thompson, increasing the salary of the state dairy and food commissioner from \$3000 to \$3500 a year.

House Disapproves Death Penalty. The house killed senate joint resolution No. 21, the capital punishment bill, without debate.

The bill, requiring actual competition in bidding for public work, over which the senate wrangled for a day and a half, was disposed of by indefinite postponement in the house.

Senator Nickelsen's bill granting to the people of various counties of the state the initiative and referendum powers on questions of local application, was passed without opposition.

Under the provisions of this measure salaries of county officials, the creation of new county offices, questions of bounty, grazing and other problems of strictly local application, which are now dragged through the legislative machinery, will hereafter be determined by the people of the counties affected.

Practically one-third of the legislation handled by the present session has been of this character.

House Favors a Lieutenant-Governor. Over bitter but ineffective opposition, the house passed joint resolution 31, by the committee on resolutions, providing that the people shall vote on a constitutional amendment to create the office of lieutenant-governor. Under the measure, the lieutenant-governor will be the presiding officer of the senate. In case of the death or absence of the governor, the lieutenant-governor will become chief executive of the state. The lieutenant-governor will receive \$10 per day while actually engaged in the duties of his office. The measure is patterned after the Washington system.

Military Training Bill Passed. Universal military training in the high schools and colleges of Oregon is made compulsory under the terms of a bill by Senator Hurley of Malheur county, which passed the senate.

The bill specifies that military training shall be adopted in the high schools of the state at the opening of the new school year next fall. Exemptions to individual pupils who are physically unfitted for the work may be granted and certain high schools which might not be able to carry on the work properly also can be exempted. Each male pupil must have at least three hours' training each week.

Farmers' Road Bill Passed by Senate. To enable the construction of strictly farmer roads, the senate passed a bill which provides for a tax of 1 mill on all the taxable property in Oregon, a total of about \$1,000,000.

There would be available \$2,000,000 a year for the construction of exclusively farmer roads, providing that the people, to whom the measure is referred, favor it at the next election. This is the sort of measure that Oregon state grange has been advocating.

It is estimated by the tax department that the 1 mill will raise \$1,000,000 a year. This tax, it must be distinctly understood, is separate from the 1/4 mill tax for general road purposes. The 1-mill tax will go into a fund to be used for matching money from the counties.

Label Bill is Passed by House. The Martin label bill, designed to advertise Oregon and give the state full credit for its products, was passed by the house. The measure provides: Section 1. All persons, firms or corporations operating under their own private brand in the state of Oregon in the business of packing or canning fruit or vegetables either fresh, canned, evaporated or otherwise, shall plainly designate on such private brand that goods were Oregon grown.

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or packed in Oregon. For the purposes of this act it will be sufficient for the firms whose headquarters are in Oregon to either designate the local address of the cannery or to designate the location of their main office in the state of Oregon.

County Judges to Keep Their Power. The house by an overwhelming vote refused to strip the county judges of the state of their jurisdiction over probate work and other matters of law as provided in a bill fathered by Representatives Dennis and Hare. According to this bill the county judge would have been made simply a member of the board of county commissioners to act in matters of road work and other business coming under the jurisdiction of the commission.

Thrashing Machines Public Utilities. Thrashing machines are declared to be public utilities and to come under the jurisdiction of the public service commission under the provisions of Representative Westerlund's bill, which passed the house.

The bill, according to Representative Westerlund, is designed to compel threshermen to give heed to the demands of the small farmers and not pass them up for the larger jobs, as he declares they now do. This bill does not attempt to regulate thrashing charges, but simply give the farmers a chance to appeal to the public service commission in cases of discrimination as to service.

Legislative Briefs. A bill to place a heavy license tax on oleomargarine passed the senate. The house voted to appropriate money to adopt the federal plan for killing predatory animals.

Senator Huston's bill to exempt the homes of civil war veterans from taxation passed the senate.

By a vote of 24 yeas to 25 nays, a bill permitting women to serve as jurors failed to receive the sanction of the house.

The house killed a bill requiring both parties contemplating marriage to secure medical certificates before being granted a marriage license.

The senate defeated Representative Crawford's bill which provided that one set of election officials should start counting the votes after 25 persons have voted.

Senator Banks' resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for paving the way for compulsory voting passed the house without material opposition.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Deeds, Complaints, Etc., Filed by County Clerk During Past Week.

Deeds. Bird Jenking to Florence E. Woodcock, Feb. 6 1919, \$1.00, S 1/2 SE 1/4, N W 1/4 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 22, Twp. 13, S. R. 40.

Herbert B. McEwen et ux. to Marie J. Pond, February, 1, 1919, \$1.00, all of Sec. 16, Twp. 34 S., R. 41.

U. S. A. to John-B. Woodcock Patent, April 26, 1893, SE 1/4 Sec. 27, Twp. 13, S. R. 40.

F. B. Ball et ux. to William Jones, Feb. 11, 1919, \$3842.23, Lots 35 to 44 inc. Bk. 2 Villa Park add Ontario, Oregon.

Sheriff H. Lee Noe to Alliance Trust Co. Feb. 11, 1919, \$6745.09 Lots 3, 4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 4, Twp. 19 S., R. 44.

Oregon Realty Ex. Inv. Co. A. C. Brigman, Feb. 13, 1919, \$1.00, S 1/2 Sec. 35, Twp. 15 S., R. 46.

A. C. Brigman to William P. Setak, Jan. 15, 1919, \$1.00, S 1/2 Sec. 35, Twp. 15 S., R. 46.

Sheriff H. Lee Noe to J. B. White, Feb. 13, 1919, \$11,552.58, Land in Twp. 13 S., R. 40 and 41.

Thomas H. O'Neill to J. B. White, Dec. 21, 1918, \$25.00, Lands in Twp. 13 S., R. 40 and 41.

Empire Lumber Co. to Gem State Lumber Co. Feb. 5, 1919, \$1.00, Lots 1 to 7 inc. part of Lot 8, Bk 18, Nyssa, Oregon.

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U. S. LAND OFFICE FILINGS. All Homesteads and Other Entries Filed at Vale Office During Week.

Benjamin Swisher—Jordan Valley, Tract not Isolated, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, S 35, T. 36, R. 48, A. 40.

Ed Oakes—Ironside, Homestead, S W 1/4 NW 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, S. 17, S 1/2 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, S. 18, T. 14, R. 39, A. 320.

Warren E. Gooding, Westfall, Add'l Homestead, NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4, S. 27, W 1/2 SW 1/4, S. 26, T. 17, R. 38, A. 320.

Philip Coyne—Juntura, Add'l homestead, N 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4, S. 34, S 1/2 SW 1/4, S. 35, T. 17, R. 36, Lots 2, 3, and 4, E. 2, T. 18, R. 36, A. 309.61.

Florence Glasgow—Bridgeport, Homestead, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, S. 14, W 1/2 SW 1/4, S. 13, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, S. 23, NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, S. 24, T. 12, R. 40, A. 600.

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