

## RESUME OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Last Week of Session Begins  
With Work in Both Houses  
Badly Congested.

Anti-Paving Trust Bill Causes Dissension—Inheritance Tax Bill Passed—  
People to Vote on County Salary  
Increases—Longer Legislative Ses-  
sion Proposed—Ballot for Absent  
Voters—Tax on Motor Fuel Passes  
—Persistent Office Seekers Hit.

Salem.—The present legislature in one respect at least has followed precedent for it started out on the closing week of the session with the legislative hopper clogged with undisposed of business. Both houses are badly congested with work and the closing days will witness the usual confusion, heated arguments and strenuous efforts to save pet bills. It seems to be the habit of legislatures to fritter away much valuable time during the early days of the session with useless discussion on unimportant bills, while the money and other important measures are held back for committee tinkering and then rushed through during the closing hours when there is little time for consideration.

Practically the only important piece of legislation to its credit when the legislature started out on Monday was the appropriation of \$100,000 for the soldiers. No road bills had been passed and all the big appropriation bills had not been presented.

### Anti-Trust Paving Bill Passed.

Stormy times are expected over road legislation this week. The house and senate started the week at loggerheads over the anti-trust paving bill which passed the senate last week after an extremely bitter debate.

By a vote of 21 to 9, the senate passed bill 67, the chief of the four anti-patented pavement bills.

The bill as passed is identical as reported by the majority of the roads and highways committee and favored by those seeking to curb the paving trust, with the exception of the Moser amendment to section 7, which now says: "All contracts which may be awarded for laying any pavement or for the purchase of any material, mixture or process entering therein, shall be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest aggregate bid under the specifications in the class of pavement which the public authorities mentioned in section 2 of this act shall determine to accept."

Those who have been straining the patent paving company fought the minority report of the road committee, which recommended the adoption of the words, "considering quality and durability," which gave this discretion to the state highway commission in awarding contracts. Over these four words the battle was waged in the senate.

Möser's amendment is construed as tying the hands of the state highway commission, by those who vote no. The others say not.

The addition of the four words would have given the commission the power to use its judgment in selecting pavements and awarding bids.

Strong opposition developed against the senate anti-trust paving bill when it reached the house and the ire of house members was aroused by threats of certain senators to defeat the \$10,000,000 road bonding bill unless the house enacted the senate bill.

### Tax on Estates Proposed.

Estates in Oregon will contribute an extra \$100,000 annually to the state treasury under the provisions of Representative Schuebel's inheritance tax bill which passed the house. The bill is a compromise measure over house bill 1, which would have produced an annual revenue of approximately \$250,000 from inheritance taxes. This bill, it is said, will produce a revenue of approximately \$160,000 annually.

Exemption is provided on estates up to \$10,000, but above that amount the tax is assessed against the estate and not against the distributed shares as under the present law. Additional tax, over and above that assessed against the estate, is imposed against shares which go to others than the direct heirs of the decedent.

### Local Autonomy for Counties Favored.

By adopting senate joint resolution 14, introduced by Senator Farrell, the senate went on record in favor of taking from the legislature authority to increase the salary of any state official during his term of office and of referring all county salary increases to a vote of the people of the county.

The resolution embodies a constitutional amendment, which will be referred to the people for approval if the house takes the same action as the senate. The proposed amendment provides that the legislature shall not have authority to increase the salary of any state official during the present term of that official, and that no increase in salaries of county officials shall be valid unless approved by the

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Two brood sows to farrow soon, Six shoats, One Poland China sow, eligible to register, One Poland China boar, eligible to register.

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One Champion Mower, One 2-horse rake, One 2-horse disc, One 3-section harrow, One 2-section harrow, Two Oliver chilled walking plows, One iron wheeled wagon, One new 3 1-4 Rushford wagon, One 2-horse hack, One single open Studebaker buggy, One saddle and blanket with bridle, One single harness, One cream separator, in good condition, One new grindstone, Three garden plows, One hack harness, Two sacks of fertilizer, One walking cultivator, One 2-horse cultivator, Two Shepherd pups, One Shepherd female dog, Two set of double harness. Other farming implements too numerous to mention.

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