

Doings of State Legislators

High Schools Military Training Bill Passes Lower House

Salem—Military training in the high schools of the state is authorized in Representative Crandall's bill which was passed by the house Saturday with a big affirmative vote.

The military course is not to be compulsory, however, or part either of the course of students. It is to be optional, though, of suitable credit on the same basis as other studies and in an amount to be determined by the board of education.

The governor is made head of the military training department. All schools that establish it must apply to him for authority. No company of cadets can be organized with fewer than 20 members or without a suitable instructor. At least three hours a week are to be set aside for the work.

The state is authorized, too, to furnish the several companies with rifles and other equipment.

\$181,300 Cut From Fair.

Salem—The joint ways and means committee operated on the requests of the State Fair board has cut out \$185,000, but added \$2500 on two items.

Estimates of \$125,000 for a coliseum and \$40,000 for a woman's building were eliminated entirely. A total of \$25,000 was granted for premiums asked. The committee at first tentatively decided to allow \$30,000 for that purpose, but on the plea of Representative W. A. Jones, ex-secretary of the fair, it was increased to \$35,000. A request of \$2500 for a fire barn apparatus was disallowed, and \$1000 was cut from \$800 asked for fencing.

To a \$2000 request for water supply, \$2000 was added to connect with city water mains and \$500 was added to a \$3000 request for more toilet facilities.

The committee also reconsidered its action of early in the session, doing away with agricultural assistants to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who handle children's industrial club work, and granted \$8000 out of the \$12,000.

May Tax for Rose Festival.

Salem—Future Rose Festivals in Multnomah county may be financed by direct taxation on the people of Multnomah county.

This method is made possible by the provisions of Senator Moser's bill already passed by the senate, which went through the house Wednesday afternoon.

The bill empowers the commissioners of Multnomah county, "at their discretion," to levy a tax of 15-100 of a mill, the proceeds to be placed in a separate fund and extended only for festival purposes.

Representative Mann, who handled the bill on the floor of the house, explained that at this rate of taxation approximately \$40,000 would be available annually.

The law prescribes that every festival must be "free for the use of all inhabitants of the county where it is held."

Modified Cigarette Bill Passes.

Salem—A "safe and sane" anti-cigarette bill was passed by the house Monday and probably will go through the senate and become the law of the state.

The bill is sort of a compromise between the Sweeney bone-dry bill and a conservative Stott bill, both of which were passed by the house last week, later recalled and tabled.

The bill passed is a redraft of the Sweeney bill. It strictly prohibits the sale of cigarettes to youths under 21 years of age and makes it a misdemeanor for a minor to smoke cigarettes and provides heavy penalties for violation.

Auto Tax Doubled.

Salem—Licenses on automobiles and automobile trucks are to be doubled under provisions of a bill passed by the house Tuesday and the proceeds will be applied to the state highway fund for distribution in counties outside Multnomah.

This bill is a part of the legislative program; was prepared by the joint house and senate committee on roads and highways, and is a companion to the general road code put through the house last week.

It is expected to raise approximately \$90,000 in cash next year and to increase from year to year.

Tax Board's Budget is Cut.

Salem—The joint ways and means committee has granted the State Labor Commissioner \$10,000 of his \$11,000 request; gave the Industrial Welfare Commission and Board of Child Labor Inspectors \$6000 between them, with understanding that if the commissions are merged the total of the two appropriations will go to the one commission. The State Tax Commission's budget was cut from \$30,000 to \$16,000.

Next Week of Session.

Salem—There will be busy doings in the legislature this week, which winds up the 29th session of the Oregon legislative assembly. Into the few remaining days must be crammed and passed all the mass of unfinished business that has piled up in the past five weeks. A vast deal of such business has accumulated. It will be the unhappy task of the legislature to sort out, differentiate between the good and bad, the trivial and the unimportant, contained in a total of several hundred bills, all in these last days.

Petition Fraud Measure

is Passed by Senate

Salem—Important safeguards of the honesty of initiative petitions are contained in a measure by Representative Herbert Gordon, that passed the senate by unanimous vote Friday. It had previously passed the house.

It will virtually restrict the signature on initiative petitions to those of registered voters, thus doing away with wholesale signatures by "floaters" that have been so prolific a source of fraud in the past.

At the same time the bill does not take away the right of legal voters who are not registered to sign petitions. Before they can sign the petitions, however, they must make oath to their qualifications before a notary public. All signatures must be checked up by the county clerk.

Still another important provision of the bill will tend to prevent the placing of misleading or deceptive ballot titles on initiative measures. All measures proposed under the initiative, the measure provides, must be sent to the attorney general before they can be circulated. He is directed by the law to prepare the title.

Should the attorney general's title not please the framers of the measure they have the recourse of appealing within 20 days to the Circuit court.

Amendments to Go On Ballot.

Salem—At least two and possibly four or five constitutional amendments and other proposals will be submitted by this legislature to the people at an election in November, 1918.

Representative Sheldon's joint resolution proposing the establishment of a normal school at Ashland and another somewhere in Eastern Oregon has been adopted in both houses and will go on the ballot. It carries a special tax levy of 1-25 of a mill for the support of each school.

The location of the Eastern Oregon school is to be left in the hands of the board of normal school regents, but if the institution is not established at Weston, where the state owns property, it must be established on a site donated to the state. It is understood that many Eastern Oregon communities are ready to give the necessary sites.

Teachers' Bill Passes.

Salem—Senator Orton's bill amending the teachers' tenure of office law, applying to the schools of Portland, was passed by the house Friday with 45 affirmative votes. It already had passed the senate.

The bill is one over which the teachers in the Portland schools themselves have been divided. Some of them favored it. Others wanted the law left the way it is. The school board, apparently, is opposed to it.

The principal provision in the bill places the cases of teachers subject for dismissal from the service in the hands of an independent board appointed at the beginning of each year by the presiding judge of the Circuit court. This board is empowered to conduct investigations and make decisions. The votes of two commissioners will be final in every case.

New Tax Law Notice.

Salem—Representative Forbes, of Deschutes county, won a decisive victory in the house Friday when he obtained adoption of his amendments to the delinquent tax list bill.

The Forbes plan provides for a formal notice by mail 90 days after the taxes become delinquent, and newspaper publication of those who remain delinquent 30 days after the notices are sent out.

In Multnomah county notices are to be published in only two newspapers with a circulation of at least 10,000 copies each, while in the outside counties publication is to be made in papers selected by the commissioners. The bill went back to the senate for concurrence, and in this form probably will become a law.

Tax Bill is Passed.

Salem—Assessors of Western Oregon counties in which the lands of the Oregon & California land grant are situated are instructed, under terms of a bill passed by the house this week, to restore the property to the assessment rolls, regardless of the effects, pending legislation on the subject.

The bill was introduced by Representative Bean, who presented its provisions on the floor.

The object of the bill, as explained by Mr. Bean, is to declare forever the sovereign right of the state to tax these lands.

Fire Marshal Bill Passes.

Salem—The house passed the bill creating the office of state fire marshal. It places the office in charge of the State Insurance Commissioner. It is to be maintained by levying a tax of one-fourth of 1 per cent on the gross premiums collected by the fire insurance companies operating in the state. In that way the department will place no additional expense on the people. It will be self-supporting. Most of the insurance companies favor the bill, as they believe it will be helpful in eradicating dangerous fire hazards.

To Reduce Cost of Printing.

Salem—Representative Burdick's bill designed to reduce the cost of printing the Oregon Supreme court reports was passed by the house. It places the printing in the hands of the Supreme court itself and prohibits any member or employe from having any personal interest in the work.

Marine News

Big Shipyard Started.

Tacoma—Actual construction on what will be Tacoma's biggest shipbuilding industry began Tuesday, when about 50 men were put to work by the Tacoma Dredging company at the diking for the proposed 1,600 foot fill along the Hylebos creek waterway, upon which the Todd Shipbuilding company will ultimately build the most modern and complete yard in the northwest. A construction office has been erected at the site.

Many carloads of brush are being brought to the site of the dike, and two great pile-drivers are at work placing the piles which will form the retaining walls. Brush and rock will be dumped behind the piling, and behind this foundation the silt from the bottom of Hylebos creek will be placed by a big suction dredge, which will be placed at work as soon as sufficient diking has been constructed, probably in about 10 days.

Jap Warships Visit.

Tacoma—Mystery surrounding the reported arrival of two Japanese cruisers in the Straits of Juan de Fuca February 5 was cleared up Thursday with the arrival in Tacoma of a party of nine officers of the Japanese cruiser Iwate, which, with the cruisers Idzumi and Nishin of Admiral Y. Takashita's squadron are at Esquimaut, and said to be coaling at that port. News of the arrival of the members of the Imperial Japanese navy was closely guarded by the Canadian censor.

It is reported that the cruisers brought \$10,000,000 in gold to the Canadian government as a loan, but no confirmation of this statement could be gotten from the Japanese officers.

Shipyard Project Aided.

Florence, Or.—A special meeting of the chamber of commerce was held Wednesday night to discuss methods of co-operating with the Eugene organization for securing the proposed shipyard. A committee was appointed, consisting of J. W. Bergman, W. H. O'Kelly, R. T. F. Smith, D. M. Kyle and William Brynd, who will confer with the Eugene committee and take up the matter of obtaining stock subscriptions locally.

Those interested are meeting with much encouragement.

American Vessel Sunk.

Rome.—The American schooner Lyman M. Law was sunk February 12 off the coast of Sardinia by a hostile submarine, says a Stefani dispatch from Cagliari, Sardinia. The vessel was loaded with agricultural machinery, the dispatch adds. The crew of 10, of which eight were Americans, says the message, have been landed at Cagliari.

Motorship Leaves St. Helens.

St. Helens, Or.—The motorship S. I. Allard, launched at the St. Helens Shipbuilding company's yards last month, left Thursday for Astoria, being towed by a tug. At Astoria there will be about 10 days' work before the vessel will be ready to be towed to San Francisco, where engines will be installed.

Steamship Goes Aground.

Bellingham, Wash.—The steamship Windber of the Pacific American Fisheries, went on Starr Rock here Wednesday at 11 o'clock, while backing into position at a lumber mill dock. The steamship Norwood and tugs attempted to pull the vessel off but failed.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.55 per bushel; fortyfold, \$1.52; club, \$1.51; red Russian, \$1.48.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$26.50 per ton; shorts, \$30.50; rolled barley, \$42@43.

Hay—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, \$19@20 per ton; valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$14@16; valley grain hay, \$12.50@14.

Butter—Cubes, extras, 37c per pound; prime firsts, 37c; firsts, 36c; dairy, 30c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 39c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 43c; No. 2, 41c, Portland.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 32c per dozen; candled, 33@32c; selecta, 34c.

Poultry—Hens, heavy, 19@20c per pound; light, 18@20c; springs, 17@19c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, 25@28c; ducks, 20@22c; geese, 12@13c.

Veal—Fancy, 14@15c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 15@15c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.00@1.20 per dozen; tomatoes, \$6.00@7.50 per crate; cabbage, \$5 per hundred; eggplant, 25c per pound; lettuce, \$2.35@2.50 per box; cucumbers, \$1.50@1.75 per dozen; celery, \$5.50 per crate; cauliflower, \$2.50@2.60; peppers, 30c per pound; sack vegetables, \$1.25 per sack; sprouts, 13c per pound; rhubarb, 10@11c.

Potatoes—Oregon buying prices, \$3.00 per hundred; sweets, \$4.

Onions—Oregon buying prices, \$7.50 per sack, country points.

Green Fruits—Apples, 75c@8.25 per box; pears, \$1.75@2.50; cranberries, \$10@11 per barrel.

Hops—1916 crop, 5@9c per pound; 1917 contracts, 10@11c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, fine, 28@33c per pound; coarse, 33@36c; valley, 33@41c; mohair, nominal.

Cattle—Steers, prime, \$8.50@9.25; fair to good, \$7.00@8.00; medium, \$6.50@6.75; cows, choice, \$7.35@7.75; medium to good, \$6.50@7.00; ordinary to fair, \$5.75@6.25; heifers, \$5.00@6.00; bulls, \$3.75@6.00; calves, \$3.00@9.00.

Hogs—Light and heavy packing, \$11.50@12.35; rough heavy, \$9.85@10.00; pigs and skips, \$9.35@10.00; stock hogs, \$8.50@9.00.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$10.25@10.75; lambs, \$10.00@12.70.

PRESENTING A FOOTBALL TROPHY IN HONOLULU



Before 6,000 spectators a team of militia men defeated a team of regulars at American football near Honolulu, Hawaii. The picture shows Gov. Luce presenting a trophy to Brig. Gen. S. I. Johnson, N. G. H., the trophy cups.

SWISS OFFICERS ON THE ST. GOTTHARD



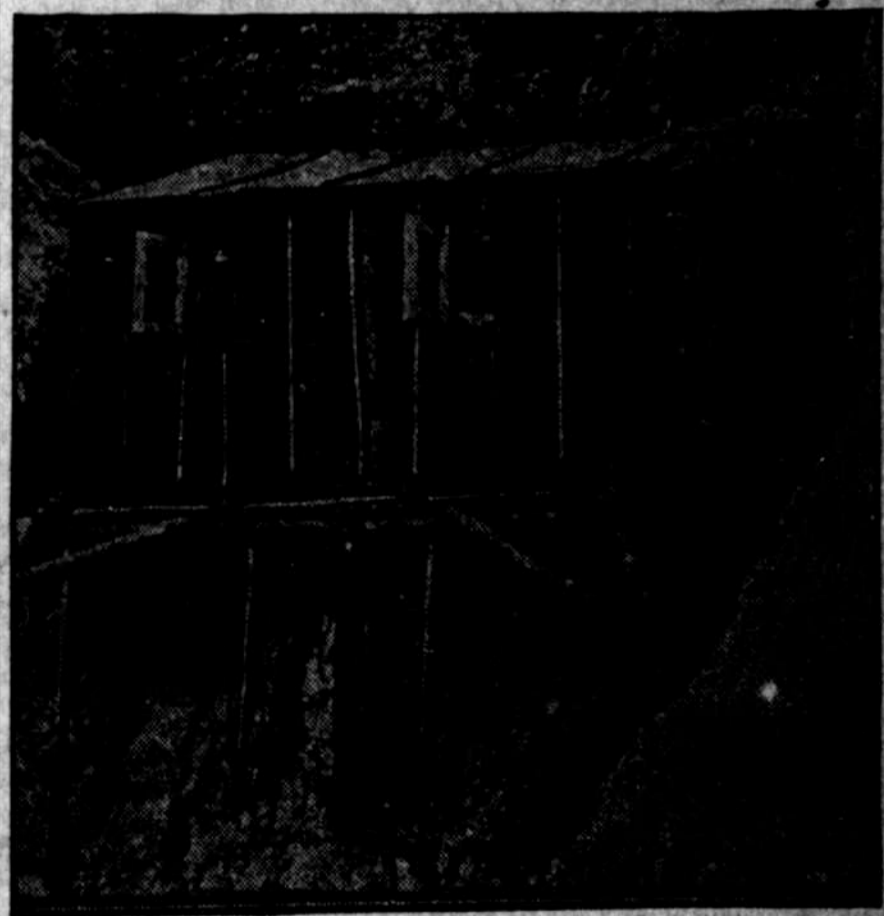
Officers of the Swiss fortress troops on the St. Gotthard. As a precautionary measure the Swiss federal council mobilized more divisions of the army. There have been frequent reports recently of uneasiness in Switzerland regarding possible violation of her neutrality.

GRANT'S GRANDSON IN WAR



Algernon Sartoris, grandson of Gen. U. S. Grant, has joined the Foreign Legion of France and is now training at Levallebonne. He is a son of Nellie Grant Sartoris and is forty-two years old. In the Spanish-American war Sartoris saw active service in the Philippines and rose from lieutenant to captain. In 1908 he was appointed chief through the good offices of Theodore Roosevelt, secretary to the American legation in Guatemala. This post he relinquished after a year's service. He married, in 1904, Mlle. Germaine Cecile Noufflard of Paris.

ITALIAN BARRACKS AMID MOUNTAIN CRAGS



The Italian army engineers are constantly constructing interesting little barracks such as this one, perched on the crags of the mountains, where most of the fighting between the Italians and the Austrians has taken place.

FRENCH GENERAL AT ITALIAN FRONT



General Gouraud of the French staff and King Victor Emmanuel on the Italian front. The king is pointing out an Austrian position.

Had Been Hardened. Gouverneur Morris, the New York litterateur, said at a luncheon in Brooklyn: "American society is the most exclusive in the world. Useless, quite useless, for a litterateur to try to force his way into it. "I know a litterateur who, on the strength of a best seller, managed to get himself invited to a dinner at Mrs. Van Astercord's. "Well, did Mrs. Van Astercord's cordiality stagger you? I asked him the next day. "Oh, no, not at all," he answered. "You see, before I took up writing I worked in an icemaking plant."