

LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED BY OREGON SOLONS

Apportionment Bill Causes Dissatisfaction; Referendum on Salary Bills.

Salem, Ore.—It is conceded that the fewer laws passed the better for the state, then the present legislature if it accomplishes as little during the remaining days of the session as it has during the first four weeks, may be regarded as a bright and shining example of a successful legislative body. No important legislation has been passed up to the governor for signature. One very apparent reason why nothing is accomplished is the inclination to indulge in useless talk. If some method could be devised to apply a strong dose of gag rule and stop the flow of purposeless oratory business might be expedited.

By far, however, the greatest loss of time has been in political debates. There have been numerous and their end is not yet. They have accomplished nothing other than to stir up dissension and bring on vituperation and personalities, which have been and will be indulged in at great length.

There have been 577 bills introduced, of which 60 have been wiped off the calendar by indefinite postponement or failure to pass; approximately 30 have passed both Houses and have either been filed by the governor or are on the way to the executive office, and there are 487 bills to be disposed of. To date, the session has not introduced as many bills as in 1909 and 1907. Those sessions registered 700 bills each, but with 577 bills on the list now, there is time for the legislators to make up the deficiency. The bills which will come later, with the exception of the appropriation bill, will have small chance of getting through.

In order to accomplish anything at all next sessions will have to be held practically every night this week in order to catch up and wade through the bills ahead.

Apportionment Bill Unsatisfactory.

General dissatisfaction from representatives and senators from all parts of the state is expressed over the bill of Senator Joseph reappointing the legislative districts. While Joseph increases Multnomah's representation in the Senate by one and adds four to the House, there is already complaint among the outside members.

Even Multnomah does not gain a great deal, for now it has six senators and a joint with Clackamas and Columbia and the Joseph bill costs it the joint but adds two straight senators, making seven. In the House Multnomah fares better, the Joseph bill awarding 16 representatives.

Not many changes are made in the senatorial districts, but the representative districts are considerably rearranged. Josephine, which has had a single senator, loses this and is coupled with Curry and Jackson, while Coos, which has been joined with Curry for several years, has in the Joseph bill a senator of its own, and Curry is shifted over to Josephine and Jackson.

Most astonishing, however, is the absence of Columbia from the new list. Senator Joseph appears to have obliterated that county from the map or treated it as though foreign territory, for he does not take care of it in his bill. Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, which have had a joint senator, must share him with Morrow, according to Joseph, and Morrow has heretofore been with Crook and Umatilla. The joint senator Umatilla has had with Union and Morrow is lost to Umatilla.

Marion County will complain about the representatives. Now it has five and Joseph allows four, with a joint representative with Clackamas, the latter county being a gainer of a joint representative, but losing its joint senator. Linn has three representatives and Joseph lops one off. Douglas and Jackson lose a joint representative. Grant and Morrow are hitched for a joint representative, while Crook, which has a joint with Klamath and Lake, gets a representative of its own and Klamath and Lake continue together. Umatilla not only loses a joint senator, but also a joint representative. Baker, which had one representative, is given another, and Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler, which had two representatives, now lose one.

Other reapportionment bills, at least two others, are now being drafted and will be presented this week.

Senate Division Kept.

One of the bills in course of preparation will propose that the membership of the state Senate remain substantially as it is, both as to number of senators and the composition of the 23 senatorial districts. In determining the representation in the

House, it is proposed to give each county a representative. The total membership will be limited to 60 as provided in the constitution and the other 26 members will be apportioned over the state on the basis of population.

Still another measure being considered is one in which the membership of both houses will be apportioned among the 34 counties strictly on the basis fixed by the constitution. Under this plan, however, the authors will take care that Multnomah does not receive her proper share either of the senators or representatives.

May Have Congressman at Large.

Oregon's third congressman, provision for whom will be made by Congress under the recent census, will probably be elected by the state at large, for the first term at least. It is unlikely that the legislature in its present session will take any action upon a congressional redistrictment, as only a provisional bill could be enacted.

There has been some talk of whether it would be advisable to hold a special session in order to take up this subject, but Governor West does not see any such necessity. He declares that Oregon can get along very well by choosing a congressman from the state as a whole until the next session.

Referendum on Salary Bills.

Various county officials throughout the state, who are seeking an increase in salary by legislative enactment, will have to go before the people if they are to get more pay.

That is the sentiment of the House committee on salaries of state and county officers, to which all salary bills are referred. This committee, in the consideration of these measures, has established an inviolable rule to attach a referendum clause to every bill, giving to the voters of the county affected the right to invoke the referendum if a petition signed by 15 per cent of the legal voters is filed with the proper authorities within 90 days after the bill becomes a law.

Label Convict Made Goods.

Oregon manufacturers will be benefited by the bill which passed the legislature during the week compelling the use of the convict label on prison made goods. Wholesalers and retailers agree that the public will not buy merchandise which it knows has been made by convicts. Thus they argue the competition of this cheap labor will be removed from the field.

Removal of Dairy Commissioner.

Declaring that the charge of incompetency against Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey cannot be disproved and that the charge of misappropriating state funds has not, Governor West sent an urgent message to the legislature this afternoon, recommending the abolishment of the office or removal of its incumbent.

Ballot Counting Bill Introduced.

A bill designed to expedite ballot counting has been introduced in the House. It provides that the first election board, provided for by law, shall report at the respective polling places at 8 o'clock in the morning on the day of election. The second election board, instead of reporting for duty at 7 p. m., is to report to the polling place to which it was assigned at 5 o'clock in the morning on election day in a convenient room or building in the vicinity of the polling place and begin counting the ballots.

Exemption Fixed at \$300.

The House passed McKinney's bill re-enacting the \$300 personal tax exemption clause and providing a uniform method of assessment and taxation, after an attempt had been made to increase the exemption to \$500. This bill is to be submitted to vote of the people in November, 1912. It adopted it will have the effect of annulling the single-tax measure passed by the people last November.

Judiciary Not to Be Revised.

Oregon's legislature apparently is satisfied with the judicial system of the state as it exists. At any rate, both the House and the Senate killed by indefinite postponement bills providing for a commission to revise the present system.

Would Advertise State.

By the provisions of a bill introduced by Representative Abbott the office of state immigration agent is created and \$25,000 appropriated for carrying on immigration advertising by the state for the next two years. The measure contemplates the appointment by the governor of an incumbent for the office within 30 days of the passing of the act, whose term shall be four years and who shall serve without compensation.

West Signs First Veto.

Governor West exercised his right of veto for the first time when he returned to the Senate with his disapproval Senator Nottingham's bill, providing for the enforcement of mechanics' liens against homesteads.

County Court.

Adjourned Term.

An adjourned term of the county court was called in the county courtroom at the courthouse at 10 a. m. February 6.

Present—Judge H. C. Ellis, Commissioner R. H. Bayley, Clerk Warren Prown and Sheriff T. N. Balfour.

Statement of County Treasurer W. F. King from October 1, 1910, to January 1, 1911, received, approved as apparently correct and ordered filed.

And now is presented to this court the stipulation and settlement as agreed upon in the foregoing entitled matter, which said stipulation is in the words and figures following to-wit:

In the circuit court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Honeyman Hardware Company, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. J. B. Tillitson, defendant, and Crook County, guarantiesee.

Consolidated with G. B. Bradley, plaintiff, vs. J. B. Tillitson, defendant, and Crook County, guarantiesee.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed that by and between the respective parties to the said cause, W. G. Hufford appearing as attorney for the plaintiff, Honeyman Hardware Company, L. E. Latourette, appearing as attorney for the plaintiff, G. B. Bradley, and Frank Meneles and Fred W. Wilson, district attorney, appearing as attorneys for Crook County, the above named guarantiesee and defendant, J. B. Tillitson, appearing in person; that upon the payment of the sum of \$800 by the said guarantiesee, Crook County, to W. S. Hufford and L. E. Latourette, attorneys for plaintiffs herein mentioned, then said plaintiffs will dismiss both of the above entitled causes, the same to be dismissed without cost to either parties, each party to pay his own costs and the said J. B. Tillitson also agrees that upon the payment of the above mentioned \$800 that the same shall be in full settlement of all debts, dues and demands that he now has against the said Crook county guarantiesee above named.

It is also understood and agreed that this money shall be paid by the said guarantiesee at once so that these cases may be dismissed. Dated this 14th day of January, 1911. W. S. Hufford, attorney for Honeyman Hardware Company, J. B. Tillitson, L. E. Latourette, attorney for G. B. Bradley, Crook County by Fred W. Wilson, district attorney.

It is therefore ordered by the court that the county clerk of Crook county draw a warrant for the sum of \$800, payable to the order of W. S. Hufford and L. E. Latourette, and that he forward said warrant to said attorneys in full settlement of the foregoing stipulation.

And now is presented to this court the application of John Deadmond and C. L. Johnson, asking to be relieved as principal and surety, respectively, upon the liquor license bond heretofore given in the matter of the application of Stevens & Dead-

mond. It is therefore ordered by the court that before releasing said principal and surety, the successor of said firm file a petition in this court asking for a transfer of said license and file in this court for approval, a new and sufficient bond.

Clerk to notify Stevens and Deadmond forthwith.

In the matter of the official paper for Crook County for the year 1911; it appearing to the court that due notice has been given to all newspapers published in Crook County to submit a statement of their respective circulations as shown by certificate of publication filed herein, and it further appearing to this court by affidavit that the circulation of the Crook County Journal is the largest circulation of any newspaper published in such affidavit of circulation, it is therefore ordered that the Crook County Journal be designated as the official paper of Crook county for the year 1911; to print the proceedings of the court and all official notices of county officers during said period of time for the sum of \$500 for the year, the same being the amount for which the work has been done for the past two years.

In the matter of the petition and request of the residents and school parties of the following parties filed herein in compliance with the advertisement heretofore published. And it appearing to the court upon full consideration offers that the bid of J. C. Knight is the lowest and best, it is therefore ordered that J. C. Knight be awarded the contract for the delivery of said wood all in accordance with his written bid submitted herein to-wit: 200 cords of first-class body pine to be delivered on or prior to July 1, 1911, at the rate of \$6 per cord. Clerk to notify J. C. Knight his bid for fuel is accepted.

Upon petition of the common council for the city of Madras and supplemental to the order entered by this court at a past term, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the city of Madras be and it is hereby given permission to construct and maintain a water pipe line or main along, under and through the west side of the county road lying between the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 12, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 11, all in township 11 south of range thirteen east of the Willamette Meridian, commencing at a point on the intersection of said road with corporation limits of Madras and extending a distance of substantially one-quarter of a mile in a southerly direction therefrom. Provided, however, that said city of Madras shall protect and keep harmless Crook county from all damages or claims for damages arising from or through the construction or maintenance of said water pipe or line, or main.

Thereupon court adjourned subject to call.

Application for Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1911, must be filed in my office at Roseburg, Oregon, on or before March 15th, 1911. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request.

2-2-16 S. C. BARTRUM, Supervisor

Work Wanted.

Man and wife want position on ranch or at other work. Address W., care of Journal office. 2-9-21p

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Patrick J. Kennedy, deceased, to all persons having claims against said deceased to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of M. E. Estes in Prineville, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 2nd day of Feb., 1911.

R. F. HECKMAN, Administrator of the Estate of Patrick J. Kennedy, deceased.

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Notice is hereby given that the firm of Franklin & Cooke has dissolved partnership, and W. S. Cooke will continue the business at the old stand. A number of second hand cook stoves wanted for which I will pay cash.

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CLYDE R. SEITZ, Supervisor.

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