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Oregon Lawmakers' Work as Reviewed

Salem.—The legislative assembly faces the last week of the session with the house still congested with bills. The senate calendar was practically cleaned up and from now on that body will devote its time to consideration of house bills.

Much important legislation is still awaiting action by one or both houses. None of the big appropriation bills have been passed up to the governor. Good roads legislation is still in the air, owing to hostility in some quarters and conflicting opinions among those ready in favor of some real legislation to promote improved highways throughout the state.

The workmen's compensation act has passed the house and is now in the senate. There its progress is impeded by Day's compulsory act.

The record at the close of the week showed nine bills of the last session passed over the governor's veto; 43 bills passed and signed or filed by the governor; two bills in the governor's hands; one bill passed this session vetoed by the governor and the veto sustained; five bills have passed both houses; 151 bills have passed the house; 109 bills have passed the senate.

May Work Until March.

A resolution pledging the members of the legislature to remain in session for 40 "actual working days," and setting 5 o'clock of March 1 for adjournment instead of February 21 was introduced in the house.

The house resolution provides that legislators, clerks and all legislative employes shall receive pay for 40 "working days."

West Throws Bombshell.

Declaring that no opposition bills will receive the sanction of the governor unless it be one absolutely necessary to carry on the affairs of the government, mutual disposition is made of appropriations to care for the wards of the state, the governor threw a bombshell into the legislature.

He sent a message in which he charged the failure to get the big appropriation bills into the legislature to the chairman of the ways and means committee.

Leaders state that there will be a sufficient number who will remain over if the executive is inclined to be intractable to deal with the situation.

The ways and means committee of the house made a report, replying to the message of the governor, in which the members denied delaying appropriation bills for political effect. They declared they have already saved the state \$1,000,000 by the pruning process and expect to save a total of \$4,000,000.

8-Hour Bill is a Law.

Without amendment and but few dissenting votes, the so-called eight-hour day bill was passed by the house on reconsideration. The bill also passed the senate and was signed by Governor West.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$7000 for the two years between sessions of the legislature to take care of the work of the commission which is authorized to have charge. None of the commissioners are to receive salaries, however.

Minimum Wage Bill Passed.

The house minimum wage bill passed the senate and now becomes a law unless vetoed by the governor.

Stated briefly, the minimum wage bill provides for a commission of three to be appointed by the governor, consisting of one employer, one employee and a third unbiased person. On the commission is conferred power to fix a reasonable minimum wage for women and child workers, hours of employment and conditions of labor. The law carries an appropriation of \$3500 a year.

The law applies only to women and children. A feature of the law is that it requires a conference between employer and employe when complaints are made.

Senate Donates \$200,000 for Fair.
The bill for an Oregon exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition passed the senate carrying an appropriation of \$200,000. It also provides for the appointment of a commission of three to be named by a committee consisting of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, president of the senate and speaker of the house.

Sterilization Bill Passes.

With just 16 votes, the number needed for passage, the Lewelling bill for sterilization of habitual criminals, moral degenerates and perverts went to victory in the senate.

Dr. Owen Adair of Astoria, who

originated the bill and has lobbied for it at succeeding sessions of the legislature, was a witness to its final success, and she was invited by Governor West to be present in his office when he signed it last Saturday.

50 Days' Session Urged.

The house adopted a resolution directing the submission to the vote of the people, at the next general election, a constitutional amendment lengthening the session of the legislature from 40 to 50 actual working days, and raising the pay of the legislators from \$2 to \$5 a day.

The house also adopted a companion resolution directing that an amendment be submitted to the vote of the people providing that two sessions shall be held—a first session of 20 days, then a temporary adjournment, and then an after-session, and permanent adjournment. The reason for the two is that it would give legislators more time to consider bills and secure the sentiment of the people with relation to measures submitted.

Referendum Date is Set.

Day's bill, providing for a special referendum election, to be held September 2, passed the senate. It invoked considerable debate, being advocated warmly by Day, Moser, Thompson, Bean and others and opposed by McColloch, Miller and Neuner. The bill carries an emergency clause to prevent the possibility of being itself referred.

The object of calling the special election is to prevent large projects like the Panama-Pacific appropriation, the workmen's compensation bill and good roads and other important proposals, from being held up for two years.

Bull Moose Are Recognized.

The Bull Moose party will be able to participate in the primaries before the city election in Portland under the provisions of a bill that passed the senate. This bill provides that any political party casting 20 per cent of the vote at the preceding election may participate in the primaries.

The bill also carries an emergency clause which will allow the participation in the Portland primaries.

The bill was introduced by Senator Carson at the request of the Progressive party committee.

Industrial Girl's Home Favored.

In the face of an adverse majority report, the Moser bill providing for the establishment of an Industrial Home for girls passed the senate with 18 votes in its favor. It is amended so as to provide \$25,000 a year for the next two years. The institution is to be located on ground now owned by the state at Salem, if the bill becomes a law. The institution is to be constructed on the cottage plan.

Firearms Bill is Passed.

Perkins' firearms bill passed the senate. This amended bill provides that anyone purchasing a revolver must have the certificate of two freeholders as to his good moral character and a permit from the circuit, county or municipal judge.

It prevents the display of revolvers in windows, requires a registration of numbers and also requires dealers to make reports to sheriffs twice a month as to sales.

Interest on Funds in Treasuries.

Should H. B. 147 by Parsons, which has just passed the house, be enacted into law, thousands of dollars will pour into the coffers of county treasurers in interest on county money, for it provides that all funds shall be deposited with a bank which will give sound security for its safe keeping, and that it shall draw 1 per cent interest. At the present time banks enjoy the use of this money without paying interest.

Fairs Left to Counties.

A bill by the committee on exhibitions and fairs, providing for an annual tax levy of 20 mills for county fairs, was passed by the house. It is said it will do away with any appropriations by the legislature. These have been very bothersome and many members wished to leave the fairs in each county to the counties.

West Bill Approved by House.

Hagood's bill for a state-wide tincture law, similar to that now in force in Portland, was passed by the house. It requires the owners of all hotels, lodging houses, etc., to post a sign at their doors to tell who owns the property. This is one of the bills urged by Governor West. Another bill favored by the governor is one by Howard of Douglas, known as he injunction bill, aimed to curb disorderly houses by compelling them to post a bond with the city authorities, not exceeding the value of the property involved.

Bridge Bill Favored.

The house passed the Nolte inter-state bridge bill and enabling act in-

roduced by the Multnomah delegation.

The bill provides that certain counties may issue bonds for interstate bridges and may deduct yearly from the county taxes due the state the interest on the bridge bonds as the state's portion of the expense of the bridge. The interest will total \$70,000 a year.

Substitution of a teachers' training school for annual county institutes is contemplated in a bill passed by the house.

The house passed a bill requiring state banks to capitalize to 25 per cent of the amount of deposits and surplus carried by them.

Has a Legal Right To Sell Options

Under its contract with the desert land board the Deschutes Land Company has a legal right to sell options on the land to be reclaimed by its Carey act project in this county, according to a late opinion of the supreme court. This decision upholds the contention of J. E. Morson, president of the company, in his tilt with the desert land board.

Objection was made by the desert land board, and Governor West in particular, against the company selling any contracts or options on the lands in its project until the lands were reclaimed. It was contended such options were in violation of the company's contract with the state.

An injunction suit was brought by the state against the company in the Multnomah county circuit court. The court dismissed the suit and the state appealed.

The supreme court's opinion holds that the board exceeded its authority when it inserted a clause in the contract with the company prohibiting the sale of such contracts.

"While it would be within the scope of legislative authority to prevent actual settlers from going upon the land and stipulating with the corporation for the extinguishment of its lien so that the settler could proceed unhampered in the establishment of his home, yet this species of paternalism was not vested in the state land board," says the opinion.

The opinion cites a section of an act passed in 1909 which provides that no land shall be open to entry and no water rights shall be sold by the parties under contract with the board until the construction of the works is sufficiently advanced to insure a water supply and the entry of an order by the board opening such land or any portion of it to entry and sale, but it is held that this does not apply to the Deschutes Land Company's contract, which was made prior to this enactment.

The New Federation.

At the union church, Saturday, February 15, at 7:30 p. m., a meeting was held to consider the forming of a Federation and to consider plans for the betterment and improvement of Prineville in all its branches. The Federation will consist of the Epworth League, the B. Y. P. U. and the two Christian Endeavor societies of the city. Each of these churches, successively, will endeavor in their turn to provide suitable entertainment. The Federation will meet once a month, on a week-day evening to be announced. These meetings will consist of a very short devotional service, the discussion of common problems and a very pleasant social evening.

White Leghorn Eggs.

Thoroughbred White Leghorn eggs, \$1 per setting. Write for this flock's egg record. A. D. Pratt, Post, Oregon. 2-20

Arrested for Stealing from Homesteaders

Lon Weaver and George Messenger were brought over from Bend Tuesday night by Deputy Sheriff Shannon, charged with larceny from a dwelling.

For some time the homesteaders of the Bear creek and Hampton Butte country have been suffering from petty thieving committed when the owner was not at home. Provisions, clothing, clocks, money or anything else was taken that the thieves could make away with.

The last of the week Messenger and Weaver entered the cabin of Ed Jensen, who lives fifty-eight miles from Bend on the Bend-Burns road. They took about \$100 worth of provisions and \$95 in cash, besides some clothing. Jensen had no trouble in tracking the culprits and started after them afoot. He saw that they were headed either for Bend or Prineville so notified Sheriff Elkins. The sheriff in turn notified his deputy at Bend to be on the lookout. The men had a team but were traveling slowly. In fact, Jensen passed them on the way into Bend. Monday Messenger and Weaver were found playing cards in a saloon. When arrested Weaver was wearing a hat, coat and shirt belonging to Jensen.

The evidence was so conclusive that Sheriff Elkins had no trouble in getting a complete confession from Weaver. The pair had a hearing before Justice Orcutt who bound them over to the grand jury in the sum of \$2000. The sheriff and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Wirtz went over to Bend from here. Attorney Wirtz had charge of the case before Justice Orcutt.

Sheriff Elkins did not return to Prineville but kept right on to Harney county where he is trying to locate some cattlethieves. He has unearthed some evidence but not enough for conviction. He found the beef but not the hide.

At the Lyric Friday and Saturday

"The Little Girl Next Door." (Thanhauser) Drama of city life.

"Zoological Specimens of the Pond." (Gaumont, hand colored.) Scientific.

"Bruges, the Venice of the North." Scenic.

"A Desperate Lover" and "A Bear Escape," two Keystone comedies on the same reel, introducing the former biograph stars, Fred Mace, Mack Sennett and Miss Mabel Normand.

The Rabbit Drive Well Attended

About two hundred and fifty people—men, women and children—took part in the rabbit drive Sunday. Several hundred rabbits were killed. About four miles of territory were covered—from the John Grimes' place to Sunquists'. Lunch was served. It is intended to have another drive March 2. It will start from the Dunchill ranch at 9 o'clock. No guns or dogs allowed. Lunch will be served. Teams will come to Prineville for all who wish to attend.

Jerseys for Sale.

High grade Jersey heifers, selected from the heaviest producing herds of the Willamette valley. Will freshen during the coming spring and summer. Phone or address L. B. Lafollett, Prineville, Or. 2-6

Sheep Wanted.

From 300 to 500 head of sheep wanted. Address, giving full particulars, Crook County Journal, Prineville, Ore. 1-23

Special for 10 days No. 1 lamps 25 cents; No. 2 at 35 cents complete, at Kamstra's Racket Store. 2-6

George Kentner Must Stand Trial

Dad Hamilton, deputy sheriff from Terrebonne, got in Tuesday night with George Kentner, who was indicted for horse stealing by the grand jury last fall. Deputy Hamilton got onto the fact that Kentner was at Medical Lake, Wash., and he was instructed to go and get his man.

It will be remembered that at the October term of the district court last fall V. M. Al and Wm. L. Robertson and George Kentner were indicted for horse stealing. Al Robertson and Kentner succeeded in eluding the officers at that time and so were not apprehended. A vigilant lookout was kept for the culprits and it was only recently that one of them was located. Mrs. Kentner lives at Terrebonne and telltale letters did the rest.

This is the quartet that shipped three carloads of horses out of Bend last August to points in Washington, Idaho and Montana. The stock belonged to George H. Russell, W. W. Brown and Gus Schroder. Eighteen of the stolen animals were recovered at Toppenish, Wash.

Students Who Passed 8th Grade Exams

County Superintendent Myers reports that the following students passed the recent eighth grade examinations:

Reta R. Newton, Prineville; Elva H. Miller, Prineville; Guessie O'Neil, Prineville; Dottie C. Poindecker, Prineville; Gladys Bain, Prineville; Pearl L. Russel, Mill Creek; Ralph Christian, Lower Rye Grass; George Taylor, Lower Rye Grass; Roy E. Moffitt, Powell Butte; Flora Hammach, Ochoco; Luta Bender, Madras; Dewey Johnson, Shepard; Pauline Truesdale, Shepard; Edith Farguharson, Haycreek; Vivian Garlock, Haycreek; Calvin Sherman, Riverdale; Marvel Akeyson, Lyle Gap; Nellie Cram, Cross Keys; Floyd Osborn, Culver; Hattie Frost, Butte Valley; Della Osborn, Butte Valley; Vernon A. Chitwood, Grizzly; Arthur Disney, Vanora; Dora A. Gould, Sheep Rock; Clifford McKinzie, Paulina; Ray Erickson, Prineville; Bert Robinson, Gray Butte; James Grant, Gray Butte; Margaret Leach, Gray Butte; Ada Mitchell, Gray Butte.

Pearl Russel, of the Mill Creek school, received the highest grade, and Guessie O'Neil, of Prineville, second.

Pertinent Questions.

"Tell me, if you will why, with more grass going to waste in Oregon than is grown in any single state east of the Rocky mountains, the railroads have hauled carloads of butter from that poorer grass section that you may have butter to spread on your bread."

This question is asked by Professor A. E. Chamberlain, agricultural commissioner of the Great Northern, says the Portland Journal.

"Tell me, with your climate, why you are paying freight on the eggs you use on your tables?" he continued.

"It is because your people have been overlooking the little advantages that nature gave you over everybody else in this country, and have been looking to doing some great big thing instead of availing yourselves of the great resources God gave to man. Grass, plain grass!

"I have always believed that

Prineville Cattle Tops Market Again

George Russell topped the Portland market again last week. He sold 91 head of cattle and brought home a check for \$9,640. Twenty five head, averaging 1526 pounds, sold for 8c. One hundred and twenty-two dollars a head is going some. The rest of his stuff sold at from \$7.75 to \$7.90 a hundred.

It was last month that Mr. Russell secured \$8 and \$8.25 for his cattle, the highest price ever paid west of the Missouri river. Prineville stock commands the best prices in the Portland market.

The Portland Union Stockyards report under date of Friday, February 14, says:

Receipts for the week have been, cattle, 1027; calves 7; hogs 3088; sheep 5806.

This week's cattle market has been full of surprises. The broadened outlook made possible by active bidding on the part of killers, large and small, caused a sudden reaction in beef values and the tendency of the market points upward. Demand for prime and heavy steers was urgent enough to make a "seller's" market and the former top of 88 was easily obtained. The bulk of steers were of good quality and averaged 7.50 to 7.80.

Butcher stock was firmer although the prime stuff was scarce. Cows at 5.85, heifers at 7.00, bulls at 6.00 and stags at 6.50 are extreme quotations for quality offering. Receipts have been small compared with last week and almost devoid of contract shipments.

Ascendency of swine prices occurred on three different occasions until 8.00 was finally reached Thursday. As the close last Saturday was weak at 7.45, the upward flight represents a big half-dollar. Apparently the bulk of swine holdings has been marketed and while public pork consumption is not so heavy at this time of year, there are scarcely enough hogs to satisfy the demand. Every other large market is showing unusual strength, which may be speculative. At any rate the eight-cent hog market has arrived again, even if temporary. Supply and demand will determine future price levels.

Sheep house business was brisk during the week when opportunity offered. A few cars of choice yearling wethers featured at 6.25 and several bunches of ewes at 5.15. Mutton demand seemed to be steady although not urgent. Good lambs found a ready sale at current quotations. One lot of 490 head sold "off the cars" at 7.50. The extreme top price on prime fed lambs is considered 7.25 to 7.35.

the greatest asset of the state of Oregon is grass.

"While you are struggling with the development of orchards, the fruit lands and irrigation projects, there is going to waste each year in the state of Oregon grass that has been provided by nature without any aid from man, that if consumed by livestock would produce more net wealth for your people than is produced from the fields of some states in this union that have three, four or five times the rural population you have in Oregon."

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