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Work of Legislature at the State Capitol

Salem.—Just as in previous sessions, the first week of the twenty-eighth session passed with very little accomplished aside from organization.

When organization was completed, instead of getting promptly down to work considerable time was wasted in oratory over the number of clerks and stenographers to be employed. Some of the lawmakers, in view of the economy talk which prevailed, thought it would be a good idea to begin with cutting down the running expenses of the session by getting along with fewer clerks, but after the flow of talk ceased both houses concluded the usual number of clerks would be necessary.

In the senate, with Senator W. Lair Thompson, of Lake county, as presiding officer, the legislative wheels appear to be running smoothly, but in the house, as a result of dissatisfaction over Speaker Ben Selling's committee appointments and an antagonistic spirit which arose against the Multnomah county delegation, a well-defined mutiny against the house organization developed. A few hotheads even talked of deposing the speaker, nullifying his committee appointments and substituting others nominated from the floor of the house.

Number of Important Bills Introduced

While much of the first week of the session was taken up with organization, inauguration of the Governor and useless oratory over clerkships, when the legislature did get down to law-making a number of the important questions to come before the session appeared in the shape of bills. These included measures to amend the tax laws, consolidate departments of the state government for economy, to make effective the prohibition amendment and revision of the game laws.

The economy spirit manifested itself in the senate when that body voted to eliminate appropriations for the state accountability board and the state immigration commission and by authorizing the suspension of the decennial census, effecting an approximate saving of \$170,000.

At the close of the first week the house had 192 bills before it and the senate 49. All passed second reading.

Dry Measures Pending in House.

While there is no universal agreement on the prohibition question, it is certain that a measure will be passed strictly in accordance with the provisions of the constitutional amendment adopted by the people at the November election. Two prohibition bills now are pending in the house. The Committee of One Hundred's bill was the first measure introduced in that body. It has been referred to the committee on alcoholic liquor. D. C. Lewis, of St. Johns, is the author of another measure now in the hands of the same committee. Yet another measure may be introduced this week. Ora R. Porter, representative from Douglas county, is the author.

Representative Lewis declared that he introduced a bill on the subject because he was dissatisfied with the committee's bill. His measure is radical in the extreme.

The legislators are determined to enact an effective prohibition law. If the Committee of One Hundred's bill is amended it will be to make it more drastic.

Estimates for Institutions May Stand

That the estimates made by the state board of control for appropriations for the various state institutions for 1915 and 1916 will not be materially changed, if changed at all, is the belief after the first week's session of the legislature. Estimates were made first by the superintendents and considerable reductions made by the board in several instances.

The committee on ways and means of the senate is probing thoroughly the management of the institutions and has visited the blind school, the mute school and the state insane asylum. After spending a day at the latter institution and the cottage farm, an adjunct, committee members announced that they were well pleased with the management of all institutions visited and were especially well pleased with the management of the insane asylum.

Strict Regulations to Protect Farmers

Rigid regulations for commission merchants are prescribed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Blanchard, of Josephine county. The bill amends the present law relating to commission merchants, and provides for the transfer of jurisdiction over them from the state railroad

commission to the secretary of state. Provision is made that before a commission merchant can engage in business he must obtain a license and give a bond that he will faithfully report to all persons consigning horticultural, agricultural and viticultural produce and farm products to him, and promptly pay to each the proceeds of all sales after deducting a commission of not more than 5 per cent on carload lots, and 10 per cent on smaller lots, and actual disbursements connected with the sale of the produce.

Horticultural Bill is Up.

The bill providing for the creation of a state horticultural commissioner, prepared by the state horticultural society, was introduced in the house by Representative Vawter, of Jackson.

The measure aims to regulate the fruit and orchard industry of the state, prescribes uniform inspection systems and requires owners to spray their trees and otherwise protect them from insects and various other forms of pests.

The measure proposes to abolish the present board of horticulture and place a commissioner to be appointed by the governor in charge. His salary is fixed at \$3000 a year.

It also provides for the appointment of fruit tree inspectors in those counties of the state that care to appoint them at their own expense. Such inspectors, however, are to be subject to the regulations of the proposed law and report to the state commissioner.

Imported Eggs Get Attention in House

Three bills striking at imported eggs were introduced in the house by Representative Allen, of Marion county. The first provides that all eggs imported and sold in the state shall be marked "imported" the second that all food products in packages in which eggs are an ingredient shall be marked "imported eggs used," the third provides that drink dispensers who use imported eggs in any drink they sell must have a sign posted in their establishment advising the public of this fact.

Woman Legislator Introduces Bill.

Miss Marian B. Towne's first bill to be presented to the house was introduced Friday. The only woman in the legislature has a measure to punish conspiracy, the present laws, she says, having nothing to cover the point. She would punish by a fine of from \$100 to \$10,000 each person who accomplishes any part of the conspiracy or would imprison him from 30 days to one year in jail or in the penitentiary from one to five years.

Tax Bills Are Introduced.

Senator Smith of Coos and Curry introduced a bill for a new tax law. It changes the date for which assessments should be made from March 1 to January 1, and provides that the first payment shall become due on November 1, of the year in which the assessment is made and the second payment shall become due April 1 of the following year. No penalties are provided.

Senator Barrett, of Umatilla, also introduced a tax bill in the upper house, and members of the Multnomah county delegation have another measure in course of preparation. It probably will be introduced in the lower house within a few days. These measures are similar in some particulars, but differ in other essential provisions. Both provide for semi-annual payments. The Multnomah county bill allows a discount for all payments in excess of 50 per cent made at the first period, while the Barrett bill does not. The Multnomah county bill attaches a penalty of 12 per cent per annum against delinquent payments, while the Barrett penalty is fixed at the rate of only 8 per cent. The payments dates also differ.

Legislative Nuggets.

Indications are that Senator Dimick's bill to abolish the Oregon naval militia is going to have easy sailing in the senate.

A bill designed to keep heavy freight automobile trucks off unpaved highways at certain seasons of the year was introduced by Senator Vinton. It provides that they shall not go on unpaved highways between October 15 and April 15 following.

Surgical treatment and hospital care for indigent, crippled and deformed children of the state are provided for in a bill introduced by Senator Garland of Linn county.

A bill providing that persons liable by statute for inmates of the state insane and feeble-minded hospitals, if able, pay to the state \$15 a month for the maintenance of each inmate was introduced in the senate by the Mar- lion county delegation.

Provision is made in a bill introduced in the house by Representative

The Journal Moving Into New Quarters

The Journal is to be moved before next publication day to the brick building formerly occupied by the postoffice on Main street.

The present quarters, which have been occupied by the plant for more than thirteen years, has become too small, and for many reasons a change to a larger and more modern building has been needed for some time.

A lease for a term of years was signed on the new quarters last Friday, and Monday a number of workmen commenced the task of renovating the new room, and making a special base for the Journal press to occupy.

The ceiling of the room has been replastered, the walls tinted and several improvements made. We will be better able to meet the demands of the public in the new quarters. The old location will be sold or rented.

Things Will Be Lively for the Stockmen

Prineville is completing arrangements to entertain the stockmen during the state convention here next month that will make things lively during the three days' session. The first day of the meeting, which is February 9, there will be a big feed by the Methodist ladies in the building formerly occupied by the Winnek Company. This will commence about eleven in the morning and will continue until some time after the usual supper hour in the evening.

The second evening there will be a banquet for the delegates. This will be in the hands of the Ladies of the Annex, assisted by other ladies of the town. A royal evening is assured.

Should the convention continue until the evening of the third day (February 11,) plans will be made for special entertainment at that time. All delegates will be conveyed to and from the railroad at the expense of the Commercial Club.

Good Stock for a Good Country

Dickson & McDowell this week sold to T. S. Barnes 25 head of registered two-year-old Hereford heifers, and forty head of black polled calves. The stock was shipped from Warrington to Mr. Barnes Wednesday morning. Consideration for the lot was about \$100 per head.

Newly-Weds Have a Feed.

The annual "newly-weds feed" was held last evening at the home of Willard Wirtz in this city. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Lake M. Bechtel, Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Peoples and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wirtz and daughter.

Bowling Contest.

Ladies of the Annex, held a bowling contest Tuesday afternoon in which a score of ladies participated. In the first game Mrs. Claypool's team was victorious by eighteen pins. The second game gave Mrs. Elkins' team the victory by 194. Mrs. H. A. Kelly secured the highest individual score, 105.

Schuebel for the abolition of the present state fish and game commission, and the substitution thereof of a commission to consist of the governor, master fish warden and state game warden.

Resolutions providing for submission to the people of constitutional amendments designed to put an end to frauds in connection with the circulation of initiative, recall and referendum petitions were introduced by Senator Day. It is planned to bar persons from signing petitions who are not registered voters.

Prineville Country Hard to Beat

E. T. Slayton put two cars of yearling steers into the Portland market last week which brought a record price for stock of that age. The price received was \$81 per head. They weighed over 1000 pounds each. This only demonstrates more fully the value of the country here for feeding stock is conclusive proof that this is the best part of the best state in this great country for this one best industry, namely, the production of meats for the markets of the world.

Called Hence.



W. R. Ellis, first congressman from the second district, and one of the first district attorneys for this judicial district, died at his new home in Portland last Monday. Death was due to a hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Ellis was 65 years of age, and had been a prominent figure in this state since 1883.

He was a resident of Heppner and Pendleton for years, having moved to Portland recently.

Live Stock Associations Will Co-operate

"Yours of January 12th, regarding rabies in your section of the country. We feel that this is a matter which should have the best consideration of the Livestock Sanitary Board, and if they have not sufficient authority under the law as it already exists, feel sure that the members of this legislature will be glad to make a law which will cover.

The Oregon Pure Bred Livestock Association will have a meeting in Salem 8 p. m., January 20th, at which time all matters effecting livestock legislation will be discussed. I will bring this matter to their attention at once. This is something which so vitally effects the whole country that we feel there will be no objection from any quarter of the state against prompt action. Yours very truly, O. M. PLUMMER, Secy."

Dramatic Recital.

Mrs. Alma Gitchel Morse will give a dramatic recital of the story of Enoch Arden by Tennyson, at the Lyric Theatre Friday evening Jan. 29th. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Robert Douglas with music especially composed and adapted for this selection. The usual program of pictures will be shown.

For Sale

About 80 pullets, Plymouth Rock and Orpington, mixed. Call on or write Jacob Becker, Prineville, Ore. 1-21-4t

Horses Lost, Reward Offered

Two sorrel mares; one has strip face and bell, FV on left shoulder, weight 1000 pounds; the other XB on left shoulder; weight 950, also branded O and circle 7. Hold and notify J. L. Braden, Golden-dale, Wash. 1-14-5p

Buying Artillery Horses at Prineville

Representatives of the French government were in Prineville the first of the week buying light artillery horses for service in the war. They purchased sixty-six head in this part of the county, and shipped them from Redmond Tuesday. The average price paid was about \$100. Earl Robin of Paris, was in charge of the party. Other members were Wm. Neil, Charles R. Camporil, J. W. Bullock, W. L. Russell, G. T. Vingnt, C. B. Kettle and Joe Cheygnny. Other buyers are expected shortly to buy cavalry horses.

The Owls Elect Officers

The annual election and installation of the officers of Local Sovereign Nest No. 1588, Subordinate Order of Owls, occurred Friday evening, January 8, in Maling Hall—the hall furnished and occupied jointly by the Order of Owls and Knights of Pythias. The following officers were elected and installed: William Draper, president; J. G. Cantrill, vice president; William Hall, inycator; Willard H. Wirtz, secretary; John W. Morgan, treasurer; T. E. J. Duffy, warden; Oscar Crain, sentinel; Peter Seggeling, picket.

Successful Applicants for Teachers' Papers

Applicants who wrote in the recent teachers' examinations have received their papers. The list of successful applicants is as follows:

- One-year certificates—Prineville—Margaret Kimmell, Mabel L. Allen, E. D. Tirrill, Roy Lowther, Mrs. Louise A. Holloway, Victor L. Shawe.
- Howard—Pierson Booth, George Tetlow.
- Terrebonne—Lawrence Andrus. Imperial—Viola Smith.
- Culver—Amelia M. Johnson.
- Metolius—Wesley G. Anderson.
- Bend—Lillian Cooper, Clara Allen, Mary Reith.
- Roberts—Julia Dobson.
- Fife—Mrs. B. B. Balfour.
- Cline Falls—Mrs. Lucile M. Gray.
- Madras—Thersa I. Wever, Isabelle Calkins, Samuel K. King.
- Haycreek—Mrs. Alice L. Goff.
- Powell Butte—Zeph T. Gideon.
- Laidlaw—Fred H. Pinkstaff.
- Held—Bertha E. Ransom.
- Gist—Alpha M. Gibson.
- Lower Bridge—Elias S. Payne.
- Primary certificates—Prineville—Jane C. Allen.

Muzzle the Dogs

The Bend city council Tuesday afternoon passed an ordinance requiring that all dogs in the city be muzzled. This action was considered necessary after a dog was discovered in the streets, that after being killed and examined was found to have rabies.

The city of Bend will send a communication to Prineville officials in a few days asking that this city government assist in getting an order from the county court requiring all dogs in the county to wear muzzles.

The Lake county court made an order of a like nature on January 12, and leaves the enforcement of the order in the hands of the sheriff and his deputies. All Lake rural schools may be closed if rabies continue to spread.

Strayed.

Black pig; weight about twenty-five pounds. Leave word at this office. Reward. EDWARD GOULD.

County Court January Term

January 6th, 1915. Agricultural expert. Ordered that office be continued, and as much money appropriated for use as was appropriated in 1914.

New road district at Laidlaw. Further time requested. Congleton road. Report received and court asked for amended report. Mrs. Ed White sent to Home Hospital until further arrangements can be made.

January 7th, 1915. Crooked River road. Surveyor ordered to survey plat and secure waivers of right of way wherever changes have been made in old road. Edw. B. Williams road. Continued. M. A. Palmer Road. Continued. K. D. Madsen road. Continued.

In the matter of wrongful assessment of Ralph B. Poindexter. Claim not allowed.

Petition of P. B. Poindexter et al for light on Crooked River bridge. Petition denied.

New road district in district No. 28. Petition denied. Ownership map of the J. G. Edwards road and changes. Accepted and approved.

Tumalo Project No. 1, county road. Surveyor's preliminary report accepted and approved. Surveyor ordered to survey and file plat of same. James Hayes et al county road. Continued.

In the matter of rabies in Crook county. Resolution adopted and sent to legislature asking that a bounty be put on coyotes.

In the matter of Harry Dobrenti, rabies patient. \$25 allowed for clothing and care.

County agriculturist. One thousand (\$1000) dollars is hereby appropriated by Crook county for said office with the understanding that the county court of Jefferson county appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars for the joint support of said office.

January 8th, 1915. In the matter of county printing. Bid of Crook County Journal received and accepted at three hundred (\$300) dollars per year.

Warrants surrendered by D. F. Stewart. D. F. Stewart surrendered warrants Nos. 789 to 798 inclusive, amounting to \$2500, warrants ordered cancelled and clerk ordered to issue warrant to D. F. Stewart in the amount of fifty-three and 68 hundredths (\$53.68) dollars, being balance due him on account.

Warrants surrendered by R. H. Bayley. Nos. 873, 869, 871, 881, 883, 880, 860, 861, 807, 808, 809, 810, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823 and 824, amounting to \$7150, surrendered by R. H. Bayley, said warrants ordered cancelled.

In the matter of vacancy in the office of county commissioner. H. J. Overturf of Bend, Oregon, appointed to fill vacancy.

In the matter of petition to vacate plat of Hampton Butte Townsite by Oregon Central Improvement Company. Petition granted and clerk ordered to draw proper order.

Wrongful assessment of L. C. Stephenson, \$14.54, \$22.09; Lee Miller, \$19.88; Delmore & Wright, \$23.40; Mary E. Knotts, \$8.70; R. M. Powell, \$126; H. J. Overturf, \$13.43. Remittances approved and sheriff ordered credited with same.

In the matter of inventory of county officers. Surveyor's, clerk's, assessor's county court's inventories approved and ordered filed.

In the matter of official bond of H. A. Kelley. Bond by the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company received and approved.

In the matter of official bond of E. B. Knox, sheriff. Approved and ordered filed.

Official bond of E. B. Knox as sheriff and tax collector. Approved and ordered filed.

Official bond of Warren Brown, county clerk. Approved and ordered filed. January 11, 1915.

Court convened at 10 o'clock a. m., present, G. Springer, judge; J. F. Blanchard and H. J. Overturf, commissioners; Warren Brown, clerk; E. B. Knox, sheriff.

In the matter of the A. McE. Ball case. Ordered that no action be taken.

In the matter of claim of W. H. Lucy as county sealer. In the matter of W. H. Lucy's claim for salary and expenses as county sealer, it appearing that said W. H. Lucy was dismissed on March 10, 1914, and was not notified