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ROAD CODE BILL IS APPROVED BY LOWER HOUSE

MEASURE PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF NEW BOARD IS GIVEN OFFICIAL SANCTION.

PROMISES OF OLD COMMISSION ARE NOT TO BE REPUDIATED

New Era Road Believed to Be Safe Although Administration of Funds Is Passed Over Into New Hands.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—The substitute road code bill, a measure of great interest in Clackamas county, passed the house today.

It provides for three commissioners to be named by the governor, one from each congressional district. Each man is to hold office three years, but the terms of the first three commissioners will be arranged to vary as to expiration.

Will Raise Road Funds. A one-fourth mill tax is to be based by the tax commission against each county for road funds.

The money is to be expended; first, for the expenses of the department and; second, for the maintenance of highways already improved and constructed; third, to meet federal aid; and fourth, for the construction of secondary state highways.

Counties may assist in the maintenance of state highways, but in a sum not to exceed 50 per cent of the amount expended for such maintenance.

New Road Safe. The highway engineer is provided for. Convict labor may also be used. The present highway commission will insist that all agreements made by it are at least moral obligations to be fulfilled by the incoming commission in case the road code becomes a law.

It is certain that \$15,000 set aside by the old commission for the New Era road in Clackamas county will not be repudiated by the new commission.

Members of the highways committee explained in speaking for the bill that the committee endeavored to lay aside every sectional feeling in the matter and tried to send in a substitute bill which would be of advantage to every county in the state.

The state highway department, under the measure, will also have supervision of all work done by counties on state highways.

Auto Owners Must Dig Up Twice as Much as of Yore for Their Licenses

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—Licenses on automobiles and automobiles trucks are to be doubled under provisions of a bill passed by the house today and the proceeds will be applied to the state highway fund for distribution in counties outside of Multnomah.

This bill is a part of the legislative road 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 \$300,000 in cash next year and to increase from year to year as the number of automobiles in the state increases.

To Beer, \$180.75; By Cash ???

Evils of the liquor traffic are being felt keenly by the heirs of the old Olympic Brewing company. Chief among said evils is a bill for \$180.75 worth of beer.

Frank Schmidt, who heads the affairs of the disgruntled brewing concern, alleges in a suit filed Friday that J. W. Johnson, former saloonkeeper, bought the beer but never paid for it.

King Booze is dead; Schmidt hopes to make his ghost walk.

Division Board Doesn't Act on Dickey Petition

After much discussion, the county school district division board Friday deferred action on a petition asking that almost an entire township now included in District No. 10, known as Engel's district, be cut off and attached to Dickey's prairie district.

The land involved is valued at \$400,000, but only three children would be affected by the change.

According to the petitioners the change would give Dickey's prairie

SCANDINAVIAN DAY AT FAIR ASSURED BY NAMING DIRECTOR FOR OCCASION

Scandinavian day at the state fair will be observed this year just as the last two years. Dr. John O. Hall has been named by the state fair board as director for the day. Dr. Hall is a member of the Willamette University faculty, is of Norwegian descent and is well known by the Scandinavian people throughout the state.

His name was presented to the board by Rev. John Oval who organized the idea of a Scandinavian day at the fair and who had charge of that day for two successful years.

Rev. Mr. Oval is of Swedish descent but thought it advisable to suggest the name of a man of Norwegian descent so that different factors among the Scandinavian people be represented. The day will be on Friday of fair week.

DIMICK CLASHES WITH OLSON ON FLOOR OF SENATE

PERSONALITIES FLOW FREELY WHEN CLACKAMAS MAN IS ACCUSED OF PERSECUTION

COMES BACK, SAYS OLSON IS TOO THICK WITH PAVING CONCERNS

Forces Bill Through Senate to Bring Suit to Test the Validity of Paving Patents Held by Warren Company.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 14.—(Special)—Senator Dimick this morning gained a substantial victory when his bill authorizing the state highway commission and the attorney general to enter suit to contest the validity of patents was passed by the senate.

Dimick made an attack on the Warren Construction company and the Coast Bridge company. He and Olson engaged in personalities when Olson accused Dimick of attempting to persecute those companies and Dimick hurled back the charge that Olson was warmer in his defense than any member of the senate should be.

Dimick also made the demand on Olson that he report out from his committee. Dimick's bill proposing to allow free completion of bidding on road work, and his demand was upheld by a vote in the senate.

COUNTRY OVER SELF HAWLEY SLOGAN

"America first; safety second!" This is the new slogan just adopted by the Hawley Pulp & Paper company of this city.

Printed in bold letters, the slogan will be placarded throughout everyone of the mills.

"The thing which caused us to adopt the slogan," explained Willard Hawley, Jr., yesterday, "was our belief that in the present international crisis our country should be at all times put before our personal safety."

It is possible that the slogan will be carried into all departments of the companies business. Mr. Hawley stated that the proposition of putting it on all stationery of the company was being considered.

MORE FACTORIES OBJECT OF YEAR'S PUBLICITY DRIVE

COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE PLANS EFFORT TO INCREASE NUMBER OF PAYROLLS.

A campaign to bring more manufacturing plants to Oregon City will form the basis of the work of the publicity committee of the Commercial club during the next year.

At a meeting of the committee and of subscribers to the publicity fund held Monday night in the Commercial club rooms, it was decided to center the efforts of the organization on this one problem.

To this end it was decided to accumulate all possible data on available water-power which it might be possible for factories to use here. This information will be forwarded to any concern which is considering the erection of a plant in the Pacific northwest.

Will Focus Activities. "It is the hope of the club to bring as many factories here as possible," explained President E. B. Eby. "And to that end we shall focus our activities."

At a subsequent meeting of the publicity committee held Tuesday, ways and means of forwarding the enterprise were considered. It is agreed that any attempt to better Oregon City by adding to its already long list of pay-rolls should be backed not only by the united commercial interests of the city but by the city in general as well.

Will Make Strong Try. Every opportunity of bringing a new factory here that offers itself during the coming year will be seized upon and the committee will not cease its efforts until the concern has made arrangements to build here or there is not a chance left of inducing them to come.

Oregon City has a great natural advantage in the water power offered by the falls of the Willamette and the committee intends that during the year of 1917 the world shall come to know it.

WATER BOARD MAY PUT PROPOSITION TO PEOPLE

Oregon City has good water and plenty of it and to this fact is attributed a possible extension in the city limits to take in most of the neighboring towns.

Applications for community service from the Oregon City-West Linn pipe line have been received from practically every suburb of Oregon City by the joint water commission.

The possibilities arise. Either the board can furnish water to these communities on contract or Oregon City can absorb them and furnish service just as to any other part of the city.

Here Lies the Rub. The rub of the former method lies in the fact that under any contract Oregon City will have to split the receipts with West Linn. Under the present arrangement Oregon City owns two-thirds of the pipe line and West Linn owns the other third. The result is that if Oregon City sells water it has to pay West Linn one-third of the receipts, while it merely furnished water to additional users within extended city limits the local water board gets all the funds.

For this reason the matter of putting the question of absorbing Gladstone Parkplace, Clackamas Heights, Canemah and Maple Lane to the voters is being considered by the water board.

While both the people of Oregon City and of the various communities would have to agree by a strong vote on the increase in the size of the city, the water board believes that the people of the smaller towns would gladly come into the city in order to obtain water. None of the towns is strong enough financially to back an independent pipe line.

Would Show a Profit. Such addition would be a paying thing so far as the water board is concerned, because the amount supplied by the pipe line at the present time is far in excess of the amount absorbed by the users.

In annexing Gladstone and other towns, Oregon City would only be following the example of West Linn, which recently took in Bolton and Willamette. By doing this that community added considerably to its water receipts without being forced to pay anything more into the Oregon City treasury for the additional water used.

Withycombe Says He's Against Double Auto License Charge

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12.—(Special)—Governor Withycombe declared himself today as being unalterably and unequivocally opposed to any scheme of bonding which will presuppose a largely increased or excess license fee upon the owner of the small automobile.

Estacada Will Get Slice of State Funds For Its County Fair

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—(Special)—The Stevens bill apportioning a part of the eastern Clackamas county fair funds to Estacada was passed by the house today. There was no opposition to the bill. According to its provisions Estacada will receive \$500 of the \$2100 allowed by the state for the staging of the event.

Geo. Washington May Be Cause of War; He's a Negro

LONDON, Feb. 8.—An American negro named George Washington, a fireman on the British steamer Turino, was killed when that vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine today, according to a report received by the American embassy from Queens-town. One of the survivors is Calvin Hay, an American citizen of Fillmore, Utah.

LOCAL MAN COMES NEAR VICTORY BUT OPPOSITION IS TOO GREAT

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 14.—(Special)—Representative Brownell lost the fight of his career in the house today when he staged an attack on the Gill bill which would close Willamette river against commercial fishing nearly to Oswego. The bill passed, despite a stirring speech by which he succeeded in mustering 200 votes against the bill. For time it seemed as though his efforts would protect the interests of Oregon City commercial fishermen, but the tide eventually turned against him, largely because of the enormous efforts of a lobby of Multnomah county sportsmen, which has been exceedingly active to secure all benefits of the river.

Bread Out of Mouths. "You pass this bill and you will rob 343 fishermen in Oregon City of their means of livelihood" was the challenge Brownell hurled at the members of the house. He declared that the need was not so much to prevent fishermen from scraping fish out of the holes but to install an adequate fish ladder to keep the fish from committing suicide.

"Is Oregon City the only place where fish commit suicide by butting their heads against a stone wall," asked Representative Lewis, of Multnomah. "No! They do it in Portland as well," responded Brownell, amid shouts of other representatives.

Now Up To Governor. The bill has now passed both houses and is up to the governor despite the determined opposition of Clackamas members in both the senate and house.

Brownell's fight today was one of the best witnessed this session in the lower house and he received congratulations even from members who voted against him.

MT. PLEASANT BOOSTER ORGANIZATION TO MEET AND DISCUSS NEW PLAN

At the meeting of the Mount Pleasant Civic Improvement club held in the Commercial club parlors at that place Tuesday evening arrangements were made for carrying the work of the organization for the summer months, and also for a series of entertainments to be given in the near future.

As March 26th will be the tenth anniversary of the club, it was decided to celebrate this occasion by giving an entertainment and banquet.

Since the Mount Pleasant Civic Improvement club was organized much work has been accomplished in the way of beautifying that section of the county and in the way of building sidewalks. One sidewalk has just been completed to the Mount Pleasant school house from the city limits. Altogether there have been seven miles of sidewalk constructed by this club.

It is probable that the club will again be represented at the county fair at Canby next fall. The organization has always won a first prize at the fair whenever it has exhibited at the county fair. All the prize winning products have been grown in that section.

SENATORS PUT THROUGH BILL TO REPEAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE LEGISLATION

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—Senator Cusick's senate bill 265, repealing the law requiring health certificates before marriage licenses are issued, passed the senate this morning by a vote of 16 to 11. Senator Cusick contended that people who could not pass the physical examinations went over to Washington or other states to marry and the effectiveness of the bill was thereby lost. The vote follows:

Ayes—Baldwin, Barrett, Bishop, Cusick, Eddy, Garland, Hawley, Hurley, La Follett, Lewis, Orton, J. C. Smith, Stetler, Vinton, Wilbur, Wood, and Moser.

Nays—Dimick, Farrell, Gill, Huston, Leinenweber, Pience, Shanks, I. S. Smith, Strayer and Vonder Hellen.

WEST LINN FOR AN ELECTION ON SCHOOL BONDS

ISSUE OF \$14,000 MAY BE MADE TO ERECT A MODERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING.

PLANS OF ARCHITECTS ARE ON EXHIBITION AT MASS MEETING

Directors Will Call Election in Less Than 30 Days; Sentiment Declared To Be Strong for Proposed Improvement.

JULIUS WILBUR APPEAL IS READY TO BE SENT ON TO SUPREME COURT

With the bill of exceptions settled Friday, the case against Julius Wilbur, former proprietor of the Friars' club, who is under conviction in the state circuit court on a charge of breaking the prohibition statute, will be appealed at once to the supreme court.

Agreement over the points to be contained in the bill was reached Friday after a conference between Deputy District Attorney Burke and Senator C. F. Fulton, of Portland, who is representing the defendant.

Wilbur, who was for a long time in charge of the resort at Milwaukie, has been prosecuted in several courts on charges growing out of alleged infractions of the dry statute. A case against him in the United States district court, charging him with selling liquor without a government license, was compromised on agreement of the internal revenue authorities.

DIMICK GETS HIS CONSPIRACY BILL THROUGH SENATE

CLACKAMAS SENATOR'S ORATORY MOVES UPPER HOUSE TO PASS FIRST BILL OF KIND.

MEASURE IS AIMED AT COLLUSIVE BIDDING ON PAVING CONTRACTS

Not a Dissenting Vote Registered Against Proposed Law After Affidavits and Other Evidence Are Presented.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—(Special)—Dimick's conspiracy statute, designed to prevent collusive bidding on road work, passed the senate today without a dissenting vote.

It was the first time that the upper house ever put through such a bill. Several times in past years a conspiracy measure has come up to the senate from the house, only to be killed. Several similar bills, introduced in the senate have died there.

The success of the Dimick bill is generally attributed to the speech which the Clackamas senator made in preparation for the passage of the measure.

In one of the best efforts of his career Senator Dimick addressed the senate, reading telegrams, letters, and affidavits designed to show that an understanding existed among paving concerns which was causing the state great expense.

The bill will now go to the house for consideration. It makes it a punishable offense for paving concerns or road contractors to agree with competitors as to the amount they shall bid on road or paving work.

TOOTHLESS CIGARET BILL IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—(Special)—Shorn of its drastic provisions, the anti-cigarette bill was passed by the house here Monday.

After the Sweeney bill had been recalled from the senate after its passage by the house, a special committee was appointed to operate on it for removal of the stinger.

The revised bill, which provides a penalty against the sale and use of cigarettes by minors, received 37 affirmative votes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—Brownell's bill to abolish the office of county recorder of Clackamas county passed the house today. The bill provides that, if it is made a law, it shall not become effective until the end of the present incumbents' term two years from now.

BRIDGES STATES HIS DEFENSE IN SWORN STATEMENT TO COURT

After being cited to appear before Circuit Judge Campbell on February 13 and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court because he attended a council meeting Wednesday night after he had been ousted by an order from the judge, C. Bridges, councilman from the third ward, today filed an affidavit stating his defense.

According to the affidavit Bridges

TWO BILLS PASS THE SENATE AFTER DIMICK SPEAKS

CONSOLIDATION MEASURES ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE BIG SAVING TO THE STATE.

LITTLE OPPOSITION FOUND WHEN BILLS ARE EXPLAINED BY ADVOCATE

Clackamas Man Throws Efforts Behind Proposed Law Called "Real Consolidation" by Colleague.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—Three bills introduced by the joint consolidation committee, passed the senate this morning with but slight opposition. The first bill passed, senate bill 302, provides for the elimination of one commissioner from the state industrial accident commission.

Senator Dimick, chairman of the consolidation committee of the senate, in speaking for the passage of the measure, declared that there was no desire on the part of the members of the committee to interfere in any way with the workmen's compensation act.

"By passing this measure we are saving the taxpayers approximately \$6000 biennially in eliminating the salary of one commissioner and cutting down clerical work and reducing the salaries of the two remaining commissioners from \$3600 to \$3000 annually," declared the Clackamas state senator. "The work now being done by three commissioners will be done by two, and in case of a disagreement the commission physician will be called upon to act as a mediator."

"This is real consolidation," declared Senator Pierce, who heretofore has held out against any form of consolidation.

President Moser declared that he was in favor of the bill and that it was the most important measure that had been introduced by the committee.

On the grounds that it was an attempt to finally do away with the commission, Senator I. S. Smith opposed the bill, saying he believed that the efficiency of the commission would be retarded by such a consolidation measure. Senator Huston declared that he had received a large number of telegrams from employers of labor, expressing satisfaction with the commission in its present working form and expressing a desire to see it remain as it now is.

The senators who voted against the measure were: Baldwin, Huston, Handley, Leinenweber, Olson, I. S. Smith and Von der Hellen.

Dimick Speaks for Both. Senate bill 303, also introduced by the consolidation committee, and providing for the placing of the industrial welfare commission and the child labor commission under the control and supervision of the labor commissioner, passed unanimously.

Senator Dimick declared that by this consolidation the state would be saved about \$6000 in two years. The act takes the appointive power away from the governor and gives the labor commissioner power to make appointments in the case of a vacancy on the board of inspectors of child labor or on the board of the industrial welfare commission.

Senate bill 304, also passed by a unanimous vote, is a companion bill to senate bill 302. It provides that in case employers have failed to install and maintain safety appliances in accordance with the law there shall be no duplication in the work of the industrial accident commission and the commissioner of labor so far as inspections are concerned.

MARRIAGE LICENSE. A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Henry Peter Klinker, of George, Oregon, and Flora Annie Margaret Johnson, by County Clerk Harrison. Other marriage licenses were issued to George Earl Bentley, of route 2, Oregon City, and Letta Viola Critcher; Frances E. Albright and Mrs. Letta L. Waldron.

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attended the meeting on advice of his lawyers, who had previously filed an appeal of his case to the supreme court.

Following that meeting, the statement says, Bridges agreed with his attorneys that he should not vote at coming sessions, although he should attend in order to see that the people of his ward were protected.