

PROBATION TO REMAIN FACT

Senate Kills Bailey's Bills Proposing Important Amendments.

VOTE ON BOTH DECISIVE

Upper House Indefinitely Postpones Measures After Acrimonious Debate—Alleged Joker Discovered in One, but Author Says No.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Any change in the primary law was killed in the Senate today by the indefinite postponement of two bills by Bailey of Multnomah, one providing for the election at primaries of delegates to state conventions called to elect delegates to National conventions and the other changing Statement No. 1 for the election of United States Senators so that members of the Legislature might pledge themselves to vote for their party's choice and not for the people's choice.

The first bill was killed by a vote of 19 to 11 and the second bill by vote of 21 to 9.

The vote on indefinite postponement of the first bill was: Ayes—Bingham, Bowerman, Caldwell, Coke, Coshaw, Hart, Hedges, Kay, Laycock, McDonald, Miller, Muller, Nottingham, Smith of Umatilla, Wright, Haines—18. Nays—Bailey, Beach, Booth, Cole, Hodson, Johnson, Loughary, Schofield, Schell, Smith of Marion, Wheeland—11.

On the second bill, the indefiniteness was attached to the Bailey side, Schofield, Schell and Smith of Marion, and went to the opposition.

Debate on the second bill, No. 1, grew sharp. Bowerman detected an omission from the first bill which would not only have exempted county elections from the operation of the primary law, but would have disfranchised the primary law.

The first bill amended section 2 of the law, the first part of which it purported to repeal, but in the clause subjecting nominations to the law, it read "A primary nominating election shall be held subject to the provisions of this law for Senator in Congress and for members of the House of Representatives, city, ward and all other officers," leaving out "county," which is contained in the existing law.

Bailey said the omission was an oversight and not intentional, and offered to correct it, but Nottingham moved indefinite postponement, and against Bailey's opposition the motion carried. As the bill repealed all parts of the primary law in conflict with it, Bowerman said the primary law would have been disfranchised.

OBEDIENT ORDERS OR RESIGN

Grange Gives Pungent Advice on Primary Law Amendment.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—That members of the Legislature should either obey the instructions of the people or resign is one of the declarations made by the Salem Grange, in adopting resolutions upon the proposed amendment of Statement No. 1. The Grange opposes the amendment of the direct primary law or any law adopted by the people before it has been tested by experience. The resolutions follow:

Whereas, There is a bill now pending before the Legislature, the amendment of the primary law, enacted by the people of the state, as to make ineffective that part of said law, which confers on the people the right to elect the members of the House of Representatives, and also to amend said law, so as to allow political parties to suggest, or nominate by convention, the candidates to be voted for at the primary elections, and thereby again establish party machines; and

Whereas, We, the Patrons of Husbandry, are in favor of the primary law, and believe its enforcement at the last election has helped to purify political methods in this state, and nominate better men for office than have been nominated by party conventions and ring systems;

Therefore, be it resolved by Salem Grange, that we protest against any change in the present primary law, and believe its enforcement at the last election has helped to purify political methods in this state, and nominate better men for office than have been nominated by party conventions and ring systems;

And, be it further resolved, That enactment of any such change in the primary law, which would deprive the people of the right to elect the members of the House of Representatives, and also to amend said law, so as to allow political parties to suggest, or nominate by convention, the candidates to be voted for at the primary elections, and thereby again establish party machines; and

That we believe the principle should prevail that public as well as private affairs should obey the instructions of their principals or resign.

FAVORS PURE FOOD LAW.

House Refuses to Amend Burns' Bill in Committee of Whole.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Representative Burns' pure food law was adopted by the House in committee of the whole this afternoon. The bill, which was introduced by Burns, of Washington, provided for the inspection of meat and poultry products, and for the regulation of the sale of such products.

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PRONED TO \$37,500

Senate Reduces Appropriation for Corvallis College.

KAY WINS IN ONE FIGHT

Marion County Watchdog Makes Stand for Taxpayers—Standing Allowance for Institution Is Increased by \$12,500.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—As the result of a debate which ended with Senator Kay, of Marion, the Senate has ordered a reduction of \$12,500 in the annual appropriation asked for the Oregon Agricultural College. The present standing appropriation for maintenance is \$25,000 a year. A bill was introduced by Senator Johnson, of Benton, for an appropriation of \$37,500 a year, the law to take effect with the beginning of 1908. This bill provided also for separate fund for the Agricultural College, but upon motion of Kay the measure was sent back to the ways and means committee last week with instructions to cut out the provision for a separate fund. Yesterday Kay sent up another proposed amendment to the bill, fixing the annual appropriation at \$35,000 and asking for an appropriation of \$12,500 for new buildings and improvements for the ensuing two years. He said that while he is a believer in the maintenance of the Agricultural College and is willing to make appropriations sufficient for its needs, he did not consider this amount necessary and had therefore moved to cut down. He proposed an appropriation of \$12,500 for the Agricultural College, and for 1907-8, \$23,000, and for 1908-9, \$25,000, while the demands for 1907-8 are \$25,000, and for 1908-9 are \$27,500. This is an increase of 100 per cent in one year for all the institutions of higher education. He thought it exorbitant and unnecessary. Besides, the Senate should take into consideration the fact that the Agricultural College receives \$50,000 this year from the United States and will next year receive \$55,000 from that source.

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