

PILOTAGE BILL WINS IN HOUSE

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LIVELY DEBATE ENSUES

Astorian Has Rapid Fire of Questions, Which Confuse for a Time Supporters of Bill Abolishing Compulsory Pilotage.

HOUSE WASTES MUCH TIME

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—With discipline thrown out of the window and dignity becoming a legislative assembly almost entirely a minor quantity, the House wasted the greater part of both forenoon and afternoon sessions today. The sum total of the day's accomplishments was passage of only two important bills—one abolishing compulsory pilotage on the Columbia bar and the other providing that the question of holding a constitutional convention shall be submitted to the people.

STATE CAPITAL, Salem, Feb. 4.—(Special.)

Against a vigorous fight waged by Representative McCue, of Clatsop, the bill abolishing compulsory pilotage on the Columbia bar passed the House this morning by a vote of 48 to 11. The bill was introduced by Representative Mahone for the Multnomah County delegation and had the endorsement of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Port of Portland.

Repeal of the compulsory pilotage feature of the present law was urged by the supporters of the bill as being absolutely necessary to place Portland on an equality with Puget Sound ports for competitive shipping. It was also urged that so long as the pilotage service remained in the control of interests other than those of Portland, from which nineteen-twentieths of the shipping of the state was forwarded, it was absolutely differential between this port and those on Puget Sound would have to be contributed indirectly by the producers of the entire state in the shape of increased freight rates.

McCue Fires Rapid Questions.

McCue made an earnest and eloquent argument against the bill and repeatedly fired questions into the camp of the bill's supporters that tended to confuse them for the reason that few members of the Multnomah delegation were sufficiently versed in the towage and pilotage services on the river to make effective replies to the clever and energetic interrogatories of the young legislator from Clatsop.

Debate Is Cut Short.

Mahone, Davis, Jaeger and McKinney made talks in support of the bill. The discussion had continued for 90 minutes when Clemens moved the previous question with the result that McCue, although he had concluded his main address, was obliged to discontinue asking some questions of the defenders of the bill. In the balloting that followed, Bones, Bean and Corrigan took exception because of the privilege of asking questions of the defenders of the bill. The discussion was closed, and voted against the bill. Eaton also voted negatively for the reason that he considered that the bill was a contest between two conflicting interests and for the further reason that he did not thoroughly understand the provisions of the measure. Calkins voted for the bill under protest, explaining that he objected seriously to the emergency clause with which it was provided.

JONES BILL IN NEW FORM

Ways and Means Committee Will Recommend Substitute.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The Finance Committee on ways and means tonight decided to recommend a substitute for a bill introduced by Representative Jones of Lincoln and Polk, extending until 1911 the time that the state's contingent appropriation of \$300,000 shall be available as a part of the purchase price of the Oregon City locks by the Government.

Two Bills Withdrawn.

Representative Bonebrake today withdrew from the House his bill empowering Justice Court officers to require persons obtaining liquor in dry territory to tell of whom the liquor was obtained. The committee on revision of laws had held that this bill was not necessary as the authority to compel such testimony was already provided in another statute.

Bill to Cut Gas Price.

A bill to cut the price of gas in Portland from 36 cents to 30 cents has been introduced by Representative Brandy of Multnomah. Overcharges shall cause the offender to forfeit \$100 to the school fund.

Boxing Bill Introduced.

To permit boxing matches up to ten rounds, Representative Davis, has introduced a bill at the request of the H. Barnes and Fred T. Merrill. The purpose is to remove the present ban on ring boxing, which the statute clauses with penalties. Merrill and Barnes plan to conduct ring contests at the Oaks in Portland, for points.

To Amend Barber Bill.

A bill to abolish the requirement of "sworn" applications, by seekers of barber certificates has been introduced by Representative L. M. Davis, on request of C. M. Idlemann. The bill restores section 2845 of the code, which was amended in 1905.

Another Office Proposed.

To create the office of Public Architect of state buildings, paid the regular fee

NEW NET WEIGHT BILL

A net weight bill, requiring food packages to be branded as to their true weight or measure, was introduced today by Representative McDonald. The bill is identical with one of two years ago, which caused one of the biggest legislative fights, and brought protesting jobbers from Portland.

Make Roads Pay for Livestock.

Railroads are to pay damages for livestock, run over by trains, within 30 days after notice, or the owner shall be entitled to recover treble the value of the animal, according to a bill of Representative Bean.

SCORE OF NEW BILLS APPEAR

House Members Prepare Batch of Legislative Measures.

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Furs at half price. Have some fine pieces yet for you.

This looks good and familiar, don't it? Well, get in at that Porch Entrance. That is ACHESON'S.

I have opened a store there again. It is the main center storeroom of the building, with the entrance under the GLASS PORCH CANOPY. The fifth floor of the adjoining Acheson building, where I have had my sales floor for the past Fall, I will use for manufacturing of ladies' garments and handling special orders. Herewith is cut showing where my store is located. At the right is the Acheson building, where my sales floor has been, and the new factory and special order work will be done—on the top, fifth floor. Two elevators run to this floor. Yours respectfully, J. M. ACHESON.

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PEOPLE TO DECIDE Constitutional Convention Vote Bill Passes.

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