

TIME IS WASTED IN BOTH HOUSES

Little Real Legislation Accomplished by Oregon Lawmakers.

FRICITION IS DEVELOPING

House Members Angered Because Senate Fails to Consider Measures Originating in Lower Body—Issues Are Petty.

With more bills introduced than at the corresponding time two years ago, the Oregon Legislature is further behind in its work than perhaps any other session for years. Three of the six weeks in the session have passed, much of this time, particularly in the House, having been wasted with a lavish hand in trifling, but protracted, debates over the composition of the resolutions committees or other equally trivial subjects. There can be only one reason for this condition—a scant and improper consideration of vitally important legislation during the closing hours of the session.

Senate Only Trifle Busier.

In the consideration of its own bills, the Senate has made a slightly better record, having passed a total of 23 bills, besides postponing indefinitely 11 others. To date, the Senate apparently has slighted House bills in order to give attention to measures originating among its own membership. This is the charge made by members of the House who declare if the Senate continues its attitude respecting House bills, the House will retaliate and hold up consideration of Senate measures.

Important Bills Delayed.

Other very important measures to be considered are: Public service commission, employers' compensation act, reapportionment of the state into Representative and Senatorial districts and possibly the creation of a new congressional district; and the consideration of the general appropriation bill. There are also a number of important bills before the Senate, both of which are of considerable importance. Consideration of each of these subjects will consume a great deal of time. There is conflict of opinion over the creation of a public service commission, rival bills having appeared in the House and Senate. Organized labor, with the assistance of representatives of the State Bar, will make a vigorous fight against the compensation act proposed by the employers and introduced in the House last week by Representative Abbott.

Huge Appropriations Asked.

Enlarged demands for increased appropriations of state funds for all state institutions, boards and commissions, coupled with charges of extravagance and mismanagement at some of the institutions, will have the effect of increasing the joint committee to proceed cautiously in disbursing state money. Not an institution, presenting its estimate for the ensuing biennial period, has failed to ask for increased appropriations. Increases are also demanded for various of the boards and commissions charged with the transaction of state business. Creation of additional boards and commissions, each proposal carrying a substantial appropriation, await the consideration of the members of the ways and means committee.

Poor Farm Inmate Dies Rich.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Joseph Garnett, 92 years old, and for the last three years an inmate of the county poor farm, died at that place Tuesday. He had resided in Chehalis County 30 years, most of that time being spent on a farm near Elma. When his effects were gathered after his death it was discovered that he had on his person deposit slips for over \$500 and \$60 in cash. He was known to have no relatives.

RECORD OF OREGON LEGISLATURE.

BILLS PASSED BOTH HOUSES.

R. B. 2, Hawley—Permitting farm names to be recorded.
R. B. 7, Burgess—Limiting size of freerackers that may be sold.
R. B. 10, Malarkey—Prescribing procedure for adoption of children.
R. B. 13, Kellaher—Removing legal obstructions to Broadway bridge bonds.
R. B. 24, Oliver—Setting aside judgments obtained through fraud.
R. B. 25, Locke—Providing for publication and distribution of Lord's Oregon laws.
R. B. 27, Nottingham—Permitting enforcement mechanics' liens against homesteads.
R. B. 47, Oliver—Fixing terms of court in Tenth Judicial District.
R. B. 53, McCulloch—Fixing terms of court in Eighth Judicial District.
R. B. 48, Neuner—To protect waters of North Umpqua River.

BILLS PASSED SENATE.

R. B. 1, by Chase—Providing for sale of tidelands.
R. B. 6, by Burgess—Providing for Sullistening time of passenger trains.
R. B. 9, by Miller—To employ convicts on roads.
R. B. 11, by Malarkey—Relating to recording conveyances.
R. B. 12, by Locke—Authorizing counties to build hospitals.
R. B. 24, by Joseph—Providing for Oregon Navy Reserve.
R. B. 29, by Dimick—Method for increasing city boundaries.
R. B. 36, by Wood—Naming Reform School Oregon State Training School.
R. B. 39, by Nottingham—Preventing adulteration linseed oil.
R. B. 42, by Joseph—Creating State Highway Board.
R. B. 49, Oliver—Allowing 30 days to file appeals in criminal cases.
R. B. 61, by Lester—Authorizing Clatsop County to levy special tax to provide county exhibit at Astoria Centennial.
R. B. 62, by Burgess—To prevent livestock running at large in Umatilla County.

R. B. 76, by Barrett—Authorizing county bonds for roads.
R. B. 78, by Judiciary Committee—Providing for rotation of names on ballots.
R. B. 92, by Revision of Laws Committee—Keeping election polls open all day primary nominating day.
R. B. 94, by Elliot—Legalizing certain divorce cases.
R. B. 95, by Mervyn—Prohibiting saloons within six miles of public work.
R. B. 97, by Buchanan—Prohibiting damage to bridges and levees.
R. B. 100, by Oliver—Relating to claims of Union County against Farmers & Merchants Bank.
R. B. 103, by Albee—Defining vagrancy.
R. B. 104, by Carson—Providing for remuneration to sheriffs for care of prisoners.
R. B. 105, by Dimick—Establishing boundary between Marion and Clackamas Counties.

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED IN SENATE.

R. B. 27, by Oliver—Setting aside judgments obtained by perjury.
R. B. 24, by Bean—Relating to holding court in Second District.
R. B. 28, by Nottingham—Making October 12 legal holiday.
R. B. 43, by Oliver—Regarding deposition of witnesses out of the state.
R. B. 57, by Malarkey—Regulating examination of attorneys.
R. B. 58, by Albee (by request)—Providing for organization of naval militia.
R. B. 64, by Albee (by request)—Owens-Adair sterilization bill.
R. B. 69, by Hawley—Regulating contracts of county officers.
R. B. 85, by Barrett, of Umatilla—Regarding husband and wife as witnesses.
R. B. 106, by Dimick (by request)—Regulating opening of doors on public buildings.
R. B. 114, by Joseph—To secure liens upon chattels for labor.

BILLS PASSED HOUSE.

H. B. 1, Libby—Providing severe penalties for persons convicted of engaging in white slave traffic.
H. B. 3, Cole—Making October 12, Columbus day, a public holiday.
H. B. 6, Buchanan—For protection of secret orders from impostors.
H. B. 7, Clemens—Protecting cities and counties from prosecution on certain assigned claims.
H. B. 8, Clemens—Authorizing Multnomah County Hospital to receive pay patients.
H. B. 10, (Substitute), Clemens—Exempting members of Legislature from jury duty during term of office.
H. B. 15, Abbott—Appropriating an additional \$30,000 per annum for topographic maps and survey of water resources of state.
H. B. 28, (Substitute), Clyde—Requiring school districts to vote on question of furnishing free text books.
H. B. 37, Brooks—Making it a crime to desert sheep on range.
H. B. 44, Huntington—Facilitating the creation of high school districts.
H. B. 51, Buchanan—Amending sections of registration law.
H. B. 57, Fouts—Prohibiting the transportation of explosives on passenger cars.

H. B. 62, Peterson—Defining non-judicial days.
H. B. 73, Thompson—Prescribing time and method for depositing funds in treasury for public officers.
H. B. 82, Fouts—Requiring all convict-made goods to be so marked.
H. B. 82, Cushman—Providing for fiscal agent for state in New York City.
H. B. 87, Steelhammer—Limiting age of persons employed as engineers in logging camps.
H. B. 100, Buchanan—Regulating admission of applicants to Soldiers' Home at Roseburg.
H. B. 101, Buchanan—Abolishing the whipping post.
H. B. 102, Miller, of Columbia—Providing for prompt return by County Court of liquor license money when license is denied.
H. B. 110, Chambers—Protecting crabs in Lincoln County.
H. B. 111, Miller, of Lane—Changing from July to January time when County Treasurers shall make annual settlement with County Courts.
H. B. 120, Neuner—Abolishing school holidays.
H. B. 133, Peterson—Prescribing method for discharging judgments.
H. B. 138, Abbott—Authorizing free ferry across Willamette at St. Johns.
H. B. 141, Linsenweber and Belland—Authorizing Pilot Commissioners to sell school lands.
H. B. 167, Mahoney—Regarding the recording of all contract notes.
H. B. 192, Peterson—Providing penalties for criminal operations.
H. B. 204, Brooks—Fixing terms of Supreme Court at Pendleton.

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED IN HOUSE.

H. B. 4, Cole—Authorizing publication and sale of Oregon Supreme Court reports by George W. Bates & Company.
H. B. 8, Clemens—Requiring signers of initiative petitions to certify that they had a knowledge of the proposed measure.
H. B. 14, Simpson—Providing penalties for persons engaging in white slave traffic.
H. B. 17, Simpson—Prohibiting detention for debt or otherwise of a female person in a house of prostitution.
H. B. 27, Collins—Admitting dependent girls to Portland trades schools.
H. B. 40, Peterson—Increasing from five to 30 days time for making appeals in criminal cases.
H. B. 61, Peterson—Permitting service of summons by other than officers of the law.
H. B. 84, Shaw—Providing for separate assessment of water from the land to which it belongs.
H. B. 112, Thompson—Creating law board to pass on all initiative laws before being submitted to the voters.
H. B. 114, Brownhill—Permitting practicing attorneys temporarily to serve as circuit judges to relieve congestion of courts.
H. B. 143, Chambers—Making oral proof competent in proving false pretenses.
H. B. 170, Miller, of Columbia—Preventing cattle from running at large in Columbia County.
H. B. 194, Jones—Exempting old soldiers from operation of peddlers' license law.

BILLS FAILED TO PASS.

H. B. 23, Eggleston—Fixing salaries of constables in districts of 6000 population.
H. B. 111, Neuner—Giving material man same time as original contractor to file mechanic's lien for money due.
H. B. 106, Bigelow—Authorizing Governor and Game Warden to create bird and game refuges on state and private lands.

FELS FUND IS OPPOSED

ASSOCIATION PLANS TO WAGE WAR ON "SINGLE TAX."

State Organization Proposed to Educate People on Bills Now Before Oregon Legislature.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Plans to establish a State Association for the purpose of inaugurating a campaign of education along the lines of progressive taxation and start a fund with which the dispenders of the Fels "single tax" fund could be fought dollar for dollar, are foot to be carried out in connection with promotion of the welfare of three resolutions now before the Legislature.

It is the hope of those suggesting such a state association, and there are a number of prominent people who favor such a move and are already laying plans for its fulfillment, to further progressive taxation by a campaign of education as against tax ideas of fascists and theorists. They declare that the present amendment, providing for taxation by counties and allowing "single taxation," was passed through sheer ignorance on the part of the people who were unfamiliar with provisions, which have even puzzled leading attorneys to interpret fully. With this in view they have awakened to the fact that it will be necessary to educate the people along the lines of the proposed referendum measures now before the Legislature, as well as to provide information which will enlighten the people as to some of the alleged evils of the "single tax" plan and the county amendment, which it is hoped will be repealed.

of leading business men all over Oregon in the ranks of the State Tax Association. Further, advocates of the plan propose to secure the assistance of all County Assessors and members of the County Boards of Equalization and by bringing them all under a central organization make it possible to carry on a consistent campaign in every county and wage a fight for repeal of the county amendment and for the adoption of the new amendments which will extend to every hamlet and every precinct.

Determined opposition is expected against repeal of the county tax amendment and when the time comes champions of the proposed new amendments fear that the Fels fund will be used to flood the state with "single tax" pamphlets and their hope lies in an association which may create another fund to meet the active campaign of the People's Power League. They are aware that the particular hobby of Joseph Fels is "single tax" and that he would wage a strenuous campaign to be waged against any move which might result in defeat of what has been his pet measure for years. He is determined to further so-called progressive legislation.

Cattle Active at Wallawa.

WALLOWA, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—L. M. Church, cattle-buyer for the Walla Walla Meat Company, of Walla Walla, shipped a car of fine beef steers from here this morning. He bought them from Frank Graham, who was having them fed just east of town. There are left in this end of the valley 250 head of fine steers, but at least as many more in the northeast end of the county. What beef is left is all contracted for on future delivery. The few hogs left are under contract. A few head of sheep are being fed for outside markets and will be shipped the coming month.

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CHOOSE, NOT BUY SITE, VOTE INTENT

Legislators in Background to Spring Surprise in Branch Asylum War.

ACT NEWLY INTERPRETED

Eastern Oregon Lawmakers Contend That People Authorized Only Selection of Land for Site. Fight Grows Interesting.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Holding in their sleeves what they believe to be the high card in the Eastern Oregon Branch Asylum controversy certain members of the Senate and the House who are still remaining in the background, promise to throw a bombshell into the Legislature by presenting an entirely new legal aspect of the situation and demand that the whole question be reopened.

In the act passed by the people providing for an Eastern Oregon Asylum the duty of selecting a site is placed upon the State Board, including the Governor, State Treasurer and Secretary of State, the site to be selected within five miles of either Pendleton, Baker or Union. The act expressly reads that the board shall "locate a site."

With this in view when the question of securing a new site within a mile or a few miles of the site now located, comes up for consideration a fight will be waged in both the House and Senate.

Only Selection Ordered.

The fact that the people passed an act which provided solely for the "location of a site," and with no provision for buying property not contiguous to the site selected, is considered a wedge to be used in a demand that the whole question be reopened. Purchase of additional sites will be cried down by opponents to the present location as an assumption beyond the meaning of the act. A bill will be introduced demanding that the Eastern Oregon Branch Asylum be located somewhere east of the Cascade Mountains, the location to be determined by a disinterested committee or board, similar to the committee selected by Governor West, to investigate the location at Pendleton.

Champions of the proposed new measure believe that State Treasurer Kay and Governor West are right in their contention that there is no suitable building location on the Oliver-Carpenter tract at Pendleton and they declare that an attempt to force selection of this site with additional purchases will result in a fight on the floor of both Houses that will cause former sessions of the present session to appear tame.

Court Fight Promised.

Senators and Representatives from Baker and Union will undoubtedly be foremost in their attack on any move to purchase further land at Pendleton. They have developed into a consequential force sufficiently large, at least, to wage a battle royal.

With the legal aspect brought into the foreground, the controversy of Baker and Union will demand injunction proceedings if an effort is made to go beyond the terms of the present law. It is being awaited here and on the findings of these committees will hinge the answer to the question of war or peace between the factions. Should it be determined that there is a suitable building site for the state tract at Pendleton, then work will immediately go ahead. The opposition, however, is satisfied that the statement given out by Governor West and State Treasurer Kay as to the utter unsuitability of that location for a building site is correct and is quietly enlarging its force for the determined conflict which now appears to be a certain feature of the next week or two of the session.

SUM ASKED IS \$3,926,358

MANY REQUESTS FILED FOR APPROPRIATIONS IN WEEK.

Some Bills Disposed of Leaving \$3,500,000 Still to Be Considered by Legislature.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Requests for appropriations during the past week show virtually an additional \$3,926,358, not including numerous minor salary bills and small items in connection with district fairs and societies, of which there have been many. This brings the grand total of requests up to \$2,956,358 or, with the addition of the minor demands, up to the \$4,000,000 mark.

Up to the end of last week the total approximated \$2,114,000, but many thousands of dollars have been cut from these requests by amendments in the houses and by the killing and indefinite postponement of bills so that the total demands now do not approximate over \$2,000,000, despite this week's additions.

Most important of the appropriation bills introduced during the past week are those calling for \$35,000 for the University of Oregon, \$200,000 for the Oregon Agricultural College, \$100,000 for the Oregon Historical Society, to be expended in the erection of a building at Portland.

Other appropriations asked for include the following: Corvallis street improvement, \$14,000; Clatsop county, \$10,000; Bureau of Mines (annual), \$5000; Olive Lake trout hatchery, \$5000; Southern Oregon branch experiment station, \$2500; department of extension, Oregon Agricultural College (annual), \$10,000. In addition there are numerous salary bills which are not here enumerated.

Hawley's Education Bill Approved

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Senator Hawley's bill providing for certification of teachers and standardization of colleges will be reported in from committees favorably, and with but one or two alterations of wording, evidently clerical errors. Such a report is considered by Senator Hawley as an excellent indication that the bill will be carried without a dissenting vote.

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NORMAL IS WANTED

Eastern Oregon Senator to Urge La Grande Site.

ADVANTAGES ARE CITED

Senator Turner Oliver Says Shortage of Competent Instructors East of Cascades Is Cause of Great Inconvenience.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Senator Turner Oliver, of Union, who recently introduced a bill asking for an appropriation for an Eastern Normal School at LaGrande, will make a fight for his bill. He is insistent that a Normal should be located in Eastern Oregon. In speaking of his bill today he said:

"In introducing this bill I am prompted only by the desire to fulfill a great need and I have no desire to belittle the institution at Menmouth.

Controversy Not Pertinent.

"I am not at present concerned with the controversy as to whether there ought also to be a normal school in Southern Oregon. Two years ago I voted for all three of the normal schools which were made at that time and believed then that the state should sustain all three in the places where they were then located and give them sufficient appropriations that they might raise the grade of the institutions so that they would be in fact what they are in theory—training schools for teachers; but the criticism was made that the school at Weston was not centrally located in Eastern Oregon, and that idea seemed to prevail in the last election.

"There was certainly any expression of opposition to the Eastern Oregon Normal because it was in Eastern Oregon, but many expressions of opposition because of what the critics called its unfortunate location, and in introducing my bill to establish the Eastern Oregon Normal College at LaGrande, I am taking at their word those critics who opposed Weston, because it was not located centrally in Eastern Oregon.

"In Union County we have four high schools, each giving the 12-year course, and many of the country schools are now over 500 students taking the regular high school work.

High School Completed.

"LaGrande has just completed a splendid high school building, at a cost of \$75,000 to that school district, and now within a radius of 20 miles there are more than twenty colleges, yet in all the rest of the state there is not one college or institution of higher education, except the local high schools. Because of the lack of competent public school teachers in the country, the well-to-do farmers are moving into the towns in order to send their children to school.

"We are asking for this school be-

cause there is a crying need of it in that great section of the state, and not merely because of the wrong done to that great section heretofore."

RESOLUTIONS ARE DELAYED

Committee Fails to Report and No Action Is Taken.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Although Senator Albee introduced on January 20 his resolution expressing confidence in the Oregon system and Abraham introduced on January 23 his resolution calling upon the United States Senators to be present when the question of the direct vote of the people in electing United States Senators comes up, the resolutions are still in committee and have been given no consideration.

It is understood that Abraham will appear before the committee to show proof of the allegations contained in his resolution and that Albee has some modification which he desires for his resolution, but the nature of this change is not known.

Should the delay in the resolutions committee continue much longer the resolutions in question will be returned out of the Legislature on the basis of the latest portion of the session and the fight promised will delay important legislation at least two days if it develops into anything like the controversy which was carried on over Kellaher's resolution which would call the Oregon system of government "the best in the world."

FIGHT ON IN COMMITTEE

EXTENDING POWER OF RAILROAD COMMISSION ISSUE.

Malarkey Wants Joint Consideration of His Bill, but Senator Kellaher Opposes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Senator Malarkey's bill of the Railroad Commission to public utilities will be considered by the railroad committee tomorrow night and big deliberations are expected to be present. From the fact that Senator Kellaher is chairman of the railroad committee and is strongly in favor of a separate commission for Portland, as against the Malarkey plan, a hot fight in committee is promised.

It is the hope of Malarkey that tomorrow night's session shall be a joint one between the committees of the Senate and the House, but Kellaher ap-

parently is not strongly in favor of such a plan, because he says Fouts has introduced another public service commission bill in the House and both should be considered if it is to be a joint meeting.

As it is probable various interests will be represented and that the members of the Railroad Commission will be present as well, Malarkey is of the opinion that the hearing should be given at this time to both committees to avoid further trouble for all concerned.

Welsor Physician Is Dead.

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Dr. J. L. Conant, for several years one of the leading physicians of the state, died in this city at an early hour today from an attack of paralysis. He was 80 years old. He resided for a number of years at Ganssboro in Northern part of the state, moving to this city about eight years ago. Burial will be in Weiser Cemetery.

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