REFORM IS SOUGHT

Proposed Law Governs Disposal of County Funds.

BONDS WILL BE REQUIRED

Representative Carkin's Measure to Be Submitted Would Have Interest Paid by Banks on Cash Deposited.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—A bill which proposes to make it arbitrary that county funds shall be deposited in responsible banks, and that the banks shall pay interest on daily balances of not less than 2 or more than 3 per cent, will be introduced in the House by Representative Carkin, of Jackson County tomorrow. Up to the present time there has been no provision for the care of county funds. They have been allowed to lie in courthouse vaults, banks have used them without interest, county officials have made them part of their own personal bank accounts, and banks in which they have been deposited have failed, resulting in their loss.

Carkin's bill would do away with all this. Under its provisions the County Court at its first meeting each year shall receive bids from banks for the deposit of funds for the year. In case the bids are equal the funds are to be divided equally between the several banks bidding. If one bank's bid is more favorable than those of the others it shall receive the funds, but no deposit shall be made in any bank in excess of its capital stock.

The banks are required to give bonds for the safety of the money. Funds must be deposited to the account of the county, and not to that of any individual, and any official depositing funds in a bank designated as a county depository shall not be responsible for the loss of funds by the failure of that bank or otherwise while in its care.

MANY MEASURES INTRODUCED

Schuebel Would Authorize Stocking of Certain Streams.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The following bills were introduced in the House today:

H. B. 121, by Upton—To authorize employment of special investigator by Coroner in counties of more than 100,000 inhabitants.

H. B. 122, by Latourette—To regulate the loaning of money.

H. B. 123, by Schuebel—To authorize Board of Fish Commissioners to stock certain streams.

H. B. 124, by Gill—To prevent selling of intoxicating liquors outside of incorporated towns.

H. B. 125, by McArthur—To provide funds for protection of state of Oregon from spread of Bubonic plague and other Asiatic diseases.

H. B. 126, by Mann—To require Secretary of State to furnish registration lists to each County Clerk.

H. B. 127, by Anderson, of Wasco—To require Secretary of State to furnish registration lists to each County Clerk.

H. B. 128, by Blanchard—Defining a conspiracy and making same apply to unlawful combinations for restraint of trade.

H. B. 129, by Blanchard—To provide for protection of horticulture against insects and diseases.

H. B. 130, by Olson—To establish trade schools in Multnomah County for dependent girls.

H. B. 131, by Schnoerr—To fix salary of School Superintendent of Clackamas County at $1000.

H. B. 132, by Lofgren—Giving voters right to vote at Presidential primaries for number of delegates to National conventions to which their party is entitled.

H. B. 95, by Weeks—Defining adulteration of and establishing standards for ice cream. Must be frozen product made from wholesome, sweet cream and sugar, with or without flavoring and not to exceed 1 per cent by weight of harmless thickener, and contain not less than 14 per cent by weight of milk fat.

H. B. 96, by Reames—Setting period for terms of Circuit Courts in First Judicial District.

H. B. 97, by Schuebel—To provide additional methods for foreclosing special assessments in incorporated cities and towns.

H. B. 98, by Mann—To relieve circuit judge of necessity of reading statutes in toto in charging grand jury.

H. B. 99, by McDonald—To permit a jury unable to agree on a verdict to be discharged on Sunday.

H. B. 100, by McDonald—To fix time of Circuit Court for Tenth Judicial District.

H. B. 101, by Blanchard—To grant power to municipal corporations concerning public utilities and to authorize municipal corporations to build, own and operate public utilities within and without the boundaries of such municipal corporation, and buy and sell lands.

H. B. 102, by Blanchard—To give incorporated cities and towns police power and authority over their public parks within their boundaries.

H. B. 103, by Blanchard—To regulate distribution of information relative to initiative measures to be voted on by people.

H. B. 104, by Weeks—Providing a penalty for any milk inspector who connives at or assists in violation of the milk law.

H. B. 105, by Hill—Making it unlawful for any person to use a traction engine in teaming or drawing a loaded wagon on any county road without a permit.

H. B. 106, by Parsons—Defining frusts and providing for criminal penalty and civil damages for violations of the act.

H. B. 107, by Carkin—Providing for two terms of Supreme Court at Medford.

H. B. 108, by Carkin—Establishing State Bureau of Mines and Geology.

H. B. 109, by Carkin—Providing acknowledgement of instruments.

H. B. 110, by Laughlin—Making every physician or others practicing, engaged, identified with healing profession to file with State Board of Health names and addresses of consumptives.

H. B. 111, by Smith—Relating to the payment of loans.

H. B. 112, by Hagood—Establishing a chair of logging engineer at Oregon Agricultural College.

H. B. 113, by Laughlin—Defining the duties of fruit inspectors.

H. B. 114, by Howard—Providing for the state entering into life insurance business.

H. B. 115, by Howard (request of Governor)—To abolish State Horticultural Society Trustees and repeal appropriation for printing.

H. B. 116, by Smith—To create office of County Clerk of Klamath County.

H. B. 117, by Upton—To provide for additional Justices of the Peace within state having 100,000 or more inhabitants.

H. B. 118, by Upton—To provide free meeting places for organizations of veteran soldiers and the lady auxiliaries thereof.

H. B. 119, by Upton—Providing for appointment of special grand juries.

H. B. 120, by Upton—Providing for state reformatory at Salem.

GUNS OUT FOR LOAN SHARKS

Latourette Has Measure Aimed at Usurious Money-Lenders.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—If it becomes illegal to charge more than 10 per cent interest on loans, either directly or indirectly, or more than 2 per cent for all fees in connection therewith, Representative Latourette, of Multnomah, who introduced a bill comprising these provisions in the House today, believes that the loan sharks, at whom his measure is aimed, will be compelled to go out of business.

The bill is patterned after the law which has proved so successful in New York State, with such alterations as are designed to make it even more successful in Oregon. It provides for the licensing of all loan agents, for the inspection of their accounts by the State Bank Examiner and the filing of reports with the State Banking Commission.

WOMEN JURORS BILLS' TOPIC

Measures in Effect Would Make Court Duty Optional.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Woman's possession of the ballot has resulted in the introduction in the House of two bills relating to women serving as jurors. One provides that women may do duty if they like, another that they shall not be compelled to do such duty, and a third, which will be introduced tomorrow by Representative Carkin, of Jackson, is similar to a bill prepared by the State Bar Association, and provides that women are eligible for jury duty, but that it shall not be compulsory.

It is prescribed in the bill that the County Court may select competent women electors to serve as jurors, without reference to the names on the tax roll or the registration books.

Primary Law Change Desired.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—That every qualified voter shall have the right to vote in the primaries for as many delegates as the number to which his political party is entitled in the National convention is the intent of a bill introduced by Representative Lofgren in the House today. It is aimed to amend the present law, which provides that the voter shall vote for but one delegate, and if enacted will allow the voter to vote for the entire number of delegates to which his party is entitled in a National convention.

McArthur Hits at Players.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Bubonic plague, cholera and other Asiatic diseases will not obtain a foothold in Oregon, if a bill introduced in the House today by Speaker McArthur is successful in its intent. It carries an appropriation of $5000 to be used for the prevention of the spread of these diseases, which Mr. McArthur fears may gain a foothold in Oregon through the channels of commerce from Chinese ports in which these diseases are prevalent.

House Lauds Lifesaving Crews.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The House unanimously adopted a resolution commending the lifesaving crews of Fort Canby Station and Point Adams Station for heroic services rendered in attempting to save and in saving members of the crew of the wrecked steamer Rosecrans. The resolution was introduced by Representative Belland, of Clatsop County.

POWER MAY BE STUDIED

RESOLUTION CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION OF CELILO FALLS.

Committee Would Be Authorized to Meet With Representatives of Washington for Discussion.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—A resolution introduced by Senator Day, of Multnomah County, providing for a committee to investigate the power possibilites of the Celilo Falls on the Columbia River, if reported favorably by the resolutions committee, will be immediately followed by the introduction of a bill providing that the waters of the Columbia River be withdrawn from appropriation and turned over to the uses of the state.

The resolution for the investigation of power possibilities of Celilo Falls calls for two members of the Senate and three from the House. It is also given the right and authority to meet a like committee from the Legislature of the State of Washington.

The resolution is:

Be it Resolved (the House concurring), That a committee consisting of two members of the Senate and three members of the House be appointed for the purpose of examining and investigating the feasibility of utilizing the vast waterpower at Celilo Falls, on the Columbia River, for industrial purposes, and that such committee have the right and is hereby authorized to meet with any committee appointed for like purpose by the Legislature of the State of Washington, and confer therewith as to such object, and further, that the Governor of the State of Oregon, in case he consents so to do, shall act as chairman of such committee appointed by such Senate.

ICE CREAM BILL INTRODUCED

Summer Food Must Be Up to Fixed Standard if New Act Passes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Ice cream will be ice cream in fact as well as in name if the bill introduced by Representative Weeks, of Marion, in the House this morning, becomes a law.

Under the terms of the bill, ice cream must be the frozen product of pure, wholesome, sweet cream and sugar with or without flavoring. It may contain not to exceed 1 per cent of some harmless thickener, and must contain not less than 14 per cent by weight of milk fat. The acidity is fixed at not to exceed 3-10 of one per cent. In case fruit is used, it must be clean, sound and mature, and if nuts enter into the composition of the Summer delicacy they must be sound and nonrancid.

The bill makes it unlawful to sell or have in possession for the purpose of sale, ice cream which does not comply with its provisions.

WOOD BILLS WILL COME UP

Dimick Wil Lead Fight to Pass Vetoed Measures.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—That they are not at outs over the Wood bills relating to deficiencies at state institutions is the expression of both Governor West and State Treasurer Kay. Kay says he believes the bills will afford protection to the board, while the Governor says he is not taking any active part in the disposition of the vetoed bills.

Dimick will lead a fight for them and the State Treasurer has mentioned the matter to a number of Senators. When they come up tomorrow morning, and it is practically certain now that they will come up at that time, an effort will be made by Dimick to push them through. The State Treasurer says he is not anxious for a fight on the bills and says that if they are to cause a fight that they should be allowed to go by the board.

MOTHERS GO TO LEGISLATURE

Members of Congress to Work in Interest of Widows' Bill.

Mrs. R. H. Tate, Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst and Mrs. R. E. Bondurant, members of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, will leave today for Salem to look after the interests of the proposed bill for the pensioning of widowed mothers. The bill will be urged as an economic measure as the framers have shown that it costs much less to provide for children under their mothers' care than in the shelter of an orphanage or charitable institution of any kind.

A feature of the bill is that provision would be made for mothers whose husbands were in prison or insane as well as for those actually widowed. The granting of the pensions would be under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.

INQUIRY MAY GO ON

Probing of Training School Charges Desired.

BUTLER PLANS RESOLUTION

State Senator Would Get at Truth of Charges Which Have Been Made Concerning Laxity in Institutions' Discipline.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The expected legislative probe into affairs at the State Training School and State School for the Feeble Minded apparently is coming, regardless of the efforts made by members of the State Board to keep the trouble out of the Legislature.

Probably Senator Butler, of The Dalles, will introduce the resolution in a day or two. He is making a quiet personal investigation as to the inside of the affairs at the two schools and is making preparation to introduce such a resolution.

Senator Butler expresses himself as believing that a probe should be carried on for the benefit of the people of the state to determine the truth of rumors and charges that have been hurled back and forth.

The original trouble came up over charges of laxity in discipline at the State Training School.

Then Governor West, in hurling back defiance at the accusers of the system of the school, declared he would prefer charges against Frank Smith, superintendent of the School for the Feeble-Minded. Smith is an appointee of State Treasurer Kay.

When the matter apparently was due to come to a head in an investigation, scheduled for a day or two before the Legislature was to open, the investigation was turned over to Kay and the public investigation called off. Kay is to report his findings to the Board as to the Training School, while the Smith charges apparently have been dropped.

Judge Butler believes that there is possibly an end to the management of one or the other or the schools and possibly both, which should be investigated and be bared to the people of the state.

The question of lax discipline at the Training School and accompanying charges which have been made by employes, as well as some others, may be the basis for the assumption of the investigation on the part of the Legislative Assembly.

Ineffective Provisions Cancelled.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Two more dead limbs will be lopped from the Oregon Code, provided the Senate takes favorable action on two bills which passed the House this morning. These were House bills Nos. 10 and 16. The first provides that the Governor should take office on the second Monday of September 1862, and on that date every four years thereafter. The section had long been obsolete by the passage of other laws. The second bill repealed another pioneer portion of the code providing that in counties without a County Clerk the clerk of the County Court is to act in that capacity. All counties now have County Clerks.

Supreme Court May Sit at Medford.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—To provide that the State Supreme Court shall hold two terms at Medford yearly is the purpose of a bill introduced in the House this morning by Representative Carkin, of Jackson. The bill constitutes an amendment to the law requiring that the Supreme Court shall hold two terms annually at the State Capital and two terms annually at Pendleton. In case it becomes a law the Supreme Court will convene at Medford on the first Monday in June and the first Monday in December of each year.

Veterans to Have Quarters.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Representative Upton, of Multnomah County, this morning introduced a bill in the House providing that the state authorities having charge of an armory, in the various counties of the state in which there are any organizations of veteran soldiers or their auxiliary organizations, shall provide suitable meeting places for such organizations free of cost, upon written request of the commander or presiding officer of such organizations.

Where there is no armory belonging to or under control of the state authorities, the County Courts shall furnish suitable places for meetings, free of cost, until such time as armories are erected.