

MERGING OF ROADS BILLS IS PROBABLE

Flood of Measures at Olympia Causes Legislatures to Fear Unwise Acts.

LOBBYISTS TO BE BARRED

Senate Overwhelmingly Votes to Establish System of Testing Weights and Measures—Freak Bills Showered Again.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Merging of the numerous schemes for road extensions and improvements now before the Washington Legislature into one general plan, which can be carried out with the money which will be available during the next two years, will be attempted by a sub-committee of the House and Senate committees on roads and bridges. The committee was appointed today, when it became apparent that the flood of road measures would result in unwise and possibly unfair appropriations of money unless a general plan of procedure was established which would give all parts of the state an equal chance.

At meetings of the House and Senate committees so far there has been a general clamor from all parts of the state for new roads. Road bills have become so numerous and there have been so many different schemes for the extension of the state roads introduced that both roads committees seemed to be facing difficulties which could not be overcome.

Lobbyists Barred Out.

The sub-committee will investigate the various road propositions and report back to the joint roads committees as soon as possible. Included in the report will be a bill covering all the road propositions and the road extensions and improvements to be made.

The sub-committee will hold executive sessions, only admitting such persons as are desired for information. This course will be taken to prevent lobbyists who are working for the various roads from taking up the time of the committee, and bringing about a tangle of affairs similar to that which has been brought about in the joint roads committee meetings at sessions held up to this time.

It is practically certain that the road funds for the next two years will be materially increased. Road enthusiasts have been working in both the Senate and the House, and have found that there is a strong sentiment in favor of the increased road tax levy. It is believed the plan of increasing the state highway fund from one-half mill to a mill and a half, and the permanent highway fund from a mill to two mills and a half will carry in both branches of the Legislature. The bill will meet with the approval of Governor Lister.

Senate Favors Sealer.

By an overwhelming vote the State Senate today passed a bill providing for the establishment of a state department to carry out a comprehensive system of testing weights and measures. The bill provides for the appointment of a state sealer at \$2000 a year and deputies in each county by the Boards of County Commissioners. Senator Jackson, author of the bill, declared that the people of Washington are paying an annual tribute of more than \$1,000,000 to bogus scales and weights and measures, and that a state department to check these instruments would result in a saving of from one-half to one-third of the amount.

Before the measure was passed a futile attempt was made to indefinitely postpone it. The bill went through by a vote of 29 to 2.

The Senate passed a bill creating the county of Cook out of a part of Klickitat County. It was the original intention to name the new county White Star, but the change was made on request of Senators who live in the new county to be.

The name Cook is in honor of Captain H. C. Cook, a veteran fruiterer and the United States engineer who planned the Cascade Locks.

The House today voted down a bill providing for the appointment of a governor by Superior Court judges. The vote followed a general fuss, in which Chamberlain of Whitman County favored abolition, and others favored continuance of the governor.

Freak Bills Showered Again.

Two resolutions were received from the Oregon Legislature, one asking the Washington Legislature to memorialize Congress to take steps to protect military lands, and the other providing for the holding of a mass meeting to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting polygamy. They were referred to committees.

The Senate was showered with freak bills again today. Among them being the following:

A bill by the game committee, requiring hunters to wear red shirts so that they can be seen and distinguished in the brush or hills.

A bill by the game committee, requiring hunters to mark the object that is not a human being. Accidental shooting is made punishable as manslaughter.

A bill by nine Senators, making it possible for boards of County Commissioners to employ prisoners on roads and pay the families of such prisoners \$1.50 a day.

A bill by McCoy, requiring automobiles to stop before funerals, and that a memorial service be held this afternoon in the House chamber for the following late members of the present and past Washington Legislatures: Representative S. J. Appleman, Senator John A. Whalley, Representative R. D. Shurt, Senator J. R. Kinneer, Representative Wallace Stuart and Thomas Hayton, a member of the constitutional convention.

BULL MOOSE MUST TELL WHY

Olympia Committee Probes Motive of Proposed Wharfage Probe.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—That Bull Moose members of the Washington Legislature are to be given full opportunity to show their motive in getting behind a joint resolution by Houser, a Progressive, calling for an investigation of ownership of wharfage property in cities on Puget Sound was demonstrated today when a comprehensive investigation was begun by a committee of Republicans and Democrats appointed to investigate the motive behind the resolution.

The committee summoned representatives of the corporations controlling the dock property and many others and went into the situation in detail. The hearing probably will continue all day tomorrow.

The committee was appointed by Speaker Taylor at a time last week when the Bull Moose were fighting their hardest to force the resolution through the House calling for a legislative investigation of the ownership question. Republican and Democratic members, believing the move to be "grandstand play" on the part of the Progressives, halted the proceedings.

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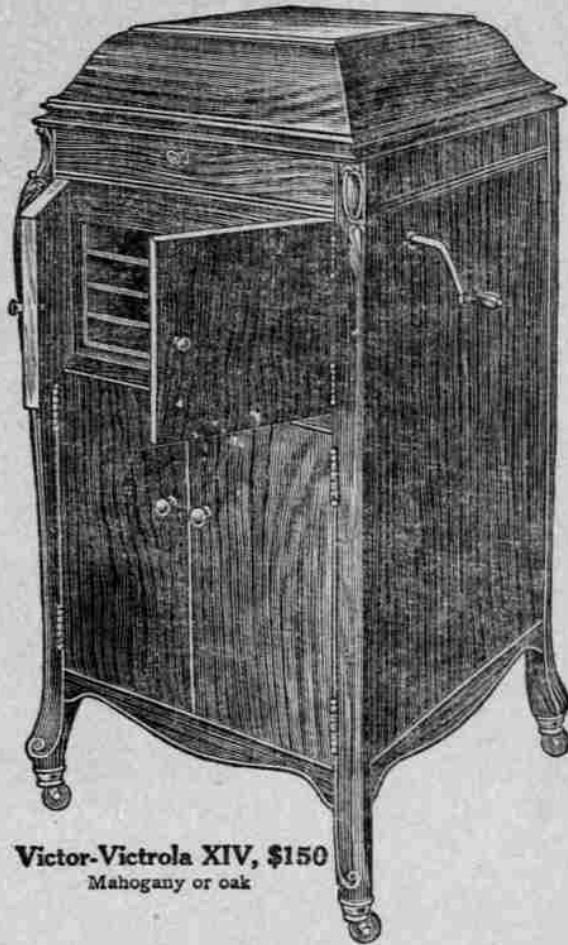
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BANK ROBBERS RESISTED

CLERK FREES BOUND HANDS AND OPENS FIRE. Desperate Encounter Follows Attempt in Thickly Populated Section of Edmonton.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Jan. 28.—One of the most daring bank robberies in the City of Edmonton was attempted at 12:30 this morning in the most thickly populated part of the city.

Two masked men, with a coil of rope for binding, the bank clerk, entered the bank of Nova Scotia and at the point of a gun demanded that the only person in the building, a young ledger keeper named Clare West, throw up his hands. West, however, refused and a desperate struggle ensued.

The robbers finally bound West and then proceeded to the outer safe, which they rifled of a few dollars.

West, in the meantime, managed so to loosen the cords as to get his revolver and fired four shots. They returned the fire, striking him in the leg and arm. The robbers escaped through a rear door.

RIGHT TO ESCAPE DENIED

Federal Court Refuses John Grant Lyman Habeas Corpus.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—United States Judge Cushman today refused to grant the application for a writ of habeas corpus asked by John Grant Lyman, formerly of Los Angeles, who alleges he is confined in McNeill's Island Prison for conspiring to do something he had a legal right to do.

Lyman is serving 18 months for conspiring to escape from the custody of the Federal Marshal of the Northern California District, following his arrest in San Francisco on a charge of using the mails to defraud in Los Angeles.

Lyman had a Federal guard and a nurse to help him in his flight from San Francisco, he had violated the conspiracy section of the criminal statutes.

Lyman fled in an automobile from San Francisco and reached Roseburg, Or., before he was recaptured. The Los Angeles charge is still pending.

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ELECTION DAY PLAN

Multnomah Senator Would Give People Chance.

FAIR EXHIBIT NECESSITY

Suitable Building at Panama-Pacific Exposition, Good Roads and Workmen's Compensation Acts Sought by Special Balloting.

MULTNOMAH LAWYERS SPLIT

New Justice of Peace or District Courts Cause Worry.

MILL TO SHORTEN LONG SHIFT

Eighteen Hours Opposed by Smith

LABOR UNIONS NOT ONE MIND

All Are Not Arrayed Against Workmen's Compensation Bill.

Increased Speed Opposed.

certain the sentiment of the Legislature on the plan that he proposes and if it is found that the sentiment is favorable immediate steps will be taken toward providing for the calling of such a special election as he suggests.

ASTORIA BACKS STATE "U"

Woman's Reading Club Adopts Resolution to Aid Oregon School.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—At its meeting held yesterday the woman's Reading Club of Astoria adopted resolutions urging the Legislature to make adequate appropriations for the support of the State University. The result of higher education, for the support of which are to be sent to the members of the Legislature, read as follows:

Whereas, in view of the rapid industrial, political and social changes taking place in the United States—especially in Oregon—it is indispensable that schools and colleges march with the general movement; and, since of all societies, a democracy like ours most needs the guidance of trained thought; and

Whereas, Oregon stands unenviably at the foot of the list among the Northern states in the support of its institutions of higher education; and

Whereas, The people voted down, on the fifth of November, under a mistaken impulse of economy, a rational proposal, in the millage bill, to raise the money and to put into effect as early as possible laws, if passed, relative to good roads and workmen's compensation, Senator Day, of Multnomah County, is advocating a plan to hold a special election so that important legislation that is submitted to the referendum may be voted on within five or six months from the time the Legislature adjourns.

This plan he announced from the floor of the Senate today during the debate on the good roads bill which has been before that body.

Following the meeting he said he intends to place the plan in operation if he finds that the temper of the Legislature is with him.

"Where Will Oregon Be?" "The Panama-Pacific Exposition appropriation, no matter what it may be, will be submitted to the referendum. That the referendum will be invoked against it I have little doubt. In event that it is, where will Oregon be at the exposition? The appropriation would be tied up and foot until November, 1914, and even with the people of the state at large in favor of the appropriation, a minor percentage of the voters by signing petitions could delay the passage of the appropriation act."

"By the time the votes were counted, even if every person in Oregon voted in favor of the appropriation, Oregon would be without a building at the fair and it would then be so late that there would be little chance of Oregon being able to complete a suitable building or a suitable exhibit."

"In addition to this, we have come to the Capitol to enact important legislation. Aside from the fair appropriation, we are confronted by two great questions. One is to pass a law regulating workmen's compensation and the other is to pass some adequate, sensible and effective good roads legislation. From the conflicting elements, which have entered into all of the controversies relating to these two legislative proposals, it is practically certain that no matter what kind of legislation we enact the referendum will be invoked."

"What Will Be the Result?" The workmen's compensation act and the good roads laws which we pass will be delayed for two years when they should be decided earlier, if the people wish to vote upon them they should be given a chance.

"But I believe by calling a special election within five or six months from the time the Legislature adjourns we will give the people of the state a sufficient opportunity to discuss and study on them the measure, if the people wish to vote upon these important questions will be determined once for all."

Senator Day says he intends to ascertain the sentiment of the Legislature on the plan that he proposes and if it is found that the sentiment is favorable immediate steps will be taken toward providing for the calling of such a special election as he suggests.

Resolved, That we, of the Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs, representing 3000 voters of the State of Oregon, do hereby petition the members of the Oregon State Legislature to make adequate provision for the support of the State University. When a majority of district school boards should petition the county board to do away with the supervisors, then they would be done away with, was the idea of the substitute bill.

Dimick led the fight to save the Clackamas County supervisors, not want the supervisors and that the Legislature should aid that county or any other county to be rid of them if it is so desired.

"This substitute bill is being opposed because it is out of harmony with the programs of the State School Superintendent and out of harmony with the programs of the County School Superintendents," asserted Dimick.

DEATH KNEEL TOOLS TO ATTEMPT TO REPEAL RURAL SCHOOL LAW.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The final knell was tolled for any attempt to repeal the rural school supervisory law when the Senate by a vote of 19 to 2 voted today to pass indefinitely Howard's substitute House bill No. 12. The Dimick bill to effect an out and out repeal of the law was indefinitely postponed some time since by the Senate.

The Howard House bill was then amended, making it practically optional with the counties as to whether they should retain indefinitely Howard's substitute House bill No. 12. The Dimick bill to effect an out and out repeal of the law was indefinitely postponed some time since by the Senate.

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