

FEWER NEW LAWS  
DUE THIS SESSION

Absence of Freak Bills Also  
Expected to Mark 28th  
Legislative Assembly.

CURTAIN GOES UP TODAY

Measures for Tax Revision, Educa-  
tional Changes, Consolidation  
and Reform of State Depart-  
ments Are on Schedule.

Oregon's 28th General Assembly,  
which convenes at Salem at 10 o'clock  
this morning, may make a new record  
—for the small number of bills intro-  
duced.

Fewer than one-half of the Senators  
and Representatives who have been in  
Portland within the last few days pre-  
ceding the session have bills in prepa-  
ration.

Aside from the regular list of ap-  
propriation measures, the tax revision  
bills, some educational measures and  
the bills providing for consolidation  
and revision of state departments, few  
important items of legislation have  
been suggested.

It is apparent, too, that little freak  
legislation will be proposed this year.  
Aside from the reported plan to pass  
a law requiring primary candidates to  
file a declaration of vote for the man  
—or woman—of his or her own party  
who may defeat him—or her—nothing  
along this line has made its appear-  
ance. But it is suggested that un-  
usual gists of proposals will be  
dumped into the hoppers at Salem.

At least two tax revision bills will  
come up—one from Multnomah County  
and one from Senator Barrett, of Umatilla  
County.

Senator Day, of Multnomah County,  
doubtless will introduce a bill pro-  
viding for certain consolidations of of-  
fices and departments. This plan is  
expected to result in greater efficiency  
in administering the state government  
and in material reduction of expenses.  
While other consolidation bills may  
be introduced, it is more probable that  
such schemes will find expression in the  
form of amendments to the proposed  
Day bill.

The Multnomah County delegation is  
preparing to introduce a bill changing  
the school laws of the Portland dis-  
trict. This bill probably will be or-  
dered in the upper house by Senator  
Moser, who has given much time and  
study to this subject.

A delegation of Multnomah County  
attorneys is ready to make its appear-  
ance early in the session and to present  
a set of bills that will make it easier  
to "purge the profession of undesir-  
ables."

A bill giving women the privilege of  
serving on juries in the courts of the  
state also will be introduced—probably  
by Representative Huston, of Portland.  
Senator Strayer, of Baker, wants to  
amend the "blue law" and also will  
propose legislation to standardize and  
regulate the brands of cattle.

A measure designed to prohibit the  
display of advertising along the Colum-  
bia Highway and thereby preserve the  
natural beauties of that road also will  
find its way into the Assembly.

Scores of other measures of greater  
or less importance are in the completed  
form or in the embryo and doubtless  
will serve to make the coming session  
an important and interesting one.

The probable attitude of the Legis-  
lature on the half-mill tax levy pro-  
posed by the Irrigation Congress was  
the subject of much discussion around  
the lobbies of the Imperial Hotel yester-  
day. This bill probably will be in-  
troduced by Representative Hinkle,  
of Hermiston, who was one of its most  
active supporters at the irrigation  
meeting.

It is apparent from the start that  
the measure will meet with consider-  
able opposition from legislators rep-  
resenting counties that have no irri-  
gation projects of their own. Members  
committed to the general policy of  
economy also are threatening to op-  
pose it.

Wesley O. Smith, Representative from  
the Klamath-Lake-Crook-Grant dis-  
trict, was in town yesterday. He says  
he has no bills up his sleeve. Al-  
though Klamath County and the other  
counties of his district are full of irri-  
gation enterprises, he says he has no  
instructions from his constituents on  
the proposed tax law.

"I'll have to use my own judgment,"  
he says.

T. B. Handley, of Tillamook, who was  
a member of the last Legislature and  
who has been elected to serve the Til-  
lamook-Yamhill Joint district, is in  
Portland for a few hours yesterday.

"The only thing I want the Legisla-  
ture to do," he said, "is to move the  
state capital to Tillamook."

Senator Hollis, of Forest Grove,  
came to Portland yesterday morning  
on his way to Salem.

"There isn't a single bill that I am  
interested in," he said. "I believe,  
though, that we are going to have a  
good session."

One of the younger members of the  
House will be James T. Jeffries, of  
Astoria, who joined the legislative con-  
tingent here yesterday. He reports that  
the Astoria people are interested,  
as usual, in the fishing laws, but thinks  
radical changes will be suggested.

S. Paisley, one of the Washington  
County Representatives, was greeting his  
lower house colleagues in Portland  
yesterday before starting for Salem.

A. A. Anderson, of Clatsop County,  
was in conference with other legisla-  
tors here yesterday. He is a member  
of the lower house.

Most of the legislators got away on  
the Oregon Electric at 4:30 last night.

Senator Wood, of Hillsboro, arrived  
in Portland Saturday night and joined  
the party leaving here last night for  
the state capital.

Ora H. Porter, of Roseburg, one of  
Douglas County's Representatives in  
the lower house, was in Portland yester-  
day. Mr. Porter is understood to be an  
enthusiastic supporter of the prohibi-  
tion bill.

Senator Thompson, who doubtless  
will be elected president of the Senate,  
left Saturday night for his father's  
home at Albany after passing the day  
in Portland.

Senator Butler, of The Dalles, stopped  
in Portland on his way to Salem. He is  
one of the buildover members. He is an  
ex-Judge, and says he is interested in  
all legislation affecting the revision of  
laws.

D. M. Cartmill, of Haines, was in  
Portland Friday and Saturday. He is  
the Representative-elect from Baker  
County. He says he has no legisla-  
tive programme of his own.

Representative Stewart, of Fossil, left  
Salem last night with C. C. Clark,  
of Arlington. He represents the Gilliam-  
Sherman-Wheeler joint district. Both  
were elected without opposition. Mr.  
Stewart is editor of the Fossil Journal.

OREGON LEGISLATORS WHO WILL BE A PART OF TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION AT SALEM,  
WHICH OPENS AT SALEM TODAY.



1—Representative S. Paisley of Washington County. 2—Judge W. H. Hollis, Senator from Washington County. 3—Representative J. T. Jeffries of Astoria. 4—Representative T. B. Handley of Tillamook. 5—Representative W. O. Smith of Klamath Falls. 6—Representative J. T. Hinkle of Hermiston.

VOTER IS CONSERVATIVE

176 QUESTIONS DECIDED IN 14  
STATES IN NOVEMBER.

Only 51 Are Passed, While 21 Initiative  
Measures and 14 Legislative Acts  
Are Killed at Polls.

OMAHA, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The  
American voter is conservative, accord-  
ing to a compilation of election figures  
that completed by the Secretaries of  
State of 14 Western states.

For instance: To the voters of these  
14 states were submitted 176 questions  
of various importance, some under the  
initiative and referendum laws, others  
in the nature of constitutional amend-  
ments and still others just ordinary  
"questions." Fifty-one of these were  
adopted and 125 failed of passage.

Voters in eight states went to the trouble  
and expense of securing signatures to  
20 petitions under initiative laws  
and when the voters went to the polls  
they promptly buried 21 of these 30  
questions under an avalanche of ball-  
ots.

The Legislatures of seven states had  
enacted 35 bills into law and pre-  
sented them to the voters for ratifica-  
tion and the voters ratified just one of  
these 15. The voters of 12 of these 15  
states voted on 17 constitutional  
amendments. They rejected 51 of the  
amendments.

When the California voter went to  
the polls in November he was con-  
fronted by 48 questions, requiring that  
he read more than 5000 words in order  
to get even the gist of the subjects.

Oregon voters were called on to vote  
on 24 questions. Colorado's ballot,  
with 16 questions, was third in length  
and Missouri was a close fourth with  
15. Ohio, Oklahoma, Idaho, Montana,  
Wisconsin, North Dakota, Nebraska,  
South Dakota, Wyoming and Washing-  
ton furnished the remaining questions.

PLANS MADE TO ORGANIZE

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temporary president and John P. Hunt,  
of Woodburn, temporary chief clerk.

The permanent organization will be  
effected by the election of W. Lair  
Thompson, of Lakeview, as President.

Both of the Democratic members of the  
Senate attended tonight's caucus and  
pledged their support to him. Senator  
Moses, of Portland, will nominate  
Thompson, organization of the House  
will not be completed without a con-  
test. Although Ben Selling, of Port-  
land, has 37 votes pledged for the  
Speakership, Allen Eaton, of Eugene,  
will carry his fight to the floor of the  
House.

The rival Speakerhip forces declared  
a truce tonight while they arranged  
for the temporary organization. It was  
agreed that W. F. Draper, of Salem,  
who was chief clerk at the last ses-  
sion, will call the House to order at  
10 o'clock.

S. B. Huston will be named the tem-  
porary Speaker and W. F. Drager the  
temporary chief clerk. Committees on  
Speakership and permanent organiza-  
tion will be appointed and a recess will  
be called.

It is expected that the permanent or-  
ganization committee will advise the  
immediate election of the Speaker.

The first struggle for the House or-  
ganization will come at this point. At  
a caucus of the Selling forces tonight  
it was tentatively agreed that William  
G. Hare, of Hillsboro, will nominate  
Selling.

The Eaton forces also held a confer-  
ence tonight. It is understood that they  
have delegated Ora H. Porter, of Rose-  
burg, to nominate Eaton.

It is apparent that Selling will be  
elected Speaker on the first ballot. He  
has 37 votes pledged, and, in spite of  
efforts of the Eaton leaders today to  
break into this strength, they have  
been unable to badge a single man. All  
that Eaton can have is 23 votes. It is  
doubtful if he will have that many. It  
is predicted that some of the men not  
pledged to Selling will vote for  
him, when the final vote is taken.

Attaches Not Named.

C. M. Hurlbut, the Representative-  
elect from the Multnomah-Clackamas  
joint district, who was elected in the  
face of his own party's opposition, is  
here, but declined to attend either cau-  
sus tonight. He is counted, however,  
with the Selling forces.

Grants that Selling is elected Speak-  
er, the House then will proceed to elect  
its clerks.

Efforts to agree upon the clerkships  
tonight proved futile, but it is ap-  
parent that the list will be selected from  
the following candidates:

Chief clerk, W. F. Drager, Sa-  
lem; Journal clerk, Harold Wil-

HOP CAMPAIGN ACTIVE

APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 IS SUB-  
SCRIBED FOR CORPORATION.

Representatives Also Announce Success  
In Contracting With Growers to  
Handle Produce.

Through the efforts of directors work-  
ing in the field, much as the famous  
"flying squadrons" whooped up the dry  
cause last year, the officers of the Ore-  
gon Hopgrowers' Association announce  
that over 400 individual growers have  
signed their lists, and the fact that the  
\$100,000 mark in stock subscriptions is  
nearly reached, encourages them in the  
belief that the incorporation can be  
completed by February 1.

Walter C. Miller, of McMinnville, and  
W. R. Kirkwood, of Amity, met the  
growers of North Yamhill County Janu-  
ary 5, and signed every grower for his  
full amount of acreage. The board of  
directors met at Salem last Friday and  
outlined the "flying squadrons" idea in  
order to complete the incorporation of  
the association before the first of next  
month.

H. J. Jackson and Marion Palmer  
were added to the directorate recently,  
and will assume charge of the work in  
Marion County. At an enthusiastic  
meeting in Mt. Angel they received the  
backing of 90 per cent of the growers  
and of the local bankers.

C. G. Coad, in charge of the Dallas  
territory, has obtained many subscrip-  
tions, \$2000 being added to the fund  
January 5, while H. B. Fletcher at In-  
dependence added a similar amount to  
the fund during the first week of Janu-  
ary. Directors Jones and Cartwright  
signed up representatives of over 300  
acres at Grants Pass last week.

During the present week meetings  
will be held in Washington and Marion  
counties.

Ben Huntington, one of the candi-  
dates for reading clerk in the House,  
received a message tonight announcing  
the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary  
Emma Huntington, at Drain, and he  
left immediately for his home. She was  
the wife of Benjamin Huntington, Sr.,  
a prominent farmer of that section,  
and the mother of 13 children.

The Senate caucus was called to or-  
der by Gus Moser, of Multnomah County.  
On motion of Senator Thompson, it  
was decided to ask Dr. W. D. Wood, of  
Washington County, dean of the body,  
to call it to order.

Senator Moser will place Mr. Thomp-  
son in nomination and Senator Garland  
will second the nomination. The latter  
asked the privileges to join the caucus,  
explaining that he was a Democrat, but  
that he would work hand in hand with  
the other Senators. It was granted  
unanimously.

Although pressure had been brought  
to bear to elect the caucus, the State  
desk officers, it was the unanimous  
opinion of the members that they  
should be selected at the regular meet-  
ing of the Senate.

BILLS WILL BE PUSHED

IRRIGATION CONGRESS—LEGISLA-  
TIVE COMMITTEE NAMED.

Executive Body Also Is Selected by  
President Thompson, and Both Will  
Be Busy Advocating Wants.

The close of the Irrigation Congress  
brings the start of the State Legisla-  
ture which will pass on the various mea-  
sures endorsed by the congress. Doubt-  
less many of the members will follow  
the legislators to Salem for a final op-  
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legislative and executive committees,  
the members of which were appointed  
yesterday by President A. B. Thompson,  
of Echo, will be busy.

They are: Executive committee, Frank  
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ECONOMY PLEDGE  
QUOTED AT SALEM

Harmony Between Assembly  
and Executive Predicted  
as Solons Gather.

HALF-MILL TAX OPPOSED

Assertion Made That Lower Cost to  
Property-Owners Would Result  
in Farm Improvements Pro-  
viding Much Employment.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—  
That a determined effort will be made  
to enforce the economy pledges made  
during the campaign at the session of  
the Legislature, which convenes here  
tomorrow was the announcement of  
virtually all the members who arrived  
in Salem today. They fully realize  
the significance of their campaign  
pledges for retrenchment in state  
affairs and the abolition of unneed-  
ed offices, and say they are here to  
carry out the will of their constituents.

It was the consensus of opinion of  
those interviewed that no good purpose  
could be served by a continuance of  
boards and commissions which have  
functions of a duplicating nature and  
while it is believed that appropriations will  
be cut all down the line, the members  
say all departments and institutions  
will be given ample funds.

Harmony Is Predicted.

"This legislature," said W. Lair  
Thompson who will be president of  
the Senate, "will make a record for  
economy. Governor-elect Withycombe  
was elected on a platform of economy,  
which during the campaign was in-  
terpreted to mean abolishment of use-  
less commissions and offices and con-  
solidations of others to promote  
economy. The newly-elected members  
of the Legislature likewise were  
elected on a platform of economy and  
the Legislature has indicated a desire  
to assist in an economical program."  
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