

KINDERGARTEN BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Addition of Free Courses in Portland Public Schools Provided by Measure.

2 PROPOSED ACTS KILLED

Lively Debate Follows Unfavorable Report on Bill Designed to Cut Salaries of Circuit Judges. Final Action Delayed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The Senate, by unanimous vote, passed the Olson measure providing for free kindergartens in the Portland public schools, just before it adjourned at 11:15 o'clock this forenoon until Monday at 10:30.

This is the first bill of the session to be passed by either branch of the Legislature.

Under the Olson bill, the School Board of the Portland district will be required to establish free kindergartens in the schools when parents or guardians of 35 children between 4 and 6 years of age, and living within the limits of an elementary school, petition for it.

Not less than three nor more than five kindergartens are to be established the first year.

Sixth of Session Passed.

When the Senate and House adjourned this morning until Monday, one-sixth of the session of the 29th Oregon Legislative Assembly had been completed. There remain five more weeks of the session.

By no means one-sixth of the work of the session has been completed, however. This is no reflection on the Legislature. The first week of any session is necessarily devoted largely to perfecting the legislative organization. All this has been done and there are already many bills before committees.

As a matter of fact, the present Legislature has made an exceptionally good showing in the speedy dispatch of the business preliminaries of the first week of the session.

In the Senate 53 bills had been introduced up to adjournment this morning, and in the House, 64 bills. In the Senate there will be at least three measures up for passage on third reading when business is resumed Monday morning.

One measure each has been disposed of already in the Senate and House by indefinite postponement. The House has passed a bill for the purpose of amending a bill introduced by Senator Smith, which was reported by the committee on salaries.

Author Submits Slightly.

In the Senate, the same fate was meted out this morning to S. B. 3, by Smith, of Josephine, providing for examination of any attorney by the District Attorney. Nobody spoke either a word in support or in opposition to the bill, and it was passed by a vote of 14 to 1.

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Senator Smith sprang up in warm defense of his bill, which he declared to "reduce the salaries of those who can amply afford to pay them." He called on all exponents of true economy to vote with him and to reserve the bill for indefinite postponement, and said that its passage would save the state \$20,000 a biennium.

LaFollet, Smith of Coos, Dimick and Wood stood up with Smith of Josephine for the salary which Orton, Shanks, Hurley, Eddy, Strayer and Garland, all of whom are lawyers, stood fast with. Hurley, however, of the committee's report and indefinite postponement of the bill.

Doctors and Lawyers Mix.

The fervor of the lawyers moved Mr. Wood to remark that the unanimity among the attorneys was pleasing to see. Garland came back with a satiric fling at the doctors, Smith of Josephine and Wood being of the legal profession.

"I have often noted," said Mr. Garland, "that the doctor's bill follows the lawyer's bill, and before the lawyer's bill is passed, the doctor's bill is always making some excuse to visit his patient and tack on a charge."

"If the patient is lucky and recovers, the doctor accounts for his recovery for his skill. If the patient dies, the doctor folds his hands luxuriously and says, 'It is the will of God.'"

It does seem strange to me that two members of the notoriously high-charging medical profession should become in and vote against paying judges the salary they ought to receive."

Smith of Coos responded to this bit with the merry quip that when a man finds his doctor jels up on him, but the lawyers have just begun their work.

Senators Held \$3 Men.

Strayer satirically asked the Senators to look at themselves.

"I think," he continued drily, "that this body is a fair sample of \$3-a-day men. I have no doubt that if we lower the salaries of circuit judges we shall reduce the salary of the bench. But I fear the tendency will be to get \$2 judges."

Dimick objected that the state is in a financial straits, and that it is loaded up with material that never has been able to go out and sell their services as lawyers for \$300 a month. Not half the present judges could make that much in private practice."

After several others had talked, much to the enjoyment of the gallery, the bill, by vote of 12 to 12, finally was referred back again to the revision of laws committee with instructions to investigate as to possible reduction of judges and cutting down of salaries of judges who have little work to do.

Though the first week of the session just ended, has been comparatively a light one, several measures of general interest have been entered. Among these are the batch of five bills introduced by Senator Barrett for consolidation of various offices, commissions and departments. Other measures dealing with the same problem of consoli-

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The method used is as simple as it is effective. The importers go to California and load up two or three large suitcases with liquor, and then drive them to Oregon City, Milwaukie, Brooklyn or Clackamas Station, and usually make arrangements to come north on Southern Pacific train No. 16, which arrives here early in the morning.

Friends with automobiles meet them and carry them to Portland.

One man can carry about 20 quarts of liquor in three suitcases. Usually they travel in parties of two or three, and bring in from 60 to 100 quarts at a trip. Only high-proof whiskey and other strong liquors are carried.

The traffic by train to some station in Clackamas County and by automobile into Portland is increasing. Yesterday morning automobiles met the early morning train at Clackamas Station and took men with heavy suitcases the rest of the way to Portland. This early morning train carries them liquor messengers practically every trip.

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Grays Harbor Judge Admits Seamen Without Witnesses.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Naturalization of seamen is easy on Grays Harbor, for Judge George D. Abel has adopted the rule of admitting them without witnesses. United States examiners have protested against Judge Abel's view.

Abel bases his right to admit them without witnesses on a law of 1872, which says:

"Every seaman being a foreigner who declares his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States in any competent court and who shall have been in the United States for one year, may, on his application, be admitted to citizenship on his production of his certificate of discharge and good conduct during that time, be admitted as a citizen."

The capacity of the sawmill is about 225,000 feet in ten hours, and it has ample Dry Kiln and Planing Mill facilities, with good storage sheds and large yard room.

The undersigned will consider tenders, subject to the approval of the court, for the sale or lease of the foregoing described property.

H. A. SARGENT, HARRY BRADLEY, RUSSELL HAWKINS, Receivers for the North Pacific Lumber Co.

Address all communications to A. C. EMMONS, 1424 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon Attorney for the Receivers.

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