

FIGHT FOR LEWIS. SENATE

State Engineer Is Divorced From New Highway Commission of Three.

PLACES ARE NON-SALARIED

Hot Combat on Floor Lasts Nearly All Day—\$6,000,000 Bond Issue Is Expected to Pass—Auto Tax Bill to Be Amended.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The battle in the Senate waged nearly all day around State Engineer Lewis and the new State Highway Commission bill. When the tumult and the shouting died the State Engineer was found divorced from the commission entirely, and the commission may name any State Highway Engineer whom it may desire.

When House bill 502, the substitute bill creating a new road code, went into the committee of the whole, Senator Orton urged an amendment that the salary of \$600 a year proposed for the Commissioners be eliminated. Eddy proposed an amendment to that effect that the salary be fixed at \$200 a year, but the Orton proposal prevailed after a scintillating debate.

Eddy then urged an amendment which brought down all the oratory of the House and settled one of the main questions of the session, what was to be done about State Engineer Lewis. Under the proposed Eddy amendment the bill would be changed so that the State Engineer would be an ex-officio member of the commission. Orton led the fight on this amendment, and on the other side he repudiated assertions and intimations by Senator Dimock, Pierce and others that to keep the State Engineer from the commission would be playing into the hands of the so-called "paving trust," but on the other hand intimated that such would be favorable to the "cement trust."

Objection Is Made. He declared that to place the engineer on the commission would create a deadlock with four members on the board. If the engineer could swing one member, and the record of his past trouble by having one member on the commission who would act at his own pleasure, and not as an engineer or not, as he pleased.

"The State Engineer was elected as a hydraulic engineer," declared Orton. "And what is the record of his capacity? Under him was constructed the Tumalo project which won't hold water." He read a letter from John B. Yeon, to the Governor, in which it was stated that Mr. Yeon and H. Benson would not serve on the Highway Commission. If appointed, and by this letter overthrew declarations that had been made to the effect that the bill was framed for the multi-millionaire, the silk stocker and the well-fed.

Engineer's Supporters Lose. After exchanges between Garland, Huston and others an amendment to the amendment was voted upon, in which the State Engineer was kept on the commission, but deprived of a vote. This was voted down and another amendment prepared by Eddy on the straight question of whether the engineer should act ex-officio as a member of the commission, the engineer's supporters met defeat by a vote of 16 to 9.

The bill in its final amended form passed with Dimock, Pierce, Smith of Coos and Curry, and Strayer, voting against it, Smith and Strayer explaining their negative votes by stating they disapproved of the bill because it carried an emergency clause.

Commissioners Nonsalaried. The bill in its amended form provides for three nonsalaried commissioners to be named by the Governor, provides that it shall have offices at Salem, provides for levying of 1/4 of a mill tax, allows the use of convict labor, makes the Highway Engineer adviser of the County Courts, gives the commission supervision over county work when the state has contributed not less than 25 per cent of the funds and provides for the appointment of an engineer. It also gives those counties which already have voted road bond issues consideration in the distribution of state funds.

It links in with the \$6,000,000 bond issue bill which was introduced in the House today, and which unquestionably, from present appearances, will pass both Houses by substantial majorities.

House bill 503, providing for an increased license tax on automobiles, was recalled from the House on motion of President Moser to be amended in the Senate with a declaratory clause to make it come under the provisions of the police power of the state, and remove the shadow of doubt of its constitutionality which has been hovering over it.

SENATE KILLS 22 MEASURES

One Consolidation Bill Among Those Defeated.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Senate today killed the following bills: Substitute S. B. 207, by Senate committee on revision of laws—Making women liable for jury duty on same footing as men. S. B. 208, by Huston, by request—Providing for the safety of life and property in the construction of steam boilers. S. B. 173, by Huston (withdrawn)—Amending law relating to judgment on appeal. S. B. 174, by Huston—Amending law relating to 14th grade in district schools on petition of one-third of legal voters. S. B. 477, by House committee on education—Authorizing district schools to provide dental inspection for children. S. B. 139, by Smith of Coos—Amending law relating to judgment on foreclosure. S. B. 237, by Orton—Conferring jurisdiction on County Courts to adjudicate all cases of child support.

SIDELIGHTS ON LEGISLATURE

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Senator Leinenweber, of Clatsop County has one main idea, just now on which he is bending all his energies. That is to get an appropriation to help put the Lower Columbia River Highway in condition for all-year-around travel. As it is, Astoria is cut off from Portland and way points by automobile for a good part of the year because the road is impassable. Senator Leinenweber is working the committee on the ways and means committee is slashing everything to the bone to keep within the 2 per cent limitation, but he is doing everything in his power to get it.

The justice of his contention is realized by all. Senator Leinenweber is wide awake to everything concerning the interests of Clatsop County.

This is Senator Robert S. Farrel's fifth session in the Oregon Legislature and his third in the Senate. Naturally, he is inclined to have due respect for the honorable Legislature, and especially the honorable Senate.

It remained for his little daughter, Marion, 12 years old, to give his Senatorial dignity a shock. Marion was an interested visitor in the Senate Saturday.

"Papa," she remarked, after listening for some time to the deliberations of the upper house, "I don't think much of this house. All they do is smoke and eat apples."

Senator T. B. Handley, of Tillamook, is probably the handsomest man in the Senate. It is easy to imagine that he would be a matinee idol, and the truth is that he used to be one. Handley was an actor once upon a time before he took up law and going to the Legislature. He was in the same road show in which Marguerite Fischer, now a movie star was the leading lady.

"Wee" Caviness, of Vale, Malheur County, popularly known as "the father of irrigation in Oregon," and dean of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, visited the Senate Wednesday. He is accompanied by his friend, Rex Lampman, of Portland.

Judge E. V. Littlefield, a member of the Multnomah County delegation two years ago, visited the boys here Wednesday. He says he has business before the Supreme Court which is a convenient excuse for lawyers visiting Salem these days.

Mayor Alexander, of Pendleton, visited the House Wednesday as guest of Representative Roy Ritter.

Members of the House and visitors were treated Wednesday to a round of delicious Newtown Pippins, products of the Rogue River Valley. Representative Thomas presented the distribution with a neat speech extolling the merits of the orchard regions of the Rogue River country.

Representative Lungler spoke for Senator Eddy's bills making some slight amendments in the election laws the other day with reverse English. As chairman of the elections committee

tion on County Courts to adjudicate all cases of child support. S. B. 47, by Houston—To make women eligible to serve on grand juries. S. B. 206, by J. C. Smith—Amending law relating to action for recovery of damages. S. B. 146, by Gill—Amending law relating to sale of pocket pistols and revolvers. S. B. 109, by Wood—Amending law relating to sheriff fees of the several counties in Oregon with a population of less than 100,000. S. B. 108, by Wood—Amending law relating to reporter of Supreme Court and publication of Supreme Court reports. S. B. 107, by Wood—Amending law relating to trial fees in Circuit and County Courts of counties with less than 100,000. S. B. 84, by Huston—Making women competent to act as jurors. S. B. 145—Changing office of Labor Commissioner from elective to appointive. S. B. 51, by Goode—Relative to bids on school supplies. S. B. 48, by Pierce—Abolishing Desert Land Board. S. B. 19, by Barrett—Consolidating Labor Commission, Industrial Welfare Commission and Child Labor Commission with Industrial Accident Commission. S. B. 210, by Wheeler—Fixing boundaries of all counties bordering on Pacific Ocean. S. B. 506, by House Judiciary committee—Providing for attorney's fees in actions to recover wages which are 30 days or more in arrears. S. B. 449, by Goode—Providing for taxation of all property held by religious institutions. S. B. 506, by Orton—To revise the judicial system of the state of Oregon and creating a Circuit Court of Appeals.

HOUSE ACTS ON 44 BILLS

Six Withdrawn, 3 Postponed, 2 Defeated and 33 Passed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The House today disposed of 44 bills, of which 33 were passed, six withdrawn, three indefinitely postponed and two defeated.

The following bills were passed: S. B. 207, by Leinenweber—Regulating sale of land and overflow lands. S. B. 222, by Mackay—Requiring dissolved corporations to continue legal existence for five years so that action may be had on suits brought against them. S. B. 266, by Mann—Validating deeds made by trustees when beneficiary is undisclosed. S. B. 204, by Mann—To prohibit transportation of persons afflicted with contagious diseases in public conveyances. S. B. 205, by Mackay—Providing means compensation for bounty on wolf animals. S. B. 146, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for State Land, and culture on highways. S. B. 636, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for Florence Christian Home, Park Home and Oregon Humane Society. S. B. 173, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for State Penitentiary, Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital, Home for Friendless Children and fugitives from justice. S. B. 578, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for State Bureau of Mines. S. B. 539, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for University of Oregon Medical School. S. B. 224, by joint ways and means committee—Granting ways and means committee to summon and swear witnesses. S. B. 224, by Pierce—Establishing uniform grades for hay, grain, etc. S. B. 254, by Huston—Granting right of eminent domain for erection of smelters. S. B. 207, by Huston—Empowering State Equalization to extend time of sending tax notices two days. S. B. 207, by Huston—Prescribing how teachers' certificates may be revoked. S. B. 207, by Huston—Repealing obsolete laws on highways. S. B. 155, by joint House and Senate ways and means committee—Appropriating money for Department of Education. S. B. 6, by House—Repealing State Highway Commission to provide uniform rating specifications. S. B. 200, by Orton—Providing for notification of tax levy in school districts. S. B. 200, by Orton—Imposing rates of interest on tax certificates from 15 per cent to 10 per cent. S. B. 271, by Huston—Prohibiting unauthorized persons from representing themselves as notary public. S. B. 275, by committee on roads and highways—To prohibit destruction of boundary monuments. S. B. 206, by Orton—Providing for establishment of parental school in Portland. S. B. 271, by Huston—Prohibiting unauthorized persons from representing themselves as notary public. S. B. 275, by committee on roads and highways—To prohibit destruction of boundary monuments. S. B. 206, by Orton—Providing for establishment of parental school in Portland. S. B. 271, by Huston—Prohibiting unauthorized persons from representing themselves as notary public. S. B. 275, by committee on roads and highways—To prohibit destruction of boundary monuments. S. B. 206, by Orton—Providing for establishment of parental school in Portland. S. B. 271, by Huston—Prohibiting unauthorized persons from representing themselves as notary public. S. B. 275, by committee on roads and highways—To prohibit destruction of boundary monuments.

PLANS LAID FOR TEACHERS

Wisconsin Society Is Advised to Name Reception Committees. Plans for the entertainment of people from Wisconsin, who come to attend the National Education Association convention, next summer, were discussed at the Wisconsin State Society meeting last night at Cottillon Hall. Mark Woodruff, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Publicity Department, advised the society members to appoint committees to receive and entertain the visitors. C. C. Thompson, representing Superintendent Alderman's office, spoke. Miss Agnes Foster gave an interesting reading, Miss Hazel Pelton sang. Mrs. Durham played and L. Berland sang. Dancing was the diversion of the latter part of the evening and refreshments were served at the close.

Lungler was supposed to talk for the bill. "This bill may be all right," he began, "but Senator Eddy knocked my bill in the Senate last week, so I don't care whether it passes or not." The House passed the bill.

Being a "good fellow" around the Legislature has its limitations, thinks Representative D. C. Lewis. D. C. revealed a mind on the subject while opposing the insurance code on the floor on Tuesday.

"Why, the insurance men are slipping something ever on us," he argued, "don't blame them. They are good fellows. I have nothing against them. I'll walk down the street with them, smoke their cigars and do anything else with them that we are permitted to do in these prohibition times."

Representative Elmore is back at his desk after an absence of several days on account of illness. He was threatened with pneumonia. His fellow members are congratulating him on his recovery.

Otto Case, former County Auditor and ex-County Clerk of King County, Washington, played the role of Governor in the third House reading of the Oregon Legislature. He has some qualifications for the job, too, as he was a candidate for Governor of Washington a few years ago.

The Hood River people got back at the Medford folks today and set 'em up to the House. Bright, red Spitzenbergs were distributed to furnish compliments of the Hood River Commercial Club. Representative Anderson made a speech explaining that the Hood River fruit is the only real outdoor product.

Members of the House are congratulating Representative Bean for the splendid vote he received on the bill to authorize the assessors of the Western Oregon counties to restore the Oregon and California lands to the tax rolls. The bill got every vote in the House, which is taken both as a recognition of the merits of the measure and as a personal compliment to Mr. Bean.

Representative Lewis has introduced a memorial in the House embodying the views expressed in resolutions recently adopted by the Grand Chamber of Commerce, and asking Congress to enact legislation that will give power to the Interstate Commerce Commission to compel the railroads to furnish adequate cars to handle their business.

Representative Bean has introduced a joint resolution in the House authorizing the State Treasurer and Secretary of State to draw warrants for the payment of the premiums on the bond of the Public Safety and Fire Insurance. Members of the commission now pay for these bonds themselves.

The "third house" has passed a bill to consolidate the two Lewis-Senator Herzman and Representative D. C. The former is long on silence and short on oratory and the latter is long on oratory and short on silence. The combination would make a fair, average legislator, say the third house boys.

It is proposed to take one-third of deceased husband's property in lieu thereof. S. B. 206, by J. C. Smith—Amending fishing season in Rogue River at Grants Pass. S. B. 238, by Smith of Coos and Curry—Providing for lease of kelp fields on Oregon Coast. S. B. 235, by Gill—Providing for deputies of County Treasurer of Multnomah County. S. B. 230, by committee on horticulture—Providing for appointment of fruit inspectors on application of fruit growers. The following were defeated: S. B. 107, by Lewis—Defining duties of central committees. S. B. 104, by Wilbur—Fixing financial responsibility on abstractors in abstracting. The following bills were withdrawn: S. B. 192, by Sweeney—Defining terms of animal necessary to establish claim to bounty. S. B. 274, by Martin—To establish uniform grades for hay, grain, etc. S. B. 429, by Brownell—Fixing dead line in Williamson River. S. B. 143, by Brownell—Prohibiting sale of salmon caught with hook and line during closed season. S. B. 274, by Belland—Further defining powers of courts. S. B. 241, by Mrs. Thompson—Defining rights of child.

SENATE'S WORK IS LISTED

New Highway Code Adopted Providing for Commission of Three.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Senate today passed the following bills: S. B. 207, by Eddy—Making Lincoln's birthday a non-judicial day. S. B. 304, by Senate committee on insurance—Amending law relating to marine insurance. S. B. 310, by Senate Judiciary committee—Prohibiting possession of any instrument of appliance for the purpose of stealing telegraphic telephony. S. B. 209, by Hawley—Authorizing State Auditor to appoint deputies when necessary to combat animal diseases. S. B. 240, by Senate Judiciary committee—Amending law relating to cooperative associations to conform to constitution. S. B. 502, by House committee on roads and highways—New highway code, providing for a preliminary vote to be appointed by the Governor, and for license, operation, etc., of automobiles.

2 PARENTAL SCHOOL BILLS IN MEASURE BY MRS. ALVA LEE STEPHENS

Expected to Die.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Two parental school bills have been adopted by the House and sent over to the Senate. One is the education committee's bill, which authorizes the Multnomah County officials to submit the question to a vote of the people, and the other is Representative Stott's bill empowering the School Board to establish such a school without a preliminary vote of the people. The Stott bill is the one endorsed by Mrs. R. E. Bondurant and her supporters in Portland.

A third bill proposed by Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens was in the hands of the ways and means committee and as it will die there.

LEWIS REPORT ADOPTED

HOUSE RECONSIDERS ACTION ON DELINQUENT TAX BILL.

Orton-Farrell Measure as Amended Will Be Up for Passage Today—Fight by Forbes Likely.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—On a close roll-call vote the House today adopted the report of Representative Lewis' minority report, which provides that the publication of the delinquent tax list shall be left to the newspaper offering the lowest bid, or something like that.

Many members who really are for the Forbes amendments voted to reconsider, because Lewis complained that his report was turned down amid the confusion of adjournment last night.

The Lewis report then was adopted by a vote of 16 to 11, and no one seemed to vote against it. The bill as amended by Lewis will be up for passage tomorrow, but Forbes and his friends probably will make another effort to sidetrack the Lewis amendments for their own.

WOMEN ROCKADES SENATE CHAMBER

With Only Two Days Left to Act, Mass of Measures Awaits Disposal.

ROAD CODE LONG ARGUED

Upper House Passes Afternoon in Discussing Proposed Law and Adjourns With 37 Bills Up for Third Reading.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Only two more days remain of the present session of the Oregon Legislature. They will be busy ones, for a mass of bills congests the calendars of both houses.

It is the general belief, however, that both houses are further advanced than they were at the same period two years ago. The most important legislation remains to be considered than at that time.

Both the Senate and the House adjourned tonight without holding night sessions. The House had cleaned up its calendar for the day, but the Senate, which put in part of the morning and most of the afternoon arguing hotly over the highway code and State Engineer Lewis' bill, adjourned at 37 bills on the calendar for third reading that had not been reached.

The Senate passed only six bills today, one of them being the important highway code, but it made up for the situation in part by killing 23 measures.

Senate Slays Goode's Bill. One of the bills killed was Representative Goode's House bill 449, taxing property of all religious institutions not used exclusively for church purposes. This measure, it developed after it came before the Senate Judiciary committee for consideration after passing the House, would have taxed the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. This had not been the intention of the Judiciary committee, which thought the power to tax religious property not used for church purposes fully conferred by an initiative measure, passed in 1912, which solved the problem by recommending postponement of the bill until the report was adopted and the bill killed without debate.

Other bills included two measures by Senator Huston, making women liable to jury and grand jury service on the same basis as men. By passing Resolution Sheldon's joint resolution No. 4, the Senate made it certain that its measure permitting the location of the State Normal School at Ashland and one in Eastern Oregon, the location to be decided by the board of regents, will go on the ballot at the general election in November, 1918.

Majority Report Turned Down. A majority of the Senate education committee, which recommended that the resolution be killed, but Senators Hurley, Von der Hellen, Pierce, Eddy, Orton and others carried the fight on to the floor of the Senate and obtained the substitution of a minority report, recommending its adoption.

Hurley made an appeal for education more each year the rural schools and Von der Hellen eloquently pleaded the cause of Ashland as entitled to one of the normal schools, but the majority at least the opportunity to take its case before the people without the expense of having to initiate a measure. On final passage the resolution carried by 20 votes to 8.

Those Senators voting for the normal schools were: Cusick, Chick, Eddy, Farrel, Gill, Handley, Hawley, Hurley, Huston, Leinenweber, Lewis, Olson, Orton, Pierce, Shanks, Smith of Josephine, Sweeney, Von der Hellen, Wilbur and Moser.

Those voting no were: Senators Baldwin, Barrett, Dimick, Garland, LaFollet, Smith of Coos, Strayer and Wood.

Absent—Senator Vinton. The Senate Judiciary committee tonight returned a favorable report on House bill 4, fathered by Representative Dimick, and passed by the House early in the session, to prohibit first financial aid by the state for sectarian institutions caring for dependent and delinquent children.

Future Help Prohibited. The bill does not affect children now committed to such institutions, for it permits state aid during the period of their confinement, but forbids aid in the institutions. It forbids aid for children who may hereafter be committed, however.

This measure has been before the Judiciary committee for several weeks because the Senators were uncertain as to what should be done to provide for future dependents and delinquents. The favorable report tonight carries with it an amendment to the bill specifically setting out the state to support children now at the institutions, but prohibiting aid for additional children.

At the same time, with a view to providing for future dependents, the committee introduced two new bills, one of which is to be placed on the ballot at the 1918 general election for the people to pass on. It appropriates \$200,000 for the care of children in the wards, as it is to be called, in Portland.

The other bill prohibits the appropriation of state funds for sectarian schools and institutions after 1918.

RAID BASE IN PACIFIC

GERMAN STEAMER SEEN ON LOWER CALIFORNIA COAST.

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branch of the American Physical Education Association is granted. approximately a quarter section of land remain.

MOUNT HOOD HOTEL SUED

Action to Foreclose on Park Property Involves \$7000. CANADA TROOPS VOTE WET. Count at London Indicates British Columbia Won't Go Dry.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Suit to foreclose mortgages aggregating approximately \$7000 was brought by John L. Bowman in the Circuit Court here today against the Mount Hood Hotel Company. The land involved amounts to nearly 160 acres and is a tract known as Arrah Wanna Park. The notes, the complaint alleges, were given in August, 1912. Part of the original indebtedness had been paid and the mortgages released, but claims involving

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 15.—Further figures received from London, where soldiers' votes are being counted, indicate a heavy majority in favor of prohibition for British Columbia has been defeated. On September 15 last civilians in this province voted in favor of a prohibition measure with a majority of 600. Since then 8700 soldiers have voted. Two thousand votes have been counted, and show that the soldiers are voting wet by about 9 to 1. It will be another week before the government will announce the final figures.