

TEN MILLION ROAD BOND ISSUE SURE

Highway Problems Uppermost in Minds of Lawmakers.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO AID

Idea of State Highway Commission to Be Embodied in Measure Now Being Drawn.

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general legislation, and some have been offered simply for political effect. This is a road legislature. It is uppermost in the minds of every Senator and Representative, but before the Legislature can get down to brass tacks the road bills already presented.

Two more road bills are pending. The Attorney-General has been busy today drafting one embodying ideas of the State Highway Commission, at the request of the Senate committee on roads and highways.

Representative Dennis is working on a comprehensive road measure, which will make its appearance some time next week. Mr. Dennis, as chairman of the House committee on roads and highways, has been calling delegations of members from various parts of the state to ascertain what they think is needed, and in this way the House committee is pursuing its own course irrespective of the Senate committee.

Bills May Be Combined.

In the final analysis, the content probably will be between the Dennis bill and that drawn by the Attorney-General and there is a possibility of the best features of the two being combined into the measure eventually accepted by the Legislature.

Road bills and road conferences are ever present. Not a day passes without a few bills being offered or several conferences being held. The bills are being digested by the committees, but none has been reported out yet. As for the conferences, they assume so many angles that it is impossible to give a general idea of their trend within the ordinary limitations of newspaper space.

Suffice to say that there are some 40 of the 90 members who have decided ideas on road matters and do not hesitate to express them.

As a general rule, there is no antagonism expressed against the personnel of the State Highway Commission, but the results achieved by that body. There are members, however, who wish to direct and circumscribe the commission along certain lines, while others wish the commission to have a free hand and exercise its judgment, based on the experience gained in roadbuilding.

The commission has suggested a few things and bills covering these points have been promptly introduced.

Suggestions Are Varied.

These suggestions range from making the speed limit on highways 20 miles an hour to placing signs on the roads and creating a revolving fund for the prompt payment of policemen from planting trees along the highways to selling obsolete material. In the main the road programs which find most favor is the completion of the Pacific Highway and the Columbia River Highway, which will give through roads east and west and north and south across the state; a loop around Tillamook; a road from Roseburg to Coos Bay; one from Eugene part way to the Coast; construction of part of the John Day Highway, and opening up the north and south route through Central Oregon.

About \$11,000,000 more is required for such a programme. There is some insistence that the road map adopted by the 1917 session be carried out. The highway commission has been working along the direction of this highway map, but has not carried out all of the work which was referred to the Pacific Highway on the West Side. The West Side delegation, strong in the House, wants to be taken care of, as per promise two years ago.

Contention is made that with a \$10,000,000 bond issue the Columbia Highway can be completed and also the Pacific Highway, on the east and west side, and some other roads, such as the Tillamook, Coos Bay and John Day improvements.

Lateral Proves Bugbear.

A suggestion offered is that \$7,500,000 be used for the main arteries and \$2,500,000 for improvement of laterals. Demand for improvement of laterals, which are sometimes classed as local roads, have been the bugbear of the commission.

Such is the principal road programme as it will eventually develop, judging from present indications. Details will work out later.

Next to the foregoing is the matter of financing the road budget. Fees from automobiles are expected to take care of the bonds. In this connection it may be said that \$13,000,000 is the bond limit for the state and with the Bean-Barrett bonds and the \$6,000,000 road bonds an issue of about \$19,000,000 will reach the limit.

Auto Fees May Be Doubled.

As to the automobile fees, they may be doubled. Study of the various makes of machines licensed discloses what appears to be injustice. Some of the costly and heavy cars pay no more than the cheap Ford and the heavy machines do more damage to the roads than the light cars. Doubling the license fee simply doubles the injustice, so there are men now working out a solution of the fee problem on a scientific basis. A complete readjustment of license fees can be expected, which will make some cars pay more than double what they have in the past. Also there is a plan to tilt the license fee so that it will absorb the personal property tax on machines.

About 20,000 licensed machines in Oregon are not on the personal property roll. By adding enough to the license, it is argued the counties can get back all the personal tax out of machines to which they are entitled.

Then there is the proposed gasoline tax of one cent a gallon, to yield better than \$300,000, and it may be noted that only 20-odd per cent of gasoline consumed is used by pleasure cars. Likewise, in the way of financing is a proposed state income tax and inheritance tax.

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crease in the millage, both of which will be defeated.

Road Classification Up.

A plan is proposed to designate roads into four classes, the first built for heavy traffic; the second, where no truck more than five tons can travel; the third is a water-bound macadam, and the fourth is the common country dirt or gravel road.

Unless some such law is enacted, it is predicted that the type of road now being constructed will soon go to pieces. The commission will probably be given authority to decide on the type of road to be constructed and whether hard surface or macadam shall be used.

Which brings up the paving question. More has been said and less done about patented pavements than any other subject. The opinion of the bulk of legislators appears to be that a patented pavement is good, but that a contract for a patented pavement should only be let when it is the lowest bid, and the royalty should be absorbed by the contractor.

Paving Bills Introduced.

There is a bill making it a penitentiary offense to lay patented pavement; another bill makes it a felony to have a contract for the maintenance of a road by the contractor. Senator Dimick produced three bills on paving today.

The bill permits the use of patent pavement, but must show what royalty is being paid; another provides that except where there is a valid patent, the commission can go ahead and pave and if sued the Attorney-General must make the defense, and the third demands that the contractor make an affidavit that there is no secret agreement or rebating. Authors of these bills, Senators Thomas, Dimick and Lachund, refer to them as "dynamite" and they are supposed to scare the "paving monopoly."

Bill Feeling Expected.

In a meeting of the Multnomah delegation today the road row broke out, the upshot being that Representative Smith secured the invitation of C. M. Emerson, of the Labor Press, and W. L. Archambeau to appear and tell how cheaply pavement was laid in Clackamas County. This action was taken to iron out and air the contention of some people that the State Highway Commission has been paying too much for pavement.

People interested in roads can bear this in mind: Before a road bond and program are adopted, there will be much wrangling and ill feeling, but in the end all will be well and those who are seeking to play politics with the roads will be quietly squashed.

Delegation Asked to Act.

Mr. Kubli's memorial says that "whereas the Emergency Shipbuilding Act forbids American shipbuilders to take foreign contracts, the industry has been prevented from doing its part toward making good the world's shortage in ships caused by war, and many civilian workmen have been thrown out of employment at a time when the labor market is being filled with discharged soldiers, and American industry has been given a setback which is going through period of transition; and whereas, the attitude of the Shipping Board is driving this business to other countries, and the Government is employing American labor," therefore the Oregon delegation in Congress is memorialized to use its influence to cause the Shipping Board to permit yards to take contracts on foreign account.

A sweeping probe into the shipbuilding situation is directed by Mr. Smith's resolution. It calls for the appointment of a committee of three Representatives and two Senators to investigate from any and all sources available the practicability and feasibility of the wooden ship as a carrier and building of same in Oregon.

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The resolution sets forth the statement that 50,000 dairy cattle were slaughtered last year because the owners could not afford to keep them at prevailing prices for dairy products. Although the bill has not yet been drafted into final form, Senator Pierce said today that the measure undoubtedly will provide for a tax of 10 cents a pound on all oleo and like products sold or manufactured within the state of Oregon.

The bill will provide that the revenue derived from this tax be used in maintaining the office of State Dairy and Food Commissioner and the residue, which he estimates at about \$100,000 a year, be converted into the state highway fund.

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H. B. 168, by Martin—Relating to payment of death benefits.

Salary Amendment Offered.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Under a joint resolution introduced today by Representative Thrift provision is made for voting on a constitutional amendment to provide a salary of \$1500 per year for legislators with a millage provision of \$2 per mille.

LEGISLATORS SEEK TO SAVE SHIP INDUSTRY

Federal Stifling of Oregon Plants May Be Probed.

TWO MEASURES PROPOSED

Representatives Kubli and Smith, of Multnomah, Urge Action by Legislature to Aid Industry.

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Saving of the shipbuilding industry of Oregon is the object of a joint memorial and a joint resolution which made their appearance in the House today. Each ignorant of the other's intention, Mr. Kubli and Mr. Smith, of Multnomah, decided to start something along these lines, so Mr. Kubli offered a memorial to have the Oregon Congressional delegation probe the United States Shipping Board and Mr. Smith sent in a resolution for the appointment of a committee to dig into the subject to report to the Government is blocking the industry in Oregon.

There is a strong sentiment among the members of the Legislature that there is any way of protecting the industry within the power of the legislative body that this protection should be forthcoming. The gravity of the situation and the cancellation of contracts, the refusal of the Government to permit yards in the Portland district to build for foreign account and the loss of millions to Oregon by this attitude of the part of the Government in Washington have aroused the legislators.

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County School Board Asked

Multnomah Delegation at Salem Approves Senator Moser's Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The Multnomah delegation today approved of Senator Moser's bill

providing for a county board of education in Multnomah County.

The bill was drafted at the request of County Superintendent Alderson, who is in Salem looking after the measure. The sponsors of the measure say it will put the county school system of Multnomah County, on the same basis as the Portland school board. The board of education will consist of five directors, to be elected from separate school districts of the county.

OFFICERS' SALARY GRADUATED

Wasco County Delegation Experiments With Superintendent.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—An experiment in fixing salaries for county officers is incorporated in a bill which passed the House today. The measure is that of the Wasco County delegation. The bill provides that the salary of the county superintendent for that county shall be based on a graduated increase for the length of time for which he serves, his first two terms to be remunerated at a rate of \$1800 a year; his third consecutive term \$2400, and the fourth or subsequent consecutive term, \$2700 annually.

Mrs. Thompson, of the delegation, declares that this will put it squarely up to the taxpayers whether they wish to reward efficiency and experience or secure untried officials at a lower salary.

STATE MAY WITHDRAW AID

Emergency Measure for Industrial Accident Fund Indorsed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Indications that the present Legislature will enact a measure withdrawing state aid for the industrial accident fund were apparent in the Senate today when an emergency measure, prepared by the judiciary committee, was recommended for passage. This bill is a substitute bill for two separate measures introduced in the Senate, both of which are designed to withdraw state aid. The substitute measure provides for this withdrawal out of the fund.

Another measure, providing for a permanent withdrawal, will be introduced by the committee later in the session. If this measure is passed it will mean a saving of approximately \$650,000 for the next two years.

DOUBLE TAX INJURES FARMERS

Aid Intended for Irrigation and Drainage Districts.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Elimination of the tax now required of irrigation and drainage districts is sought in a measure introduced today by Senator Hurley, chairman of the Irrigation and Drainage Committee. The bill as it now stands, an irrigation district is taxed for the improvements which it makes when it is organized. This, according to Senator Hurley, works as a double tax and serves to penalize those persons who seek to build a better farm.

The bill in no way affects the tax on property lying within a drainage or irrigation district, but applies solely to the property owned by the district.

SLICE OF COUNTY WANTED

Measure Would Add Oswego Section to Multnomah.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—A portion of Clackamas County, including Oswego and Oswego County, is being sought to be added to Multnomah County, under the terms of a bill introduced by Representative McFarland today. He stated that the people in that section declare they are ignored in road and similar matters by the Clackamas County Court and that their real business is transacted in Portland.

The bill will be vigorously opposed by the Clackamas County members, who hold a strategic position by having control of the chairmanship of the county committee in each house. Mr. Dimick holding that place in the Senate and Mr. Cross in the Lower House.

JUDGES MAY GET \$5000 EACH

Multnomah Delegation Approves Unanimously Bill for Increase.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Unanimous approval of a proposed bill increasing the salaries of the Circuit Judges of Multnomah County was given today by the Multnomah delegation in both houses. The measure is expected to make its appearance early in the session.

At a meeting of the delegation today the statement was made public that the Circuit Judges of Multnomah County, formerly of the Oregon County, had resigned unless increased compensation is granted by this Legislature.

So divided were the members concerning the merits of the measure which has already been introduced that it was agreed to hold a public hearing at the Capitol next Monday evening.

COLUMBIA Tomorrow Will Be Too Late. So Hurry Down Tonight.

Mr. Stannard's Successor Sought.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The House today adopted a resolution, introduced by Representative Sheldon, providing that the County Judge of Curry County shall appoint a citizen of that county to fill for Representative Stannard, who recently died of influenza. He is to be supplied with a clerk and to have all of the privileges of the House except that of voting.

Additional Clerks Sought.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Speaker Jones sounded an economy note in the House today after that body had adopted a resolution providing for a clerk for the reconstruction committee, calling upon the members of the House to go slow in providing for additional clerks. It intimates that too many special clerks already had been provided.

House Elections by People Is Aim.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Representative Smith, of Multnomah, today introduced a proposition that the House should refer to the people, providing for election of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, and for the creation of committees of committee dies, to name standing committees for the two bodies.

Demobilization Change Proposed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Representative Smith, of Baker County, in a joint memorial to Congress introduced today, asks Congress to direct the War Department to discharge soldiers and sailors at the point of enlistment, rather than at the point of induction.

Salary Increase Sought.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—An increase in the salary of the Superintendent of Public Instruction from \$2900 to \$3500 a year is sought in a bill introduced by Representative Smith, of Baker, today.

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Among the entertainment features that Mr. von Borstel and his committee members have provided are the Leach sisters, formerly of the Orpheum; Dr. Stuart McGuire, the baritone; Mr. Bell, a tenor; Dorothy Bliss, soprano; Miss Belle Oliver, Wilberta Knibbidge, in aesthetic dances; and Al Kader Band. Mr. von Borstel declares he will present a young tenor whom he believes is a second Caruso.

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