

FARMERS' ROAD BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Tax of One Mill on All Property in State Provided.

COURTS TO EXPEND FUND

Counties Required to Match Money Secured From State Source for Highway Improvement.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—To enable the construction of strictly farmer roads, the senate today passed senate bill 237, which provides for a mill on all the taxable property in Oregon, a total of about \$1,000,000.

There will be available \$2,000,000 a year for the construction of exclusively farmer roads, providing the house follows the example of the senate and passes senate bill 237, and providing that the people, when the measure is referred, also favor it at the next election. This is the sort of measure that the Oregon state senate has been crying for and it is the combined product of Senator Pierce, Senator Patterson and former Senator I. N. Day.

It is estimated by the tax department that the 1 mill will raise \$1,000,000 a year. This tax, it must be distinctly understood, is separate from the 1/2 mill tax for general road purposes. The 1-mill tax will go into a fund to be used for matching money from the counties. Any county which desires to get a share of this fund must put up dollar for dollar. It is expressly provided that no county shall receive less than the amount of money that it contributes under the 1 mill, with the exception of Multnomah about \$250,000 will be raised, but Multnomah cannot have more than \$100,000 of the sum.

Another provision is that the county courts and not the state highway commission will expend the money in building roads, although the highway commission will lend its engineering force. Under the distribution, any county, excepting Multnomah, will receive from one-third to one-half more than the money it puts in.

To share in this, however, counties must raise a fund to match the amount they want from this special fund. As explained to the senate, the bill, when counties cooperate, will raise \$2,000,000 cash for farmer roads each year until such time as the law is repealed.

51 BILLS PASSED BY SENATE

Upper House Speeds Work and Now Waits for Lower Branch.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Except for the road bond debate this afternoon, the senate today devoted a major part of its session to routine business and is now in a position to wait for the lower branch to speed up its business during the closing days.

The following original senate bills were passed today on third reading:

S. B. 257, by Hines—Providing for the right to have streets in small towns.

S. B. 139, by Moser—Giving political central committee, legislative committee and senate party candidates.

S. B. 287, by Dimick—Changing reciprocal demerit charges.

S. B. 248, by Handley—Providing for approval of fish hatchery on Nehalem river.

S. B. 273, by Hines and Hardick—Providing for statistics on land devoted to agricultural and horticultural purposes.

S. B. 174, by Lachmann—Appropriating \$10,000 as part payment on new armory at Silverton.

S. B. 232, by Bell and Orin—Providing for state payment of expenses of petulant annual report of Oregon highway commission.

S. B. 284, by Eberhard—Giving public service commission right to fix salaries of employees.

S. B. 88, by I. S. Smith—Giving cities right to purchase delinquent tax certificates before they are offered in general public sale.

S. B. 28, by committee on state and county officers—Increasing number of penitentiary wards to 2500 per month.

S. B. 285, by Pierce—Providing one mill tax for roads.

S. B. 232, by Gill—Giving Multnomah county right to issue bridge bonds.

S. B. 201, by committee on Multnomah county authority to divert its state highway appropriation for road work in other counties.

S. B. 147, by Eddy—Creating Oregon land settlement commission.

S. B. 214, by committee on state and county officers—Preventing degrading of employees and employees.

S. B. 217, by Doby—Creating state board of health.

House bills passed in the senate on third reading were:

H. B. 432, by roads and highway committee—Requiring attorney-general to test validity of paving patents.

H. B. 517, by committee on legislative reference and service bureau at the University of Oregon.

H. B. 289, by Wright—An act to define natural lands.

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H. B. 230, by Dennis—Permitting state highway commission to bring circuit court condemnation suits.

H. B. 423, by Gordon—Licensing real estate brokers.

H. B. 238, by Merryman—Relating to bonding of irrigation districts.

H. B. 207, by E. Smith—Regulating installation of electric wiring and safeguarding employees.

H. B. 442, by Jackson county delegation—Protecting rights of cattle and sheep growers of Jackson county.

H. B. 429, by Dennis—Directing state bureau of mines to investigate rock formations for state highway commission.

H. B. 132, by Martin—Relating to soliciting of insurance.

H. B. 231, by committee on public officials—Giving county courts right to regulate.

H. B. 426, by Lafferty—Providing for voting on question of dogs running at large.

H. B. 284, by taxation committee—Relating to time for paying taxes.

H. B. 127, by Edwards—Increasing salaries of justices of county officials.

BILL HITS OFFICE-SEEKERS

Party Candidates May Have to Finance Central Committees.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Party candidates for any political office will be compelled to finance the campaigns of their central committees if a bill which passed the senate today is approved by the lower branch. It gives central committee authority to levy campaign assessments on all candidates.

The bill was introduced by Senator Moser at the request of officers of the Republican county club of Multnomah county.

Expense Measure Rushed Through.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The house rushed through today an emergency bill providing for payment of expenses of the legislative assembly and carrying a \$67,500 appropriation. A previous bill provided for \$25,000 for current expenses of the assembly, making a total of \$25,500 so far provided for.

PATENT HELD INOPERATIVE

PAVEMENT MAY BE LAID WITHOUT VIOLATING RIGHTS.

Attorney-General Says Patent Issued to Warren Construction Company June 4, 1901, Has Expired.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Not only has patent No. 674439 of the Warren Construction company, issued June 4, 1901, expired, but the state highway commission can lay pavement specified in such patent without infringing any rights granted under such patent. This is the opinion of Attorney-General Brown returned to the house today in response to a resolution No. 35, requesting the attorney-general to give his opinion on these two points.

The attorney-general points out that a patent extends for only 17 years, and cites cases of the United States supreme court upholding this contention. He states that, "referring to the date of the patent, it is self-evident that more than 17 years have elapsed since its issuance and it cannot open the conclusion that it has expired."

Referring to the second question as to whether or not the highway commission may lay that class of pavement as specified under the patent without infringing on such patent, he cites a United States supreme court decision which says that "it is self-evident that on the expiration of a patent the monopoly created by it ceases to exist," and "it is self-evident that it is no longer in force."

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"I, therefore, answer both portions of your question in the affirmative."

WELCOME FUND PROPOSED

BILL PROVIDING \$5000 INTRODUCED IN HOUSE.

Money Will Be Used in Caring for Oregon Soldiers Reaching New York From Overseas.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The joint ways and means committee tonight introduced a bill providing for the overseas welcome fund for returning soldiers, sailors and marines, and appropriating \$5000 for use in aiding and entertaining Oregon soldiers arriving in New York from overseas.

The Chairman, Gordon, of the ways and means committee, proposes that Mayor Baker of Portland put up \$2500 of the treasury fund, and the other \$2500 be for aid to soldiers overseas, and use it in connection with the fund authorized by the state.

The money offered for the state is to be taken from the \$100,000 soldiers' and sailors' relief fund and disbursed by a commission of five members New York Oregonians, designated by the governor. All of the money is to be expended on the soldiers and none in the cost of administration. Mr. Gordon said tonight every effort will be made to force the bill through the legislature so as to get action on the money prior to the arrival of more soldiers in New York.

"Addition of \$2500 of the money designed for soldiers held in the trust fund in Portland would materially assist," said Mr. Gordon. "The bill as written certainly throws all of the proper safeguards around the fund."

Sidelights of Legislature.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Joe Singer, sergeant-at-arms in the house, believes in taking time by the forelock and yanking him around where he wants him. Joe sprung a little boom as candidate for sergeant-at-arms in 1917 and as a result has the house solidly lined up behind him for re-election at that time. All that is necessary for Joe to do now is to secure re-election through the legislature.

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TUITION BILL IS APPROVED

MEASURE SUBJECT OF BITTER DEBATE IN HOUSE.

Lane County Delegation Voices Opposition and Will Ask Reconsideration of Decision.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—By a slight margin Senator Patterson's bill providing for applying the high school tuition fund to all of the state and giving away with the county fund law passed the house this morning. Over an hour and a half was consumed in the debate, and proponents of the measure mustered only 22 votes, one more being added when Representative Bean changed his vote to say for purposes of reconsideration.

This bill was subject of a particularly bitter contest by the Lane county delegation, members of which claimed that its passage would wipe out a large number of rural high schools in that county that have been built up under the county fund law.

Lane county members will continue their activities and endeavor to gain reversal of the house decision on reconsideration. Mr. Bean charged in debate on the bill that the teachers of the state had developed a lobby in favor of the bill. He declared that the object of the bill was to drive out the rural schools, centralize high school activities in the larger cities and so doing furnish better positions at higher salaries.

This, he asserted, was the cause of the powerful teachers' lobby which, he said, was working for the bill.

SHEDDON BILL IS OPPOSED

Land Settlement Question Special Order in House Tonight.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The land settlement question will come up for special order in the house tomorrow night. When a bill by Representative Sheldon appeared for third reading today, Representative Richardson, who also has a land settlement bill in, objected to the passage of the Sheldon bill and the most powerful argument could be considered together. The house agreed with him.

He pointed out objections to the Sheldon bill, showing that it would be a large city and would amount he branded as "foolish" and unworkable, and he also pointed out it provided for an appointive commission, which might throw the house down to speculation.

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the only one who opposed the bill. Senator Gill, who introduced it, said it is planned by the Multnomah county commissioners to construct these two new bridges as soon as possible.

would materially tie their hands. Representative Richardson explained to the house that the bill had features which the Multnomah delegation considered ill-advised and secured its recall from the senate.

It was then re-referred to the Multnomah delegation and it is understood it will die there.

TAX COMMISSION IS BLOCKED

Portland Delegation Puts Skids Under Lewis House Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Appearance of the Portland city commission here today put the skids under the bill of Representative Lewis providing for the creation of a tax conservation commission for Multnomah county. The bill had passed the house and was in the senate. It provided for a commission to have control of the tax-levying powers for the various functioning and tax-levying bodies in Multnomah county.

The members of the city commission saw vicious features in the bill which

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