

EDUCATIONAL LAWS HEED CONSTRUCTIVE

Twenty Acts Broaden Scope
of Oregon Schools.

FEDERAL AID IS ASSURED

Teachers' Minimum Wage, Compulsory Physical Education and Tax Laws Enacted.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Superintendent of Schools Churchill declared that the legislature just closed put over the broadest educational program ever accomplished in the state, and has listed 20 measures which have materially broadened in scope the results of the session along that line. The five most important acts were those providing for the acceptance of the Smith-Hughes act for vocational education, establishment of part-time schools; minimum salary of \$75 per month for teachers; minimum fund of \$250 for each school district; raising the per capita tax for elementary schools from \$8 to \$10; and providing that the high school tuition laws shall be effective in all counties excepting those having the central county high school.

Federal Aid Is Assured.
Under the bill by Representative Hare accepting the provisions of the Smith-Hughes act, Oregon will receive \$10,000 from the federal government during the next biennium. Under the act work of education in trades, industry, agriculture and special training of teachers to teach these subjects will be promoted under the direction of the state board for vocational education appointed by the governor.

The course of study offered must be in conformity with the plans of the federal board for vocational education. The purpose of the act is to establish such rules in our high school that every child may have the opportunity to acquire an education that will fit him for the actual work of life and that he may be able to earn, if necessary, a living the day he leaves school.

Compulsory School Age Raised.
Under a bill by the committee on education the compulsory age is raised to 16 years for all children who have not completed the eighth grade and all children between 16 and 18 years who have not completed that grade must take part time school work if a full time school is established in their district.

Attendance must be one hour a day for five days a week upon the employers' time, provided, that if there be an evening school the pupil may elect to attend it, if he prefers so to do. This act is drawn in conformity with the policies of the federal board for vocational education, which is securing the passage of such laws in all the states of the union.

Minimum Wage Is Fixed.
Under Mrs. Thompson's bill providing a minimum of \$75 a month for teachers, the district that fails to pay that amount will forfeit the funds of the school district to the general fund of the county, and the board signing a contract for less than \$75 a month may become personally liable for the amount.

Under a bill by the committee on education in the house a minimum school fund of \$250 is provided for each district. In order to pay the minimum salary the amount of the county school fund is raised from \$8 to \$10 for each child.

Under the high school bill, by Senator Patterson, the county high school fund law is repealed and places in operation in all counties of the state, excepting five maintaining a central county high school, the county tuition law enacted in 1915.

Physical Education Provided.
Under a bill by Senator Banks, physical education is made compulsory for all pupils in elementary and high schools for a period of not less than 20 minutes each school day, the course of instruction to be prepared by a committee of experts appointed by the state superintendent.

Under a boundary bill introduced by Senator Norblad, all territory of an incorporated city or village shall come under one school district.

A bill by Senator Patterson requires that a patriotic program of not less than one and one-half hours be held on the morning of Washington's birthday and the school shall be dismissed for the afternoon of that day.

School Districts Merged.
Under a bill by Senator Moser all of the school districts in Multnomah county, outside of Portland, are merged into one district, the district to be divided into zones and one director elected from each. This act becomes effective only on its adoption by the people living in the territory affected.

Another bill, by Senator Bell, makes the county treasurer custodian of school district funds, unless the county court elects not to come under the provisions of the act.

Under a bill by Senator Porter no school teacher shall solicit or permit soliciting of any subscriptions except such as may be authorized by the district board.

State aid for soldiers, sailors and marines to secure education is provided in a bill by Senator Smith of Coos and Pierce. In event the act is ratified by the people.

Right of Review Given.
Right of review of tax levies is given to the district boards in districts of the third class by a bill by Representative Dodd. The same member secured passage of an act prohibiting the teaching of any subject in the schools of the state except it is taught in the English language.

Under a bill by Representative Richardson Portland may levy 6.5 mills instead of 6 mills to increase the present salaries of all the teachers, and a bill by Mr. Smith of Baker authorizes school boards in districts of the first class to levy taxes, unless they exceed the 5 per cent limit, when they must be referred to the people.

District Funds Protected.
Under another bill, by Dodd, teachers hereafter, when signing a contract, if they wish to resign must do so at least 60 days before the contract is in effect or stand chances of having their certificates revoked.

Another measure by Representative Edwards provides that when a school district fails to have eight months of school because of epidemic conditions it shall not forfeit its share of the county school fund. Teachers may conduct eighth grade examinations instead of the chairman of the board of directors in a bill by Representative Childs.

coming year. Confidence was expressed that Ford's will be more popular than ever and that business conditions generally will be good.

V. McNamara, manager of the Portland branch, presided at the convention and William H. Goodwin was toastmaster at the banquet.

Those at the convention were:
City—C. E. Francis, Del Wright, Mr. Goodwin, A. S. Robinson and Mr. Smith, Mr. Rushlight and Mr. Penny, H. J. Casey, T. Hourston.

Out of town—Mr. Miller of Tillamook, Or.; E. J. Allen of Woodburn, Or.; W. T. Anderson of Newberg, Or.; F. T. Blyden of Seaside, Or.; Briceland & Tibury of McMinnville, Or.; E. H. Brown of Falls City, Or.; Mr. McGowan of Burns, Or.; W. A. Burr, of Roseburg, Or.; Charles M. Casaday of John Day, Or.; Mr. Sager of Clatskanie, Or.; Mr. van Hulle of Bend, Or.; F. L. Clifton of Dallas, Or.; Mr. DeWitt of Hood River, Or.; O. E. Woodson of Cottage Grove, Or.; W. W. Crawford of Albany, Or.; A. Thomson of Echo, Or.; Otto Erickson of Hillsboro, Or.; C. W. Condon, Or.; Bill Gates of Medford, Or.; Charles Greely of Ridgefield, Wash.; T. Haddon of White Salmon, Wash.; Frank Hilton of La Grande, Or.; L. H. Hobb of Grants Pass, Or.; Mr. Foster and E. E. Webb of Bendon, Or.; Mr. Copeland of St. Helens, Or.; Eugene F. Hug of Elgin, Or.; Homer Ross of Prineville, Or.; Frank P. Jones of Seas, Wash.; Sherman Adams of Astoria, Or.; McQuary of Milton, Or.; W. Crawford and Mr. Riskey of Oregon City, Or.; R. L. Baker and E. L. Baker of Gresham, Or.; W. Reed of Estacada, Or.; Jim Rogers of Enterprise, Or.; A. Service of Baker, Or.; Robert Simpson of Pendleton, Or.; Mr. Sistratt of Vancouver, Wash.; Ernie Hayes of Ontario, Or.; E. Simmons of Eugene, Or.; Charles Vick of Salem, Or.; G. W. White of Canby, Or.; A. Wilhelm of Corvallis, Or.

FINANCES TO BE STUDIED

NEW SECTION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO BE FORMED.

Peace Conference to Reach Important Agreements on Several Questions Early in March.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The financial commission of the peace conference today unanimously adopted the proposition of Louis Klotz, the French minister of finance, for the formation of a financial section of the League of Nations.

The peace conference plans to reach agreements on the more important questions between March 3 and March 15, Captain Andre Tardieu, one of the French delegates, told foreign newspaper correspondents. He said the conference had four vital problems to solve—the Franco-German frontier, the Adriatic situation, the Russian frontier, and the question of freedom of the seas.

Some questions, probably will be completed in a fortnight. Captain Tardieu declared France does not desire to annex the left bank of the Rhine, but only wants guarantees which will prevent Germany from using it as a base for attacking France.

The Russian question, he added, will be considered late next week. The peace conference commission which is inquiring into Czechoslovakia today considered the situation of frontiers of Slovakia, according to an official announcement.

Rechid Bey, now Turkish minister of the interior, has arrived in Paris to confer with the members of the peace delegations concerning the future of Turkey.

The commission for the study of Roumanian territorial questions met this morning. The official announcement says the commission resumed examination of claims of Roumania and Serbia.

DEVELOPMENT IS PLANNED

COMMITTEE TO HANDLE REED COLLEGE PROPERTY.

Y. M. C. A. Leases Tract at Sixth and Main Streets and Will Open Automobile School.

Trustees of Reed college have obtained the services of a committee for the development of property of the school. E. B. McNaughton is chairman and is assisted by Robert Strong, Forest Fisher and Hudson B. Hastings.

The college has cleared away the old house at Sixth and Main streets and has leased the land to the Young Men's Christian association. This institution will open an automobile school there.

Reed college has acquired the adjacent property on Main street and now has a quarter block for a building on this corner.

The college has sold its property on Rose street, block 10, Irving's addition; the land at Gearhart, Or., and a ranch in Washington. It some time ago improved a part of its holdings on Jefferson street, between Eleventh and Thirtieth streets, constructing and leasing a garage, and has just arranged to construct another garage in the same block.

Work is now under way on a machine shop at Tenth and Couch streets. The development committee has given its services in public-spirited devotion to an institution which regards as indispensable to the city and which is in imperative need of additional income.

A policy has been adopted which has enabled A. H. McGowan, business manager, to proceed with active development.

RAILWAY ADVICE SOLICITED

State Commission to Make Suggestions in Rate-Fixing.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Broad concessions are granted to the state commissions in regard to railroad functions by the railroad administration in an order by Director-General Hines, received today by the public service commission. Mr. Hines orders that before rates of any importance are granted, either interstate or intrastate, they shall be submitted to the state commissions interested for suggestions and advice.

He orders also that state commissions shall have control of police regulations over railroad lines, such as spur tracks, crossings, signs and physical condition of track and equipment and station facilities.

It is ordered that the commissions be given a chance to investigate formal complaints.



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- Boys' \$15.00 Suits Two Pairs Knickers \$11.85

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Morrison Street at Fourth



NORTHWEST MEN SLATED

REPRESENTATIVES TO GET POSITIONS ON COMMITTEES.

Passage of Sinnott Bill Makes Possible Completion of Tumalo Irrigation Project.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 28.—The three northwest states will be represented on the committee on committees, including Representative Hawley of Oregon, Representative Johnson, Washington, and Mr. French of Idaho. The committee on committees will meet Wednesday to hear the claims of old members. There promises to be a breach in the Washington delegation over committee places, the fifth member of the delegation, J. W. Summers of Walla Walla, being absent.

The delegation filed on the selection of a speaker, and being about to tie on the selection of a member of the committee on committees, Messrs. Miller and Webster, who voted for Mr. Gillett, conceded the place to Mr. Johnson, a Mann supporter, without a fight.

A bitter contest is now imminent between Mr. Hadley and Mr. Webster over committee assignments, with Mr. Hadley having somewhat the advantage by reason of having voted with Mr. Johnson for Mr. Mann.

Had Mr. Summers, who was for Mr. Gillett, been present, it is said, Representative Miller, also a Gillett supporter, would have been named on the committee on committees, thus reversing the situation. Mr. Webster is disposed to carry the fight before the full committee.

The railroad administration today denied a reduced passenger rate for the meeting of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows at Salem, Or. on May 21, indicating a purpose to refuse all excursion rates except for meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic. This information was given to Senator McNary.

The completion by the state of the Tumalo irrigation project in central Oregon was made possible today by the passage in the senate of Representative Sinnott's bill giving the state 10 years longer to carry out the work on which \$500,000 already has been spent. The senate passed two other Sinnott bills already passed by the house, one permitting citizens of Jordan Valley, Or., to transport wood for fuel from Idaho, and another adding 2380 acres to the Minam national forest.

A bill introduced by Representative Smith of Idaho, and previously passed by the house, permitting the secretary of the interior to set aside land in tracts not exceeding five acres along canal rights-of-way on irrigation projects for the construction of dwellings and other outbuildings for canal riders, was passed by the senate this afternoon.

EUGENE TO GREET HEROES

Parade and Banquet to Feature Entertainment for 65th.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 28.—Thousands of Lane county people are expected to come today to greet the 65th anniversary of the Oregon Territorial Government.

KLAMATH ANNEXATION DESIRED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 28.—A joint resolution memorializing congress to take steps necessary for the annexation of Klamath county, Oregon, to California, was introduced in the legislature today by Eugene tomorrow to greet the returning members of the 65th coast artillery, who arrive in the afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from Camp Lewis, Wash. Upon arrival of the train the soldiers will march to the city hall. There the parade will disband and the soldiers will be given the freedom of the city. There will be no formal reception for them at their own request, but the ladies' auxiliary of the 65th will tender them a banquet Monday night.

Eugene sent two full companies of coast artillery to Fort Stevens at the outbreak of the war, but they were split up before leaving for France, and only about half the number of Lane county boys who were then members of the regiment will arrive here tomorrow.

Men from the training camps which were held at the university last summer will be available as old members, say Colonel Leader.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

COLUMBIA

NEW SHOW TODAY

MARGUERITE CLARK

AS LOVELY MARY IN THE RENOWNED COMEDY



"MRS. WIGGS OF THE CABBAGE PATCH"

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COLUMBIA

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The "Schoble"
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dark green
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