

AMENDMENT ACT IS PARTIALLY ACCEPTED

Oregon Constitution Changed Too Easily, Speakers Say.

PROPOSED BILL ALTERED

Two-Thirds Majority of Persons Voting, Not Those Registered, Is New Requirement.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—A two-thirds majority of all persons voting, rather than a majority of the voters registered, will be necessary to amend the state constitution, in the event a tentative agreement reached on the floor of the house today is approved by the committee on resolutions.

The resolution, as originally drafted by Representatives Bean of Lane county and Smith of Baker, provided that a majority of the registered voters of the state would be necessary to amend the constitution, but because of the strenuous opposition voiced by Representative Smith of Multnomah county and Representative Schuebel of Clackamas county, amendments were offered by Speaker Jones, the authors agreed to an amendment providing for a two-thirds majority vote.

Later it was decided to withdraw the resolution from the floor of the house with a view of making some minor amendments before placing it on final passage.

Emergency Question Raised. Representative Smith of Multnomah county declared that the proposed amendment to the manner of changing the constitution was not an emergency and that instead of amending in holding intact the fundamental principles of the state government it would have a tendency to discourage voters from visiting the polls.

System Held Wrong. "I say this system is wrong, and am of the opinion that the present majority of the voters should be made to give their approval when a change is to be made in the constitution. The present majority vote of amending the constitution lowers the bars to the agitator and the big interests, and is not based on sound arguments."

Representative Smith of Baker said the constitution was sacred to the people of the state and it was his duty to have protection it might as well be wiped out. Under the present system he declared, the constitution was a mere football and had been amended from time to time on the slightest pretext.

Representative Schuebel said he feared that in case the proposed change in the manner of amending the constitution was finally adopted it would have the effect of putting a damper on progressive legislation and would not be in keeping with the spirit of the people of the state.

Representative James Stewart also declared his opposition to the proposed resolution, and said he believed the law governing this subject should be left in its present form.

COURT BILL PASSES HOUSE. Domestic Relations Act Intended to Correct Existing Law.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—Senator Huston's bill providing for the establishment of a court of domestic relations in each county of the state which now has or shall hereafter attain a population of 20,000 inhabitants or more, and prescribing the jurisdiction, duties and powers of such court, passed the house today.

The purpose of the bill, according to its authors, is intended to insure the permanency of the domestic relations court already established in Portland under an act passed at a previous session of the legislature.

CEMENT BILL, AFTER HOT DEBATE, KILLED

Schuebel Measure Encounters Foes in House.

VENTURE HELD HAZARDOUS

Expenditure of Million in Manufacture of Road-Making Material Counted Unwise.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—Following a bitter debate during which several representatives asserted that the people of Oregon were at the mercy of the cement trust, the bill giving authority to the state highway commission to purchase, construct and operate manufacturing plants and machinery for the production of cement or other road-building material and to expend from the state highway funds such money as might be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the act, was defeated in the house today.

Representative Schuebel, author of the bill, declared on the floor that he had made a careful study of what was being done in other states and had found that California, through state-owned plants, was producing its road-making materials at a cost far less than is shown by the records of the Oregon highway commission.

"There is no doubt that the people of this state are in the clutches of two great and powerful combines," declared Representative Schuebel, "and statistics gathered from other states show that our money is being wasted for the want of plants with which to produce road-making materials."

State Road Costs Compared. "I have been told on good authority that splendid roads are being built in California for as low as \$5000 a mile, while the records in Oregon show that some of our highways cost as much as \$20,000 a mile."

Representative Smith of Baker declared it a well-known fact that state work costs more than work done by private contract, and he was not ready to appropriate or authorize the highway commission to spend more than \$1,000,000 of the state's money in any one year.

Owego Example Cited. Representative McFarland declared there was no need for a state-owned cement plant in Oregon until \$1,000,000 would be required to initiate the undertaking.

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D. C. AND UNIVERSITY CLASH OVER FUNDS

Eugene Advocates Resent College Plea for Most Money.

DEADLOCK IS UNBROKEN

One Measure Asks 6-Mill Levy for Corvallis School, Another Proposes 50-50 Basis.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—At noon Friday the differences between the Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon will be in the hands of the joint ways and means committee, if this legislature is to take action affording financial relief to these institutions something must be done tomorrow, for Saturday, which will experience the rush of the closing session, will be too late.

University Charges Neglect. A full mill levy should be asked in a measure to be submitted to the people, agree the rival camps, but that as far as the agreement stands, the Oregon Agricultural college thinks it should have six-tenths of a mill and the University of Oregon should have four-tenths of a mill.

Advocates of the university insist that institution has been neglected and that the college has been built up at the expense of the university. The university people say that the fair thing is to split the millage tax 50-50 and tack on a very minor fraction for the normal schools.

For two weeks or more negotiations have been going on between the college and university with no other result than a deadlock which it has been impossible to break.

Equal Basis Assured. At noon today the senate were still at loggerheads and then Senator Patterson, for the college, offered a measure in the senate providing for a six-tenths mill levy for Oregon Agricultural college.

Deschutes Attorney Gets Rise. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—The house today passed a bill introducing Representative Burdick providing for an increase in the salary for the district attorney of Deschutes county from \$1000 to \$1200.

Pelts Delivered at Bend. BEND, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—One of the biggest loads of pelts ever brought into Bend was displayed today when Paul Werner of the Five company came in with 100 coyotes and ten bob cat skins.

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House Would Inform Voters Regarding Medley Proposal.

HUNTERS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT

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Bend Merchants Organize. BEND, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—Preliminary organization of the Bend Merchants' association was effected last night.

SENATORS SEEK ACTION ON WAY TO HOLD BALLOTING FOR GOVERNOR. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—Owing to the rainy debate in the senate and the rainy session, it has been impossible for the senators who are figuring a way

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