

SENATE SPLIT OPEN
UPON REDISTRICTINGUpper House Organization
Goes Down to Defeat.

JOINT RESOLUTION FAILS

Attempt to Get Reapportionment
Bills Before Special Committee
Blocked by Opposition.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special).—By 13 yeas to 13 nays, the senate this afternoon defeated Upton's proposed joint resolution to refer all congressional districting and reapportionment of the legislature measures to a special committee.

It was the first test of strength in the senate. The organization lost by an eyelash and the further important fact was that Senators Moser and Farrell were absent. A significant feature of the vote was that the two factions in the senate are almost evenly divided, and on close questions it will require a full attendance to carry out a program.

The lineup against the resolution consisted of Eddy, Gill, Hume, Jones, Joseph, Lachmund, Lafollette, Nickelson, Porter, Ryan, Strayer, Thomas and Vinton.

Those for the resolution were Banks, Bell, Dennis, Eberhard, Edwards, Ellis, Hall, Norblad, Patterson, Robertson, Smith, Staples, Upton.

President Rittner for parliamentary and other reasons, when he saw the resolution had failed, cast his vote against it. The resolution probably will be resurrected.

Lachmund Launches Attack.

Under the Upton resolution the intention was to have a committee of ten—five from the house and five from the senate—handle all the reapportionment legislation. Originally the resolution included the president and speaker as members, but the resolutions committee eliminated these officers at their own request.

Attack on the adoption of the resolution was launched by Senator Lachmund, who contended that the legislation to be dealt with should properly be assigned to the committee on elections and privileges, composed of Dennis, Patterson and Lachmund.

This viewpoint was endorsed by Vinton, Jones, Thomas and others.

In reply to a direct inquiry from Lachmund, President Rittner stated that the committee on elections and privileges was not the proper committee to consider reapportionment, and Patterson held that, from a geographical standpoint, the committee on elections and privileges was large enough to embrace all sections.

Senatorial Cabal is Charged.

Intimation was made that Upton had more than his share of committee, by Thomas, who argued at length, asserted that back of the resolution was an idea for juggling the congressional situation so that some one would be able to run against United States Senator McNary and later against United States Senator Starfield.

Senator Norblad undertook to clarify the trouble by announcing that Oregon will not have a fourth congressman and he assured his colleagues that he is not a candidate for congress.

A similar confession was made by Lachmund and Lafollette, who intimated that they were all guilty of harboring such ambitions.

On the surface the test vote looked like a victory for the faction in opposition to the senate organization. Such was not the case, however. Senators Moser and Farrell are members of the organization, and their presence during the fight would have resulted in the adoption of the resolution. Both of these Multnomah senators had been excused before the resolution came before the senate for action.

Bitter Fights Presaged.

It was the first rift in the late, first inharmonious chord to sound since the legislature opened its session. It presages other and more bitterly fought battles.

The great fear of the senators who opposed the adoption of the resolution was that their senatorial districts would be undermined. The state has not had a legislative reapportionment in 20 years and at that time the reapportionment was placed in the hands of a special committee, as Senator Upton proposed in the present instance. It is significant that the only senator from eastern Oregon who opposed the resolution was Strayer, democrat. There have been rumors that Grant and Baker counties might be formed into a senatorial district. Baker is now slightly democratic, and with Grant added to it, republicans would be able to elect a senator. There already have been rumors of combining Josephine and Jackson counties, which would eliminate Thomas from the senate. A general belief in the legislature is that reapportionment will reduce the size of the Marion county delegation and therefore Lachmund and Lafollette fought the resolution.

Washington Bug is Killed.

Dispatches in The Oregonian from Washington that Oregon will not have a fourth congressman, and that it was the order of a dozen legislators who had hopes of going to Washington, and while this eliminates a congressional redistricting wrangle, it does not affect the reapportionment of legislative districts. Redistricting the state over a senator and representative is interested politically.

Speaker Bean's preference in handling the reapportionment was to use the resolutions committee of the house and senate, as these are standing committees and virtually the steering committees of both branches. The only criticism to this was that a special joint committee could not be selected with proper regard to all parts of Oregon. If the joint resolution cannot at a later date be put through the senate, Speaker Bean's idea may be substituted.

BOND-COMPANY CODE OFFERED

Control of Security Investments Provided by House Bill.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Supervision of all bond investment companies by the state superintendent of state banks is provided for in an investment code prepared and submitted to the house today by Representative Korfell of Multnomah county.

This bill does not affect building loan associations, trust companies or banks, selling bonds, but includes any other company which handles investment securities.

All bond investment companies coming within the scope of the bill will be required to deposit \$100,000 in cash or bonds before doing business in the state of Oregon. If this bill passes, a bond house must file certified copies of its charter, its articles of incorporation, constitution and other rules and regulations governing its business, with the state bank examiner, and also a statement of its business for the preceding year.

At least four sworn statements showing the condition of the company at the close of business on the same day as such reports are required will be called for by the bank examiner each year, and further statements may be required at any time that the state bank examiner deems necessary.

Once each year the bond companies, under the bill, would be required to file a complete sworn statement showing the resources and liabilities of the company.

The proposed code provides for fees to be collected for examination of the bond houses, for the issuance of certificates to operate, and for the filing of the various statements required by the act.

TICKETS ARE IN DEMAND

GREAT INTEREST IS SHOWN IN SYMPHONY CONCERT.

Second Event of Popular Series at Auditorium Next Sunday Is Assured of Success.

Great interest is being shown in the second popular concert to be given at the public auditorium Sunday afternoon by the Portland symphony orchestra. Inquiries about tickets come in daily to Sherman, Clay & Co. and to Mrs. M. Donald Spencer, manager.

Employers of large numbers of workers in Portland stores and industrial firms are co-operating with the board of directors of the orchestra by posting notices of the concert in their buildings. The attention of employees is called to this opportunity to hear the orchestra's work.

"Popular programme, popular prices," is the slogan of the series of concerts, the first to be given in Portland. In giving Sunday afternoon programmes, the Portland orchestra is following the practice of other large cities of the United States, which have successfully given such concerts for the benefit of the public.

Sunday's concert will be the second in the series of four this season. The soloist will be Charles H. Demarest, organist. With the orchestra he will play Gullmunt's "First Concerto, Opus 43." This will be the first time this number has been played in Portland.

The entire symphony orchestra will appear, as will be the practice at all the popular concerts. Carl Denton will be the conductor.

PHONE RISE IS FOUGHT

Housewives' Council Outlines Campaign Against Increases.

Plans for a public mass meeting to oppose any rise in telephone rates were formulated at the weekly meeting of the Housewives' council yesterday afternoon in the central library.

A. N. Searle, president of the Montavilla board of trade, spoke on the proposed increases and declared members of the board would unite with the Housewives' council in any action it might take. Mr. Searle advocated that the city take over the telephone system and conduct it in the same manner as the water bureau.

Mrs. Robert Ewell was named as chairman of the committee to arrange for the mass meeting. An other committee was named to petition the recall of the public service commission.

SIX PORT BILL INTRODUCED

Action Taken When Multnomah Delegation Fails to Agree.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Because of the failure of the Multnomah county delegation to reach a complete agreement, the six port of Portland bills were introduced in the senate today by Senators Moser, Staples, Banks and Farrell. It was originally intended that these bills should be presented by the whole of the American people and the Multnomah county delegation.

The first of the bills, No. 75, is a general measure and relates to powers and duties of the legislature. The bill gives authority to the port to legislate on internal matters by ordinance and provides for the referendum and submission of questions to the people. Assessment of damages and benefits sustained or accruing from the filling of swamp or overflowed land and for the creation of a lien against such land, and the right of appeal to the courts if owners of the property are not satisfied, is provided in the third bill.

The fourth measure authorizes appraisal of property to determine its value before it shall be sold or its acquisition. In cases where the demanded price exceeds the appraisal, authority is provided for condemnation.

The fifth bill is a re-enactment of a portion of the first measure on the list and provides for submission to the people of the question whether the governor shall appoint the port commission.

The sixth bill gives authority to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000 for emergency purposes, and is intended to tide over financial demands until the general bonding measure becomes effective.

Husband's Consolation Displeasing

When Mrs. Una G. DeVore was ill her husband would console her by reminding her of approaching death. She complained in a suit for divorce against Clay C. DeVore, a shoe salesman. Alimony of \$75 a month is asked. Other divorce suits filed were: Elizabeth against George S. Saxton, Mary Edith against R. C. Craven.

Portland Girl, 16, to Wed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Miss Gertrude P. Noach,

16 years old, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Noach of 6104 Ninety-ninth street, Portland, and Ralph R. Godfrey, 23 years of age, were married here today. Mrs. Noach was present and gave her consent to the marriage and acted as witness for the young couple.

Fuel Shortage Curtails Power.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Fuel shortage has caused the Bandon Power company to curtail service to three workdays a week until such time as the shortage is relieved by resumption of work at the Moore sawmill, where the generating plant obtains its wood.

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Prohibition Anniversary Celebrated

ESTACADA, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Sunday night at the Christian church there was a union service of the Methodist and Christian churches under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. to celebrate the close of the first year of nation-wide prohibition. The programme consisted of readings and a number of pieces spoken by children, songs and addresses by the Mayor, the editor, the school superintendent and the pastor of the Christian church.

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PLAYER ROLLS

All of the January Rolls Are Here.

Come in and Hear Them.

Here are a few of the newest rolls:

Broken Moon. Fox Trot. \$1.25

I'm a Lonesome Little Raindrop. Fox Trot. 1.25

Darling. Fox Trot. 1.25

I Wonder If She's Waiting. Marimba Waltz. 1.25

In the Dusk. Fox Trot. 1.25

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JOINT COMMITTEE

SCANS CASH PLEAS

Problems of State Institutions Taken Up.

FIRST MEETING IS HELD

Superintendent of State Home for Feeble-Minded Asks \$11,357 to Complete Dormitory.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special).—When the joint ways and means committee held its first meeting here tonight to consider requests for appropriations for money with which to conduct the state institutions and departments during the present biennium, it was confronted with tentative needs aggregating \$9,810,350.62.

Of this sum, laws carrying appropriations will provide \$10,175.87, while the millage taxes for county fair purposes, road purposes, Oregon Agricultural college, University of Oregon and State Normal school will reduce the amount of appropriations the legislature must authorize to \$6,892,223.75.

Dr. J. N. Smith, superintendent of the State Home for the Feeble-Minded, appeared before the committee and asked for an immediate appropriation of \$11,357.85, with which to complete the dormitory authorized at the special session of the legislature.

\$43,721 Put on Structure.

There has been expended on this structure \$43,721, of which \$4000 was paid by Dr. Smith out of the betterment funds of the institution. Dr. Smith and W. C. Knigton, architect, agreed that \$11,357 would complete the dormitory at this time, but that if the work was delayed the cost would be increased by several hundred dollars.

The budget submitted by Dr. Smith fixed the estimated expenditures of the institution for the present biennium at \$37,450. In order to investigate Dr. Smith's requests, a committee composed of Senator Upton and Representatives Childs and Hurd was appointed to visit the institution and report their findings at a future meeting of the ways and means committee.

Committee Is Named.

Another committee, including Senators Staples and Eberhard and Representative Kubli, was appointed to make an investigation and report to the committee on the feasibility of repealing the law enacted at the special session of the legislature last January allowing the commitment of children to the institution under 5 years of age.

There are at present nearly 600 persons in the home, and Dr. Smith suggested that the children under 5 years of age be taken care of in some other institution in order that the older patients might receive the benefit afforded by the state.

As the budget now stands, the ways and means committee will have to top off approximately \$800,000 to keep within the 8 per cent limitation law.

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Overcoats at HALF PRICE

One Special Group of \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55

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Men's Underwear and Men's Hats

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