

SENATE AND HOUSE
ACTS & DEADLOCK

Direct Legislation and Local
Option Block Other Bills
at Olympia.

LIABILITY ACT IN DOUBT

Employers Object Particularly to
First-Aid-Fund Provision and
Other Interests Join in Op-
position to Bill.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)

The Washington Legislature has been in session 23 days, or more than half of the time limit allotted by the constitution, and has not as yet begun to dispose of the really important business before it. The subjects that are considered of intense interest are direct legislation, the insurance code, compensation of employees, revision of the state banking laws and the county unit measure.

Deadlock is Impending.

This contingency merely strengthens the forecast made last week that it will take only a straw's weight to create a deadlock in the Legislature. Members of both houses who are opposed to direct legislation and local option legislation give out the impression that unless a compromise is effected on these two issues, no efforts will be put forth by them to make way easier for other legislation desired by the progressive forces. The members of the conservatives go as far as to say that if this situation prevails throughout the entire session, the state and the taxpayers will get nothing out of anything, but will be much better off.

No subject has been more widely discussed or has received more attention from the special committees of the House and Senate, as well as by the people generally, than the employer's liability act. The bill is so broad and far-reaching that it seems extremely difficult for all concerned to come to a general understanding of the matter.

Interests Cannot Agree.

The bill drafted by a special committee composed of representatives of labor and employers has had three readings and still the different interests have been unable to get together on all the provisions. Representative Tait, of Pierce, who has presided over the meetings, insists that the bill go through without amendment, and in this contention he is supported by almost unanimously by the labor interests. The employers demand certain changes be made. They particularly object to the first aid fund provision which in speaking of the quantity of the injured, they maintain that with this provision eliminated, both the employer and the subject will be put on an equitable basis in providing funds for the care of the injured workmen.

Labor Favors Bill.

In discussing the bill Thursday night C. R. Case, president of the State Federation of Labor, urged the passage of the bill. He took occasion to quote frequently from editorials of the Oregonian and said that that newspaper had exploited the subject and that legislation touching upon the subject. He declared that the provisions of the bill were reasonable and that the measure if enacted into law would put Washington in the first rank on advanced legislation.

Another bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Metcalf, of Pierce. This measure provides for the compensation of workmen, but gives the employers the right to use any legitimate insurance they desire. This bill would permit the employer to continue operation in this state. This measure seems to be little understood and members of the Senate are not disposed to express themselves one way or the other. Members of the House who have discussed the Metcalf bill will receive like treatment and will not be allowed to forget their differences and get down to business, the chances for legislation on employers' liability as well as other important measures will be anything but bright.

SOLONS GET BUSY MONDAY

Large Volume of Business Awaits Legislators' Action.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Monday is the last day that either the House or the Senate can consider bills originating in their own body without the consent of the other House. This means that an immense volume of business awaits consideration by both houses Monday.

HOUSE PASSES THREE BILLS.

Four Measures Indefinitely Postponed and 14 Introduced.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—The House passed the following bills today: H. B. 220, Sutton—Permitting election boards to count ballots during day; H. B. 219, Lane County Delegation—Appropriating \$28,254.92 for administration building; H. B. 218, Lane County Delegation—Appropriating \$17,000 for library building University of Oregon.

MEASURES INTRODUCED IN HOUSE.

Substitute 349, Revision of Laws Commission—Providing method for abolishing district bills and maintaining University of Oregon.

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WHEAT OWNERS GETS
BSE. VOTERS IN PLAN

Representative Ambrose Has
New Reapportionment Bill
in House.

RATIO IS ONE TO 21,852

Scheme Would Result in No Changes
in Representative Districts,
but Eliminates Two Sena-
torial Territories.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—Giving Multnomah eight Senators and 16 Representatives and eliminating two Senatorial districts but leaving the same number of representative districts. Representative Ambrose introduced another reapportionment plan in the House today.

Ratio of Apportionment is One Senator for every 21,852 of the white population.

Three supplementary bills showing the ratio upon which the apportionment is based, the respective Senatorial districts and the respective Representative districts are prepared to carry out the Ambrose reapportionment scheme. Ratio of apportionment is one Senator for every 21,852 of the white population or fraction thereof exceeding one-half in each Senatorial district and 26,208 white population or fraction thereof exceeding one-half in each Representative district.

Marion Holds Same Number.

In the Senate Marion is accorded her same number of Senators under the new plan as under the present system. Linn is given one Senator, but no Joint Senator as that county now has in connection with Lane is given one Senator and a Joint Senator with Benton. Douglas is given one Senator, this being the same apportionment as at present. Coos is given a Senator, instead of a Joint Senator with Curry, while Josephine, which has now a Senator by itself, is made part of a Joint district with Curry.

Clatsop Gets Benefit.

Clatsop is accorded a much better representation under the proposed system than at present. Under the Ambrose plan Clatsop is given a Representative of its own and is also made a Joint district with Columbia and another joint district with Tillamook.

House of Representatives.

Table with 2 columns: Representative Districts, Representatives. Lists districts 1-23 and corresponding representative counts.

WEST WOULD KEEP POST

Governor, in Vetoing Bill, Scores
Wifeaters of Today.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—Governor West today vetoed the Buchanan bill to abolish the whipping post. Declaring that the wifebeater is a relic of barbarism, as much as the whipping post, he sent the following veto message to the House:

Portuguese Officer is Dismissed.

LEBON, Feb. 11.—A sensation was caused today by the dismissal from the service of Captain Fonseca, of the Tenth Regiment of Infantry, stationed at Braga.

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ASTORIA WINS FIGHT

LESTER'S \$50,000 BILL GETS
GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.

No Emergency Clause in Measure
Which Provides That Centennial
City Must Raise \$40,000.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—Senator Lester's bill carrying an appropriation of \$50,000 for the celebration of the Astoria centennial this year has become a law, being sent to the Secretary of State's office today with the signature of the Governor affixed to it. The bill provides that \$40,000 additional must be raised by Astoria and Clatsop County before the appropriation will be made by the state, the state money to be paid to the Astoria Centennial Committee. The bill carries no emergency clause. So far there are but two acts with emergency clauses attached; these being Kellaher's bill to validate the issuance of Broadway bridge bonds by the City of Portland and the other providing that Clatsop County may levy a special tax for the Astoria Centennial celebration. The Lester bill to appropriate state money for the celebration originally carried the emergency clause but it was stricken out before the bill left the Senate.

ASTORIA CELEBRATES DAY

City Joins in Demonstration When
News of Bill's Approval Heard.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Excitement reigned in Astoria for several hours tonight when the citizens joined in a big demonstration in honor of the appropriation of \$50,000 made by the state for the centennial fund. What the news came that Governor West had signed the appropriation bill, preparations were immediately commenced for the celebration.

NO CONTEST ON LIBRARY

Speaker and Three Representatives
Support Measure Under Protest.

Washington "U" Attracts
Oregon Students.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—With only 10 dissenting votes, the House today passed two bills providing in the aggregate \$604,258.92 for the increased maintenance and additional buildings for the University of Oregon. Both bills passed as they came from the ways and means committee.

GOVERNOR'S VETO AWAITED

Fouts Fails in Effort to Recall As-
sistant Secretary Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—Senator Bowerman's bill, creating the office of assistant secretary of State, is now up to Governor West, who is said to have his veto pen in readiness awaiting its receipt. In the House this afternoon, Ambrose, seconded by Fouts, moved to recall this bill from the Governor, to whom it was sent following its passage by the House Wednesday, in order to reconsider the bill. The bill passed. Brooke objected for the reason that the House was not under that order of business. Fouts then asked for a suspension of the rules in order to insist on the return of the Bowerman bill from the executive office, but this also failed.

ADDITIONAL JUDGE LIKELY

House Committee Makes Favorable
Report on Collins Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—The House today reported a majority report on Collins' bill which had been amended so as to provide for only one more judge. Bigelow, Clyde and Fouts, the other three members of the delegation, submitted a minority report against the additional judge. The House refused to substitute the unfavorable report for the majority report and by the same vote adopted the majority report. The bill providing the additional judge will be up for third reading.

Washington Taking Students.

In the debate it developed that the cost of conducting the State University

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\$500,000 Is Given.

WARM CONFLICT THREATENED

Senate May See Fight Over Rogue
River Fishing Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—From the fact that several of the Senators have expressed themselves as pledged to their constituency that they will refuse to take part in amending or repealing any of the laws enacted by the people, two factions in the Senate are to a certain measure lining up in respect to the Rogue River fishing bill, introduced in the House by Peirce and passing that body Friday. The bill repeals the initiative act passed at the last election, which prohibits fishing in that river.

SPRITED DEBATE RESULTS.

Mahoney tried to have the bill referred to the ways and means committee for the purpose of eliminating the item of \$175,000 for the administration building and this provoked a spirited debate.

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Revision of Tax Laws Proposed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.

(Special.)—Revision of all laws governing assessment and taxation in the state, including the proposal of additional legislation, is provided in a resolution offered in the House today by Neuner of Douglas. The resolution authorizes the appointment of a joint committee of seven Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker and five Senators by the President of the Senate. The joint committee in its work will confer with the State Board of Tax Commissioners and all bills or constitutional amendments recommended will be submitted to the voters for their approval before taking effect.

RHEUMATISM

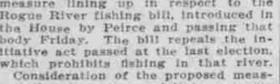
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