

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 32 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. Two 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.

There seems to be grave doubt that any of these questions will be settled at this session, as the breach between the two houses does not seem to improve. This feature of the situation was made strikingly apparent on Friday, when the House refused to recognize the action of the Senate in the squabble over the management of the Monroe Hospital.

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.

Interests Cannot Agree.
The bill drafted by a special committee composed of representatives of labor and employers has been through the hearings 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 necessary and additional expense in taking care 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.

Recent developments indicate that opposition is being directed against the bill from various sources. Lined up against the measure are the hospital associations, physicians, many of the public service providers for the casualty insurance companies. Chief among the objections raised against the bill by these interests are that it constitutes an undue burden on the Legislature, that the provisions of the act are not 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 exempt the subject from the measure 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 Post-
poned and 14 Introduced.
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H. B. 226, Sutton—Permitting election boards to count ballots during days.
H. B. 219, Lane County Delegation—Appropriating \$125,254.92 for administration building and maintenance, University of Oregon.
H. B. 211, Lane County Delegation—Appropriating \$175,000 for library building University of Oregon.
Indefinitely Postponed.
H. B. 223, Coyle—Giving Multnomah County Court authority to increase salaries of judges and clerks.
H. B. 220, Coyle—Giving State Board of Health authority to require State Board of Health to visit state aided institutions.
H. B. 224, Brownhill—Amending charter of Yamhill.
Measures Introduced in House.
Substitute 349, Revision of Laws Commission—Providing method for abolishing district bills and maintenance of University of Oregon.
H. B. 220, Powell—Transferring to Falls City certain roads within its corporate limits.
H. B. 221, Potts—Authorizing Multnomah County Court to levy tax of one-half cent on mill for a county agricultural fair.
H. B. 222, Potts—Providing for holding public James halls open on Sunday.
H. B. 223, Ways and Means Committee—Special Appropriation—Operating bill.
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H. B. 225, Coyle—Fixing the responsibility of abstractors.
H. B. 226, Coyle—Amending the statute on embankment.
H. B. 227, Coyle—Permitting mutual insurance companies of other states to enter Oregon.
H. B. 228, Hanks—Defining and imposing certain classes of indemnity contracts.
H. B. 229, Ambrose—Reapportionment bill.
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H. B. 231, Ambrose—Reapportionment bill.

'SALARY GRAB' SCORED

SENATOR NORTON AND REPRESENTATIVE SMITH VOICE VIEW

Letter Made Public Expresses Wish
That Governor Would Veto All
Measures to Increase Pay.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—That at least two of the members of the Legislature are opposed to the "salary grab" bills for county officers, which have flooded the House and the Senate during the present session, is evidenced in a letter which Senator Norton and Representative Smith of Josephine, have prepared for the benefit of their constituents.

"I wish the Governor would veto all of these bills," stated Senator Norton today, when commenting upon them. "There has been an unusual number of them and in my opinion they are unnecessary and uncalled for. It is true there are cases where county officers are underpaid and should be given more consideration. But the increase of bills is certainly unwarranted as it is certain that the majority of officers in the state are not underpaid and the great quantity of increases asked for would indicate this to be the case."

Considerable interest attaches as to what action the Governor will take in regard to these salary bills. Governor Chamberlain vetoed all of the salary bills following the last session, explaining his action by stating that it is unwise and improper to increase the salary of an officer during his term of office.

The letter on this subject prepared by Senator Norton and Representative Smith follows:
"During the present session we have been criticised by some of our citizens for not introducing bills raising the salaries of county officers. We take the liberty of taking this method to explain our position to those who may be interested.
"We appreciate and agree that various of our county officers are high underpaid and that the services they are obliged to perform are entirely disproportionate to the salary they receive. We have been confronted with the fact, however, that our county is heavily in debt and that the tax levy required for the city of Grants Pass is higher than the rate of levy for the city of Portland.

DIVISION SEEN ON MEASURE

Abraham's Bill Classifying Railroads Cause of Trouble.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Abraham's bill classifying railroads, which has caused a division of opinion among the members of the House, is still in railroad committee of the Senate, but has not yet been reported there, as it has resulted in many warm arguments and debates.

Ballot-Counting Bill Passes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—With only one or two dissenting votes, Sutton's bill changing the present method of counting ballots in primary and general elections, passed the House today. It provides that the night election boards instead of taking up their duties when the polls are closed shall report at their respective polling places at 9 o'clock in the morning of election day and immediately begin counting the ballots. The bill provides that hourly thereafter the day board shall turn over to the second board all ballots deposited during the preceding hour. In this way the rest of the election officials will be proceeding in every election will be known shortly after the polls close.

WULF BROWERS GETS
8 SENATORS IN PLAN

Representative Ambrose Has
New Reapportionment Bill
in House.

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STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Giving Multnomah eight Senators and 19 Representatives and eliminating two Senatorial districts but leaving the same number of representative districts. Representative Ambrose introduced another reapportionment plan in the House today.

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 10,926 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. Lynn is given one Senator, but no Joint Senator as that county now has in connection with Lane a Senator and 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.

Polk and Lincoln are made a joint district instead of Benton and Polk, while Yamhill, which now has a Senator of its own, is placed in a joint district with Tillamook. Clatsop and Columbia are made a joint district, Clatsop being a district by itself at present. Baker and Grant are combined in one district and Umatilla is combined with Morrow. Umatilla being deprived of its present Senator, Malheur and Harney are to comprise one district instead of Grant, Malheur and Harney, while the balance of the counties stand practically as they do now under the provisions of the proposed act.

In apportioning the Representatives, Lynn is cut from three to two. Morrow and Umatilla, now having but one Representative, are given two. Multnomah is given no Joint Representatives, Clackamas being cut from the joint district, but the same ratio is given her present quota of three.

Yamhill, which now has two Representatives and a Joint Representative with Tillamook, is cut from Tillamook and left with the two Representatives. Baker, which is now accorded one Representative, is made a joint district with Grant, Tillamook and Yamhill, leaving three Representatives, is cut to two.

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.

Marion's quota of Representatives is cut from five to four. Otherwise the apportionment of Representatives stands practically as at present.

Apportionment of Senatorial and Representative districts, complete, is as follows:
Senators.
Senatorial Districts—Senators:
1—Marion 2
2—Linn 1
3—Lane 1
4—Lane and Benton 1
5—Douglas 1
6—Coos 1
7—Josephine and Curry 1
8—Polk and Lincoln 1
9—Tillamook and Yamhill 1
10—Washington 1
11—Clackamas 1
12—Clackamas and Multnomah 1
13—Multnomah 1
14—Clatsop and Columbia 1
15—Baker and Grant 1
16—Columbia 1
17—Morrow and Umatilla 1
18—Union and Willawa 1
19—Malheur and Harney 1
20—Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler 1
21—Hood River and Wasco 1

House of Representatives.
Representative Districts—Representatives:
1—Clatsop 3
2—Clatsop and Columbia 3
3—Clatsop and Tillamook 3
4—Lane 2
5—Linn 2
6—Crook 2
7—Douglas 2
8—Coos 2
9—Coos and Curry 2
10—Hood River 2
11—Wasco 2
12—Baker 2
13—Union 2
14—Union and Willawa 2
15—Harney & Malheur 2
16—Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler 2
17—Union and Umatilla 2
18—Klamath and Lake 2
19—Baker and Grant 2
20—Clackamas 2
21—Yamhill 2
22—Polk and Lincoln 2
23—Benton 2
24—Jackson 2
25—Josephine 2
26—Multnomah 4
27—Marion 4

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:

"I return herewith House bill No. 101 (Buchanan bill) repealing the whipping post law) without my approval. It is said that the whipping post law should be repealed because it is a relic of barbarism. Perhaps the whipping of wifebeaters is in a manner, a barbarous practice, but you should remember that the wifebeater is also a relic of barbarism and it seems to me that it is most fitting that we retain upon our statute books at least one such barbarous punishment for these barbarians.

"I am sure you will be glad to strike and abuse his wife is entitled to no sympathy or relief at your hands and I assure you he will get none from me. Any and all success I may have met within this life I owe to the help and encouragement I have received from my mother, my wife and other good women and I cannot see my way clear to

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. West had signed the appropriation bill, preparations were immediately commenced for the celebration.

The result was that the streets were crowded at an early hour and when the celebration consisting of two bands, a platoon of police, dozens of automobiles, fire department, scores of men and boys carrying torches and banners and dozens of spectators, all wearing of all descriptions, paraded the principal streets, it passed through a throng of cheering and enthusiastic people.

Astoria starting out with the firm determination of making the centennial celebration a grand success in every way. Already over \$30,000 of the required amount has been raised by the city, the balance will be in the hands of the committee early in the coming week.

GOVERNOR'S VETO AWAITED

Fouts Fails in Effort to Recall
Assistant 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 recall the bill from the Governor, who 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.

Today was the last day this measure could be reconsidered, and its fate now rests with the Governor.

ADDITIONAL JUDGE LIKELY

House Committee Makes Favorable
Report on Collins Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The Judiciary committee of the House today reported in favor of the Collins bill which provides for the appointment of an additional judge for Multnomah County. Nine members of the Multnomah delegation in the House this afternoon 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 receive 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.

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. He is charged with inciting the soldiers to revolt in favor of the restoration of the monarchy.

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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.

No fight was made on the bill appropriating \$175,000 for a new library building. The objection was directed to the incorporation of an item of \$175,000 for an administration building and the item being included in a bill carrying \$238,258.92. In the final vote, Speaker Rusk and Representatives Thompson, Mahoney and Smith supported the bill, explaining that they were opposed to voting for bills which included appropriations for buildings along with other items necessary for a state institution.

Spirited 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.

"It is time for this Legislature to practice retrenchment," said Mahoney. "From the estimates I have been able to compile this Legislature expended \$1,000,000. I am satisfied the appropriation for the administration building can be left out of the bill and not in any way impair the efficiency of the university."

Thompson, Hollis and Brownhill argued in a similar vein, while the university was championed by Eaton, McKinley, Cole, Fouts, Huntington and Clyde. Fouts and Clyde charged that Thompson, in opposing the bill, was playing politics and seeking to punish Eaton, who "would not stand in and play ball with the 'old guard' in legislative coming before the Legislature."

Thompson vigorously denied the imputation that he was either seeking to punish Eaton or that he was playing politics and explained his position by saying that the appropriation for an administration building, which was not actually demanded at this time, could wait for another two years.

Washington Taking Students.
In the debate it developed that the cost of conducting the State University

is \$175 per student annually, while the cost per capita in other leading universities of the United States is \$250.

Fouts charged that because of its improved equipment and by reason of its more liberal support by the state, the University of Washington was attracting to it a great many young people from Oregon who were desirous of availing themselves of the best educational facilities in the Pacific Northwest.

Mahoney's motion to refer was defeated and the bill passed by a vote of 47 to 10. The separate bill providing \$175,000 for a library building passed with only nine votes against it as follows: Carter, Hollis, Mahoney, Miller (Linn), Neuner, Pierce, Shaw, Simpson and Tigard.

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.

Consideration of the proposed measure threatens to precipitate a warm conflict when it appears for final passage in the upper body. The conflict will not wage around the merits of the bill so much as it will around the question of whether the Legislature may safely repeal such a law after the people have given it their sanction. The wide diversity in the number of votes cast on the various measures at the last election will enter into the question to some extent, as many of the measures received but scant attention from the people and were apparently not given much thought.

That there is a distinct difference of opinion among the Senators as to their

attitude on the question is so apparent it will probably result in a prolonged debate early in the week.

Revision of Tax Laws Proposed.

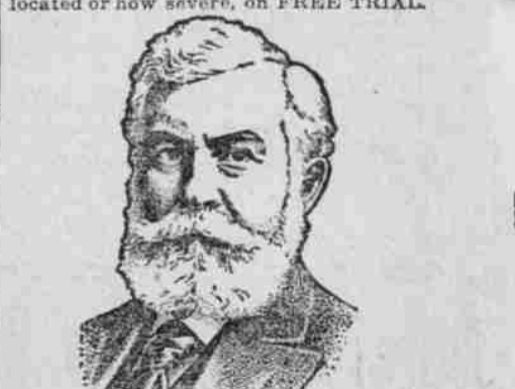
STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Revision of all laws governing assessment and taxation in the state, including the proposal of additional legislation, is provided in a resolution offered in the House today by Neuner of Douglas. The resolution authorizes the appointment of a joint committee 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.

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