

## ROAD LEGISLATION IS DUE THIS WEEK

Two Complete Codes Under Consideration and Proponents Are Active.

### CONSOLIDATION BILLED, TOO

Banking Measures That Would Make State and Federal Laws Concur to Come Up for Action. Insurance Code Is on List.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special).—Road legislation doubtless will be one of the important items to demand the attention of the House next week.

The road committee now has under consideration two complete road codes introduced by Representative Schimpf and outlining the views of the good roads committee, and the other introduced by Representative Laurgaard.

For the last two weeks the committee has been holding nightly meetings and has heard probably 200 good roads enthusiasts on the relative merits of the two bills.

One particular objection to the Schimpf bill is based on the provision that it authorizes the good roads committee virtually to dictate the appointments to the State Highway Commission, which is to have charge of the road program.

It designates the State Highway Engineer as one of the three members of the Commission. The two others are to be named by the Governor from a list of ten presented by the good roads committee. Many speakers have protested against this attempted injection of an unofficial influence into the affairs of the State Highway Board.

It also would increase the present quarter-mile road tax levy to half a mill and would abolish road supervisors in all parts of the state.

That is one point on which all authorities are agreed—that the road supervisors should go. They are a useless and expensive appendage to the present organization of road government, it is declared.

The Laurgaard bill differs from the Schimpf bill in many particulars. It creates a state highway commission, to be appointed by the Governor, one from each congressional district. The commission is to appoint the state engineer, whose salary is not to exceed \$6000 a year.

The question of financing future road development also must be thrashed out by this legislature and probably will gain some attention in the House this week.

The Bean-Barrett bill providing for a bond issue to meet the Federal appropriation of \$1,800,000 allotted to Oregon already has passed the House. The bonds are to be issued only in the sums needed to meet the Federal fund, inasmuch as the Government requires the state to match its appropriations dollar for dollar. If the state gets enough money from other sources it won't have to issue any bonds at all.

Members of the good roads committee, who have been active in the lobby ever since the session opened, are opposed to the Bean-Barrett bill. They see no reason why the state should bond itself to build roads. Enough money will accrue from taxation and automobile licenses to meet these needs, they argue. Meanwhile, largely through their influence, it is said, the Bean-Barrett bill is being held up in the Senate.

The House also will take its first crack at the consolidation program next week. The first bill drafted by the joint House and Senate consolidation committee was dropped into the House hopper today. It provides for consolidation of all the state departments handling labor activities.

There is a strong opposition to the bill. Many members oppose the plan to combine the Industrial Accident Commission with the other labor departments. The revision of laws committee has been continued as a separate organization. It is possible, though, that these members would agree to reducing the membership of the Commission from three to two and to make the Commission's physician the third member of the board.

A series of bills proposed by the House banking committee to make the state banking laws conform to the Federal code will be up for third reading in the House on Monday. One of the most important of these measures would permit a state bank to open and operate branches. Another would

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## JOSEF HOFMANN, FAVORITE OF BROADWAY, IS COMING

Polish Pianist Who Is Always Great Drawing Card in Gotham Is Due to Be at the Heilig Theater on February 17.



JOSEF HOFMANN.

THE announcement that Josef Hofmann, the Polish pianist, is coming to Portland for one recital February 17, under the direction of Steers & Conman, is greeted with enthusiasm by music lovers. He will be at the Heilig.

"No pianist before the public can evoke such a beautiful tone from the piano as Josef Hofmann," says one of the foremost critics of New York. This compelling attribute of Mr. Hofmann's playing has become more and more apparent as the seasons go by, and opportunities are given to hear the many noted artists of the keyboard who visit this country.

It is doubtful if any pianist has ever been able even to approach the "singling" tone produced by Hofmann, and certainly none can match; neither is there a pianist who impresses an audience with the realization of true greatness to the same extent as does Hofmann. His understanding and

emotion, and the power to transfer them to his hearers, is rarely found on the concert platform.

New York is probably the coldest and most critical city in the world; it hears more concerts than any two American cities together. Pianists come and go, many making several appearances each season hoping to build a reputation; the percentage of successful ones is pitifully small.

But of the few, the one whose recitals in the metropolis never fails to arouse great enthusiasm is Josef Hofmann. His appearance is awaited eagerly by thousands, and a month before the date of his concert orders for tickets stream into the box office at Carnegie Hall.

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Northwest dairy and products show in Portland will not only be a great thing for the dairymen, but to the city of Portland, in that the show will grow to large proportions, and to the State Fair, in that more dairymen will be induced to exhibit their stock there because of the closeness of the dates.

In the past the dairymen have exhibited at the time of the Northwest Livestock Show, in December. That there is as much difference between the livestock industry and the dairy industry as between grain and fruit growing is the argument of the dairymen.

Exhibit This Year Possible. When a dairy and products show was first mentioned there was some objection on the part of livestock men. It is said, but on second consideration the livestock men agreed there was a large field for a dairy and products show with the dairymen's annual

\$22,000,000 crop in the state of Oregon alone, not to say anything of the other Northwestern states and California.

President Taylor believes a dairy and products show can be held this year. He says large sums of money have been offered in the way of subscriptions to get the show organized, and \$25,000 will be available for prizes and show expense.

"The use of a building in Portland has been offered us free of cost for a 10-day show this fall," Mr. Taylor said. "After the show has been in operation two or three years and it has been shown that it is permanent in nature, I am confident the gate receipts will amount to thousands of dollars and the show be self-supporting."

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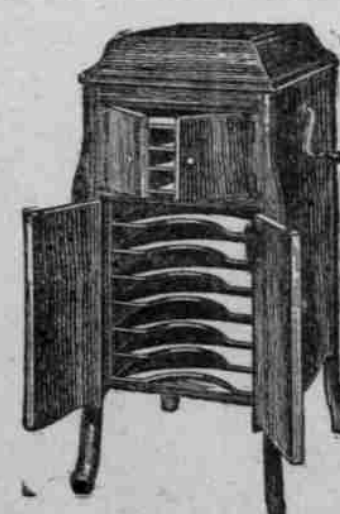
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10, of representatives of all the allied associations in the state to lay out the work. The Breeders' Association, the Cheese and Buttermakers' Association and other dairy product industries will be represented.

Ten-Day Show Proposed. According to President Taylor, of the State Dairymen's Association, it is the plan to hold the show for 10 days, immediately following the State Fair each year, so dairymen at the State Fair can take their stock on to Portland for the products show. Also at the State Fair dairymen from California, Washington, Idaho and Montana will show stock, and they will take their stock to Portland to the show. The Corvallis dairymen said:

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