

SENATE PUTS GRANT BILL IN PEOPLE'S HANDS

Bean Declares State Must Assert Right to Tax All Grant. Debate Is Bitter.

BILL RECALLED, PASSED

House Again Approves Idea of Placing Lands on Assessment Rolls. Rulings Quoted to Show Grant Is Exempt.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—With an amendment suggested by Representative Bean himself, authorizing that the bill be referred to the people, House bill 302, directing County Assessors to place the Oregon & California Railroad grant lands on the tax rolls, passed the Senate late today by a vote of 18 to 12.

His passage was preceded by one of the hottest fights of the session. Earlier in the day, Representative Eaton, Mr. Bean's colleague in the House from Lane County, had the bill recalled from the Senate.

Bean was absent and Eaton suggested that the bill lie on the table until Bean returned.

As soon as Bean heard of what had happened he hastened into the House and demanded a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill had been recalled.

This opened the whole question for discussion. Bean won his point on a rollcall vote. This again brought up the question of recalling the bill, and on the rollcall the House refused to recall the bill.

Speaker Objects to Time Wasted. Eaton insisted on talking on the bill and exhausted every parliamentary resource. Speaker Stanford protested against giving another time to consideration of a bill that had passed the House by unanimous vote after being reported to the House without recommendation by the Senate.

Another skirmish between Eaton and Bean developed when the Senate amendment submitting the question to a vote of the people came before the House. Eaton urged the House not to concur. This would have blocked passage of the bill. On a rollcall, the House concurred by a margin of three votes.

When it came shortly afterwards in the Senate, it was voted to give Representative Bean the courtesy of the floor for 10 minutes to explain the measure and its effect on the state. Representative Eaton had 10 minutes to reply.

Slicked Left to Defend Bill. When Mr. Bean objected to his having the final word, declaring that Mr. Eaton's feeling against him was very great, Mr. Eaton said he would present his case in seven minutes and close.

Mr. Bean had left a sick bed to make his fight for the bill. He spoke with great earnestness.

"This is no trifling school matter," he said. "It involves one of the most vital interests of the state of Oregon."

He reviewed the granting of the land to the Oregon & California Railroad. He quoted the act of Congress that provided for the lands.

"The object of this bill," he continued, "is to declare forever the sovereignty right of this state to tax these lands."

letter by the Attorney-General, bearing date September 14, 1916, "that the grant lands appearing on record as the lands of the Oregon & California Railroad Company were assessable at their true value."

"And again: 'Since then Congress by an act passed June 9, 1916, undertook to revert in the United States title to the Oregon & California Railroad Company grant lands.'"

And another quotation: "Also in an opinion bearing date June 29, 1916, we advised the Tax Commission that by reason of said act of Congress of the United States, approved June 9, 1916, which attempted to revert the title of the Oregon & California Railroad lands in the United States, if valid, such lands are removed from the taxing power of the state of Oregon."

In his reply Representative Eaton declared the bill merely an order to place on the assessment rolls of the state the lands of the Oregon & California Railroad Company.

"I cannot see," he said, "why an attempt should be made to put these lands on the assessment rolls unless it is done to support the contention of the Oregon & California Railroad Company."

Danger to Taxes Denied. He declared it to be his belief and that of many lawyers that if the title reverts to the Government the lands cannot be taxed.

"That," he declared, "is also the opinion of the Attorney-General. 'To be as fair as I know how to be, there can be but two possible objects to this bill. One is to save to the state the taxes on these lands.'"

He quoted the Attorney-General as saying that this was necessary to save these taxes for the state, and that there is no danger of losing the taxes.

"The whole thing resolves itself into this: The railroad company feels that it has no title in these lands and the proof is that it has permitted the taxes on these lands to go delinquent for three years."

Tax on Railroad Proposed. In a three-minute rebuttal Mr. Bean said:

"This is not the property of the United States and the Supreme Court has so held."

"But the question here is one of taxation. The Government can administer these lands, but it must do so as a landlord."

Mr. Eaton confessed the very point I contend for—that the railroad company has equity of \$2.50 an acre in land which it has not paid for. And yet we are asked to exempt it from the tax rolls and not assess them a dollar."

All the interest I have in this matter is the state's interest. All I want is a fair expression of the state's right."

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Senator Conrad P. Olson moved that the Senate go into committee of the whole to amend the bill so as to submit the question to the people.

Senator Olson's amendment proposed putting the question on the ballot at the next election.

This opened a general debate. Senator Eddy maintained that the lands belonged to the United States and that the state had no right to tax them. He maintained the whole question had been thrashed out at the land-grant conference months ago.

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HOUSE VOTES TO SPEND \$799,727

Mrs. Thompson's Plea for Children Wins Over Committee and Fund Is Doubled.

SENATE BILLS PILE UP

Measures From Other House Are Not Acted On at Day Sessions, as Money Takes Up Most of Time of Members.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Appropriations aggregating \$799,727.17 were carried in a big list of appropriation bills passed by the House today.

Most of the time in the House was given to appropriation bills. None of the Senate bills on the calendar for third reading were reached before adjournment at 4:30.

Other Senate bills kept coming over all afternoon and piling up on the desk. The House waded into these measures immediately after the evening recess and disposed of them in rapid order.

The appropriation measures were adopted with monotonous routine as they came from the ways and means committee.

The state was broken in only one place and that was when Mrs. Thompson got an increase in the appropriation for the child welfare bureau from \$2000 to \$4000.

Woman Wins Over Opponents. The ways and means committee members were inclined to oppose her contention at first, but she appealed to them so earnestly not to destroy the work of the children's bureau that one after another they yielded to her persuasive powers.

Chairman Kubit, for some mysterious reason, remained silent when the subject was under debate, and it is suspected that he was in friendly collusion with Mrs. Thompson all the time.

When the roll was called about a dozen members voted 'No' on the passage of the bill but before the result was announced the whole bunch got up and changed their votes, so the record shows that Mrs. Thompson won her point unanimously.

College Gets \$85,000. Following is a complete list of the appropriations passed:

Supreme Court, \$95,000.50. New Library at Oregon Agricultural College, \$45,000. Receiving ward at State Hospital, \$60,000. Support of homeless children, \$124,872.45. Support of wayward girls, \$10,000. State Board of Control, \$15,000. Tax Commission, \$24,000. Pilot Commission, \$24,000.

Supreme Court reports, \$25,000. Linotype for state printer, \$17,000. Dairy and food department, \$38,000. State fair, \$44,500. Veterinary and livestock boards, \$42,000. Dormitory and improvements at University, \$85,000. Labor Commission, \$10,000. Child welfare bureau, \$4,000. Inclusive of welfare commission, \$4,000. Weights and measures department, \$4,000. School, \$22,000.00 at Monmouth Normal School, \$22,000.00. Normal Training School, \$6,000. Miscellaneous claims, \$9,618.22.

Pioneer Monument Given. Nehalem fish hatchery, \$4,000. Monument at Champagne, \$5,000. Northwest Tourist Association, \$45,000. Hood River experiment station, \$6,000. Mackenzie fish hatchery, \$10,000. Repairs Tumalo irrigation reservoir, \$10,000. Repair Clatskanie fish hatchery, \$7,500. Fish district No. 2, \$10,000. Fish hatchery, \$10,000. Agricultural experiments, \$15,000. H. D. Williams claim, \$29,729.17. Total, \$799,727.17.

Feeble-Minded Care Enforced. Mrs. Thompson's bill providing for compulsory commitment of feeble-minded children to state institutions was passed this morning with a heavy vote. Mrs. Thompson made a brief speech in its favor. The measure is in other states and has the endorsement of various state authorities.

The House defeated Representative Carlson's bill to reorganize the county boards of equalization. The bill would have abolished the board of appeals and the equalization board consisting of the commissioners, judge, assessor and county clerk.

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After once defeating the Senate resolution providing for the appointment of a Board of Control of the state, the House today reconsidered its action on motion of Representative Good and adopted the measure.

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H. B. 347, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating additional \$42,500 for expenses of Legislative session.

H. B. 37, by committee on education—Amending methods of making school district and municipal boundaries coincide.

H. B. 443, by Burdick changing time of holding court in 14th judicial district.

H. B. 135, by Rowe—Limiting time action may be brought to test validity of port district organization.

H. B. 335 (substitute for H. B. 300), by committee on revision of laws—Providing for doing away with minimum sentences of imprisonment.

H. B. 230, by Gordon—Providing that a contract is not void if it fails to state a consideration.

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H. B. 327, by Porter—Providing sanitary containers for milk and ice cream.

H. B. 315, by Multnomah County delegation—Authorizing Multnomah County Court to pay \$1000 to Pacific National Dairy for Portland.

H. B. 447, by W. A. Jones—Giving district building hard-surface roads the right of eminent domain.

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Massa Singh had drawn \$500 out of his savings account, intending to go to San Francisco. With his friend, Pan Singh, he took lodgings at a Japanese hotel at Fifth and Flanders streets Friday night. Yesterday he sought police aid, and Detectives Swennes and Moloney are on the case. A warrant for Pan Singh has been issued.

ORPHEUM HONORS WRITER

Song by Mrs. E. W. Clarke Will Be Featured by Orchestra.

"Uncle Sammy's Army," a song written by Mrs. Edward W. Clarke (Hazel M. Dolph), of Portland, will have the place of honor in the programme of the Orpheum orchestra under the leadership of George E. Jentry, for the four days of the Orpheum show at the Helix this week. Mr. Jentry says he has selected songs not particularly for its patriotic title or on account of the war talk of the times, but for its spirited melody.

The song was played by an orchestra for the first time in San Francisco a few months ago. It became popular in the metropolis immediately and before a week had passed it had been featured in the overture programmes of all the large theaters there. At that time it was not generally known that the song had been written by a prominent society woman of Portland, the title page merely announcing that "H. M. Dolph" was the composer of the music.

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The Machinery of the Body

(BY DR. I. W. SHORT)

The body is a highly organized machine of complicated parts in which the liver and kidneys work for the common good. Damage to either one of these organs interferes with man as a motor mechanism. The automobile expert knows how important it is that the carburetor does not get too much fuel, along with sufficient air to burn or explode the gas. Too much fuel in man's machine, such as eating too much meat, or alcohol, or tea, and the liver cannot "turn over," nervous overwork and lack of exercise in outdoor air bring constipation and bad health. Eat less meat, plenty of vegetables, and with air and good exercise you need little else. If the liver needs rousing—and most of us need this once a week—take a safe vegetable extract of the leaves of aloe, May-apple, root of jalap, made into a tiny sugar-coated pill, and sold by almost every druggist as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—first put up nearly fifty years ago.

Most people die eventually of an over-acid condition. If the blood can be rendered more alkaline, the longer we live. With regular hours, plenty of water between meals, sensible coarse food and a chance to get the poisons out of the system, a man will live to be a hundred. But unfortunately our highly nervous way of living brings increased storage of uric acid in the body. This acts as a poison, and we suffer from lumbago, aches or pains, rheumatism, gout.

Get rid of this uric acid poison by taking a harmless medicine called Anuric, which throws out the uric acid by stimulating the kidneys. Drink a pint of hot water before meals and take Anuric (double strength) three or four times a day. Anuric can be obtained at almost any drug store.

STATE FUND WITHHELD

SENATE PASSES BILL AFFECTING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.

Bishop Asks Reconsideration of Bill Defeated Day Before and Measure Is Carried.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Senate today considered its action of yesterday in defeating Senate bill 216, which provides that after December 31, 1918, it shall be the policy of the state not to appropriate any money for the maintenance of delinquent, dependent and defective children in private institutions, and passed the measure, 17 votes to 11.

Senator Bishop, who voted no yesterday, made the recommendation. Senators Wood and La Follette opposed the bill on the ground that private institutions operate more economically than state institutions, but Wilbur Moser and others spoke warmly in its favor.