## STATE RELIEF BILL DECLARED INVALID

Amendment Held Remedy for Defective Measure.

FAULTY SECTION IS FOUND

Original Act Fails to Make Provision for Auditing Claims by Secretary of State.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 18. -(Special.)-The first bill to be passed by the Oregon Legislature, which provides for immediate relief of soldiers and sailors by the appropriation of \$100,000 and the creation of a soldiers' and sailors' commission for the dis-bursing of the funds, apparently is un-constitutional and invalid, and either an amendment of one of the sections of the measure, or its re-enactment with amendment by the Legislature, will be necessary before the funds will be made available for the uses in-

The discovery of the weak section In the bill was made in the auditing department of Secretary of State Ol-cott's office today when the bill was filed in that office as required by law.

Wenk Link Discovered.

Section 4 of the bill is the weak link in the chain which was to have upheld the needy soldiers until Congress could take some sort of action for their benefit, and reads as follows:

"Section 4—That there be and is hereby appropriated out of the moneys in the general fund of the state of Oregon not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, which sum so apsum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, which sum so appropriated shall be disbursed by said commission for the purposes above specified. The fund hereby created shall be paid to said commission on warrants drawn on the State Treasurer by said commission from time to

Added Provision Needed. It is pointed out that the bill, be-cause of this section, is not only in-valid, but unworkable and will neces-sitate an amendment, or re-enactment, with an added provision, before the money can be secured from the treas-

It is shown that the Secretary of

Pannwa-Pacific Bill Cited.

It was the object of the sponsors of the bill to have the money made so available that it could be paid out directly to the soldiers without the necessity of sending vouchers through the auditing department of the Secretary of State and waiting for warrants to be drawn on these vouchers. The manner in which this could be obviated, Secretary Olcott stated today, would be under a plan similar to that adopted in the Panama-Pacific appropriation bill of the 1913 session, when provision was made for a sum of \$5000 to be provided on a warrant drawn by the Secretary of State to be paid over to be provided on a warrant drawn by the Secretary of State to be paid over to be provided on a warrant drawn by the Secretary of State to be paid over to be provided on a warrant drawn by the Secretary of State to be paid over to be commission was made for a sum of \$5000 to be provided on the secretary of State to be paid over to be provided on the secretary of State to be paid over to be commission paid out these funds as it saw as sending in properly verified and the Land Board is to secure such other information as shall enable it to enter the commission paid out these funds at the secretary of State to be paid over to be commission paid out these funds as it saw as sending in properly verified and the Land Board is to secure such other information as shall enable it to extend the feat that its estimated between the fatal developed that the matter was too dever, is the fact that its estimated to the carlyon plan of bonding auto increase that its catimated to the fatal developed that the matter was too dever, is the fact that its estimated to the crift that its estimated over to tomorrow, when it the fact that its estimated to the fatal developed that the matter was too sever, is the fact that its estimated the proper its the fact that its estimated the proper in the paid the p

The commission paid out these funds as it saw fit, sending in properly verified vouchers after the money was expended. The act provided that after the \$5000 was exhausted no other money could be paid from the whole appropriation to the commission by the Secretary of State until such time as all of \$5000 was exhausted no other money could be paid from the whole appropriation to the commission by the Secretary of State until such time as all of the properly verified vouchers had been turned in by the commission.

Defect Is Pointed Out. The position of the auditing department of the Secretary of State's office as to the validity of the soidlers' and sallors' relief bill was upheld by Attorney-General Brown today when he telephoned to James B. Kerr advising him to prepare an amendment to the bill to correct the apparent defect which has been caused by the wording of sec-

The bill was drawn fointly under the direction of Mr. Kerr, Franklin T. Grif-fith and the chairmen of the House and Senate judiciary committees, L. E. Bean, Senate judiciary committees, L. E. Bean, of the House committee, and Senator Moser, of the Senate committee. The bill was drawn up late at night and not completed until after 1 o'clock the following morning, and considerable haste was necessitated in its execution.

It is believed no particularly serious consequences will follow the discovery of the error further than to delay the operation of the commission in its relief work for a time. However, some of the Senators here today expressed

of the Senators here today expressed themselves as being inclined to possibly take a different view on the bill than they did at first, when it comes up for amendment amendment.

The commission already has been appointed by the Governor and the measure signed by the Executive and the heads of the two houses.

SPEEDY RELIEF IS PROMISED

Invalidity of Legislative Act Not to Delay Operations.

Attempt will be made to avoid loss of time in arranging assistance for Oregon's discharged soldiers, despite the invalidity of the relief act, said W. B. Ayer, who was named by the

### SHE DARKENED HER GRAY HAIR

Well-Known Lady Tells How She Darkened Her Gray Hair by a Simple Home Made Remedy.

Mrs. E. H. Boots, a well-known resident of Buchanan County, Ia., who darkened her gray hair by a simple home-made remedy made the follow-

"Any lady or gentleman can darken their gray or faded hair, and make it soft and glossy with this simple remedy, which they can mix at home. To sideration. rum, one small box of Barbo Compound and hounce of glycerine. These ingredients can be purchased at any drug store at very little cost. Apply to the hair every other day until the gray hair is darkened sufficiently. This is not a dye, it does not color the most delicate scalp; is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off. It will make a gray-haired person look 10 to 20 years younger."—Adv.

Limatilla Boy Dies in Service.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special)

Private Roy A. Privett, of Pendleton, died yesterday at Langley Field. Va., of pneumonia according to word received here. The body will be sent to Colfax, Wash., where his father lives. Prior to enlisting in the Marines appeared before the board, to argue against the ban.

The Thurston County Board of Health had rejected the state com-

Governor as chairman of the commis-sion to handle the \$199,000 fund and its related problems.

Chairman Ayer indicated that the

Chairman Ayer indicated that the commission will proceed with ita plans, unless the Governor asks for suspension of its activities.

"I take it that the legislators," he said, "feel very keenly the need for this work and will appreciate having it advanced as rapidly as possible while the technicality about the appropriation bill is corrected. I did not know about the faw in the measure, but feel it is not presumptuous for us but feel it is not presumptuous for us to move along, as we had no idea of incurring bills for some time."

CIVIC LEAGUE IS FOR COURT

Women Indorse Grade Teachers' Bill BRIDGE BILL IS OPPOSED

at Noon Luncheon. A resolution indorsing the bill to provide a court of domestic relations in Multnomah County was unanimously adopted by the Oregon Civic League at

adopted by the Oregon Civic League at its luncheon yesterday noon at the Benson Hotel. This is the first time that the league has indorsed any legislative measure. Miss Jessie McGregor outlined the bill, which was sponsored by the Grade Teachers' Association.

The measure provides that the first judge of the court be appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates recommended by the Child Welfare Commission. Succeeding judges are to be nission. Succeeding judges are to be

Mips M. Brenda Francklyn, speaking here for the fatherless children of France, addressed the meeting. Next Saturday the league will con-sider the bill for the consolidation of Portland and Multnomah County.

Standard Sign System Sought.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 18. - (Special.) - Representative Sheldon today completed bills for introduction some time next week requiring the state highway commission to maintain a standard sign system over the state shighways, and also to extend the bill providing for the regulation tire width

IRRIGATION FUTURE BOOSTED IN PROPOSED HOUSE BILL.

Measure Provides Safeguard in Privilege of Foreclosing When Interest Is Not Forthcoming.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 18 .-(Special.)-Representative P. J. Gallagher, of Harney and Malheur countles, It is shown that the Secretary of State is constitutionally the auditor of state accounts and the bill fails to make any provision for auditing of claims by the Secretary of State, nor does it provide for the creation of any fund.

Under the law the State Treasurer is merely the disbursing officer, it was pointed out by Secretary Olcott today, and as such keeps track of no funds whatsoever.

It is necessary for a fund to be established and the bookkeeping is done through the office of the Secretary of State, while under the section quoted the fund created "shall be paid to said commission on warrants drawn on the State Treasurer by said commission from time to time."

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contracts on the interest and principal. Foreclosure Is Safeguard. The Land Board is also placed under

PROPOSED BY WOMAN.

Mrs. Alexander Thompson Declares Present Salary Is Too Low in Face of Requirements.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 18. (Special.) — The minimum wage for school teachers throughout Oregon will be \$75 a month, if Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Representative from Hood River and Wasco Counties, has her

way.

Mrs. Thmpson is considering the introduction of a bill which will establish this minimum wage for all teach-

lish this minimum wage for all teachers of the state.
"Present teachers' wages in many instances are lamentably low," said Mrs. Thompson today in discussing the proposed measure. "The standard of our instructors should be of the best, as they are required to devote a long period of their lives to fulfilling the requirements which are imposed upon them. Probably these requirements

quantications which they are compelled to bring to their positions. High qualifications and a fitting salary to meet them should be the standard for instructors in Oregon and the proposed bill is a step in that direction.

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"I expect it will meet with opposition, but the plan is meritorious and
should receive the most careful con-

Doubling of Present License Temporarily Delayed.

Spending of Excess Tolls on Roads Meets Opposition of Senator French, of Clarke.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18 .- (Special.) -Revision of the auto-license law in important particulars by the present Legislature seems assured to-

Collection Expense Soars.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of State's reasons for asking an appropriation of \$245,000 annually for license collection cost is under close examination. According to the last report auto license revenue amounted to \$890,000 in round numbers for the past 12 months. In 1917 the collection expense appropriation was \$188,721 for two years, which a deficiency appropriation of \$25,000 will bring up to \$106,860 a year, covering the period when the cost of plate material reached its maximum.

MR. BRYAN MOVED TO TALK

Resignation as Secretary of State

Again Recalled.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—William Jennings Bryan made the following statement made in a letter written by J. J. Dickinson to George Sylvester Viercek, purporting to give the reasons for Mr. BRYAN MOVED TO TALK Collection Expense Sours. material reached its maximum.

The annual increased cost noted this

year over the total allowed two years gear over the total allowed two years ago amounts to \$138,146.

In a controlling measure this gain is due to an act of two years ago authorizing the Secretary of State to adopt a detachable number plate device clip, which fastens onto a permanent plate as licenses are renewed. The present plate is chean and valley in present plate is cheap and yellow in

Waste Is Declared Large. To displace it, the Secretary has set aside \$230,000 of his present estimate for the purchase of first-class steel plates, in black and white enamel, for which white porcelain numeral clips have already been purchased for this year. It is estimated that about \$6000 worth of these clips will have to be thrown away annually as the law now requires that a number once assigned remains indefinitely credited to the remains indefinitely credited to the owner's name and cannot be reassigned after lapsation. At least 20,000 licenses fail of renewal annually, but the clips have to be purchased in case the former holders ever reappear with later license applications.

lection cost is more satisfactorily arrived at. The result will likely be repeal of the detached number plate requirement and retention of the solid plate which is changed annually, especially since the Secretary of State figures the solid plate can be handled more cheaply.

The Secretary of State also asks for seven automobile deputies at salaries

The Land Board is also placed under the duty, when the guarantee contracts are issued, to keep fully familiarized with all construction and labor conditions on the project, is given power to compel levying of taxes, assessments and charges against the district. In event of failure of the district to pay the interest upon the bonds issued the board would be empowered to secure a judgment against the district to payment of such interest, in event the bond issue on a district is to exceed \$1,000,000 the Land Board may appoint a competent engineer to advise with the district engineer on all problems arising relative thereto.

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Bridge Bill Opposed.

TEACHERS MAY GET BOOST

Wr. French opposes this on the ground that the entire toll collection should be devoted to paying off the bridge bonds. Otherwise, he believes, the bridge revenue will be distributed fruitlessly over various roads and the bridge lindebtedness left unpaid. Of this latter \$250,000 was borrowed from the state school fund which the sentire. back as it desires. It made a payment of 50,000 on this account last year and of \$50,000 on this account last year and of \$50,000 on this account last year and bridge income far exceeds the bond interest charge against it and it is part of this excess Mr. McCoy proposes to divert into the county road funds.

With a total of \$110,000 already realized from tolls, Senator French believes that Clarke County will surrender its bond claim against the bridge and throw it open to free traffic if the state will take up the remaining \$390,000 of county indebtedness. Governor Lister recommends that the present Legislature appropriate \$250,000 toward paying of the bridge debt, and it is possible that the \$390,000 appropriation may be arranged and the bridge released from toll charges, giving auto traffic free toll charges, giving auto traffic free access into and out of Portland to the

north Influenza Ban Overcome Olympia and Thurston county over-came the prospect of a threatened stringent flu ban today in a showing made to the state board of health by Dr. N. J. Redpath, County Health Ofthem. Probably these requirements should be even higher.

"But, as it is, the average wage of the teacher at about \$60 a month is a pittance for the apprenticeship they are required to serve and for the high qualifications which they are compalifications which they are compalifications which they are compalifications to their positions. High the properties of the proper

> deaths have been reported in city and county as a result of the epidemic since last September, only three houses in the city are under quarantine and the number of new cases dropped from 75 to 47 in two weeks immediately preceding the Legislature.

nissioner's recommendations for lighter restrictions unless they were made applicable to other counties.

REAL ESTATE TAX PROPOSED State Health Board Allows Dances

Outside of Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—Washington's State Senate next week will have
placed before it a bill to license real
estate agents and salesmen and another bill giving the State Insurance
Commissioner power to approve or disapprove, or order reductions, in fire insurance rates. The real estate agents'
bill would carry a penalty feature for
agents violating the act and compet
them to put up a surety bond for the
recovery by clients when funds are
withheld.

As a result of the complaint by many

As a result of the complaint by many Senators of the health ban on dancing, the state board tonight lifted the ban, and dancing will be permitted just outside the city limits, because of the City Council's influenza ban, which is still in effect.

VANCOUVER BAN LIFTED

Schools Reopen Monday and Gatherings Are Permitted.

night, due to road committee dissatisfaction with an estimate of \$490,000 submitted by Secretary of State I. M. Howell as the amount necessary to maintain the license collection department for the coming two years.

A Senate subcommittee, appointed to draft a bill doubling the present autolicense fee, today postponed further action to that end until the appropriations committee can ascertain and report its findings on what proportion of license revenue must be set aside as the cost of collecting it.

This report is expected early in the week, when consideration of adopting a \$3,000,000 programme of paving state highways partly from auto-license funds will be resumed.

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purporting to give the reasons for Mr. Bryan's resignation as Secretary of

"I do not care to discuss letters writ-ten by other people, or their opinions," Mr. Bryan said, "but in regard to the incident referred to I will say that all I have seen so far in the Dickinson let-ters refers to things that took place after my resignation and therefore could not explain the resignation. My letter to the President and his reply explain the reasons for my resigna-

AFTER-WAR PROBLEM TOPIC

Representatives of Seven Western States Confer at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 18 .-Representatives of seven western states gathered in conference here today, gave impetus to the movement launched by Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane for settlement of soldiers and sailors on public lands, particularly lands in the West.

Contemplating the probable expendi-tures of hundreds of millions of dollars, the deliberations of the conference were

Flu Epidemic Improves. NORTH BEND, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The fear expressed here recently that the city was in danger of a third wave of influenza was dispelled

by the City Health Officer Dr. R. L.

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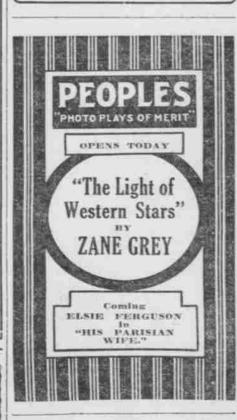


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