

## INCREASED SALARIES BILLS SWAMP SOLONS

Nearly Every County in State to Be Represented.

### DEPUTIES ARE ELIMINATED

State Officials Seek Higher Remuneration for Services—Fourteen Bills Introduced.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Salaries to the right of 'em, salaries to the left of 'em—legislators are fairly swamped in salary increases at this session, and from what can be heard in lobby talk, the starting point has only just been passed and the worst is yet to come.

Representative Dodd, chairman of the salaries committee in the House, had a vague idea that when he dropped into that chairmanship he was hitting a graveyard committee, but if work means anything in the committee line, he has about as valuable a job as any chairman in the entire legislative outfit.

Salary bills are fairly choking the drawers of his desk, lying around in piles on top of it, and sticking out of his pockets.

So far 14 counties have either offered bills for rises in the salaries of their county officers or will the first of the week, and enough promises have been made to Mr. Dodd to make him feel assured that every county in the state but two or three will be in before the session is many days older.

**State Officers in Line.**  
The county officers are not the only needy ones, either. A number of state officials are sitting at the doors of the public treasury awaiting the higher reward.

Here are some of them:  
Justices of the Supreme Court, from \$4500 to \$6000 a year.  
Seven Justices at \$1500 apiece total a \$10,500 rise.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, from \$3000 to \$4000, \$1000 increase.  
Insurance Commissioner, from \$3000 to \$4200; a \$1200 increase.

Daily Commissioner, from \$2000 to \$2500; a \$500 increase.  
Suggestion also are made that the Corporation Commissioner will be the subject of a bill, probably increasing his salary from \$3000 to \$4000, and Circuit Judges of Multnomah County also will probably be singled out for benefactions in the shape of increases from \$4000 to \$5000 a year.

**Many Bills Filed.**  
The following Representatives and delegations have sent in salary bills:  
Edwards, officers of Tillamook County; Wright, officers of Sherman County; Woodson, officers of Morrow County; Crawford, officers of Yamhill County; Douglas, County delegation; several bills covering various officers of that county; Ballagh, Columbia County; Thrift, Coos County; Cross, Clackamas County; Burdick, Deschutes and Crook counties, and Supreme Court rises; Stewart, Wheeler County; Gallagher, Harney County; Wasco County delegation, School Superintendent of Wasco County; Smith of Baker, State Superintendent's increase, and Martin, Insurance Commissioner's increase.

Another bill is expected soon from Curry County, Representative Stannard having planned to introduce a bill of this kind, but death intervened and prevented it.

The House committee on salaries will submit these bills to the respective delegations in the Senate and House for their approval and if they receive such approval, they will be indorsed by the committee.

All references to deputy county officials will be eliminated, however and probably a blanket bill will be prepared to provide for county courts designating deputies' salaries.

### FRUIT INDUSTRY FIGURED OUT

Bill Introduced to Require Assessors to Take Horticultural Census.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Representative Weeks, of Marion County, has secured figures showing the progress of the fruit industry of this county during the past year. Mr. Weeks has a bill in the House to require assessors to take a census of horticultural and agricultural products, and cites these figures as an example of what publicity of this sort would mean to Oregon.

The figures procured by him show that the biggest walnut orchard in the world, that of Churchill Matthews, is within 15 miles of Salem, and includes 800 acres; that there are 7000 acres of prunes and 1000 acres of walnuts in Marion County. They further show that there were 1000 tons of evergreen blackberries, 1000 tons of Bartlett pears, 1250 tons of cherries and 18,000,000 pounds of dried prunes produced in the county last year. To handle these, he states there are four dried fruit packing-houses, two canneries, two preserving plants, one dehydrator, three cider and vinegar plants and three loganberry juice factories.

### ONTARIO CHANGE PROMISED

Request for Better Train Connections Will Be Granted.

VALE, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Better train connections between the main line trains at Ontario and the Crane Branch line will be given, according to word received by Engineer.

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## RECORD OF OREGON LEGISLATURE FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—During the first two weeks of the legislative session in the Senate there have been introduced 50 bills and in the House 151. In the Senate there have been introduced 27 Senate resolutions, three Senate concurrent resolutions, nine Senate joint resolutions and ten Senate joint memorials. There are now pending in the Senate eight House bills.

Besides its 151 bills, the House has received 30 House resolutions, four House concurrent resolutions, ten House joint memorials, and there are now 22 Senate bills pending in the House.

Progress of legislation so far is as follows:

### BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

H. B. 43, by Gordon—Creating soldiers' and sailors' relief commission and appropriating \$500,000 for such relief.

H. B. 79, by Gordon—Correcting defect in soldiers' and sailors' relief bill.

H. B. 138, by Joint Ways and Means Committee—Appropriating \$25,000 as part of current expenses of legislative assembly.

### HOUSE BILLS PASSED BY SENATE

H. B. 4, by Lewis—Providing for annexation of strip to Portland school district.

H. B. 27, by Schuebel—Providing what shall constitute road fund of cities and towns.

H. B. 33, by Burdick—Relating to salaries of Crook County officials.

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H. B. 74, by Wasco County Delegation—Relating to salary and traveling expenses of School Superintendent of Wasco County.

### SENATE BILLS PASSED BY SENATE

S. B. 2, by Dimick—Defining criminal syndicalism and providing penalties for those advocating Bolshevism and sabotage.

S. B. 3, by Huston—Giving returned soldiers and sailors preference in public employment.

S. B. 29, by Banks—Providing for compulsory physical training in public schools.

S. B. 7, by Norblad—Prohibiting District Attorneys from using official stationery for transaction of private legal business.

S. B. 22, by Pierce—Allowing public to make use of state-owned crematories.

S. B. 35, by Strayer—Providing that service may be had on either state corporation or attorney, in fact, when suits are filed against foreign corporations doing business in Oregon.

S. B. 19, by Baldwin—Eliminating duplicate reserves now required of state banks.

S. B. 10, by Norblad—Prohibiting District Attorneys from receiving fees for prosecution of fish law violations.

S. B. 37, by Bell—Authorizing administrators or executors to borrow money on property belonging to estates.

S. B. 23, by Norblad—Permitting consolidation of school districts within corporate limits of municipalities.

S. B. 20, by Baldwin—Requiring state bank members of Federal reserve to submit reports to State Bank Examiner.

S. B. 61, by Judiciary Committee—Withdrawing state aid from industrial accident fund.

S. B. 44, by Roads and Highways Committee—Permitting counties and highways commission to enter upon property as soon as condemnation proceedings are instituted.

S. B. 32, by Eberhard—Authorizing Circuit Judges to confirm sale of property in chambers as well as in open court.

S. B. 6, by Norblad—Giving defendant equal rights with plaintiff in attachment suits.

S. B. 24, by Jones—Extending fishing season in Stuslaw River during Spring months.

S. B. 39, by Eddy—Allowing attorney fees in suits for collection of wages.

S. B. 36, by Pierce—Increasing board of prisoners from 42 to 63 cents per day in counties having less than 100,000 population.

S. B. 42, by Eddy—Requiring municipalities to become parties to suits foreclosing tax liens.

S. B. 43, by Howell—Creating Oregon Volunteer Guard.

S. B. 40, by Baldwin—Authorizing drainage districts to construct and maintain irrigation systems.

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## WASHINGTON SOLONS PLAN HIGH FINANCE

Carlyon oRad Measure to Be Presented Soon.

### THIRTY MILLIONS INVOLVED

Pavement of 2000 Miles in Six Years Is Contemplated; Reclamation Projects Loom.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—With organization preliminaries out of the way, the Washington Legislature is about ready for an aviation trip into the realms of finance far beyond any altitude ever before contemplated in the state. The Carlyon plan to bond auto license and other road revenues for \$30,000,000 with which to pave 2000 miles of highways in six years is rapidly taking shape for presentation to formal legislative consideration, and the necessary bills to establish grounds for actual enactment will shortly appear.

In addition to this, the Washington State Land Settlement Association will have ready for introduction before the week ends an appropriation of \$2,400,000 as a revolving fund to operate in carrying out its state-wide reclamation project to recover logged off, swamp and arid lands. If the association plan is established tracts to be reclaimed will be purchased by the state, improved and cut into farms and improved to the point where settlers can make a living. They will then be sold on small initial payments and long terms for the balance.

**Commission Is Proposed.**  
The revised land settlement bill will provide for a commission of three members who will administer the act. It does not provide for their salaries, this and other details being left to the Legislature, but a comprehensive scheme for getting people onto the land and keeping them there is worked out as the result of a study carried out particularly in the past year.

The finished measure is the work of association executive members, including State Commissioner E. F. Benson, R. K. Tiffany, United States Reclamation engineer; Howard A. Hanson, attorney for the association; Thomas B. Hill, executive secretary; Dr. C. A. Short, and Senator Ralph Metcalf. Senator D. V. Morrilland, of Yakima, is also at work on the final draft.

Representative John D. Bassett, of Spokane, already has introduced an appropriation of \$100,000 for preliminary work on the proposed Columbia Basin irrigation project, which is estimated to eventually cost more than \$200,000,000 in Federal funds the project supporters hope to get through state cooperation.

**Other Prospects Pending.**  
Meanwhile there are other logged-off land propositions working out on various angles, but the expenditures definitely defined begin to approximate so close to the \$50,000,000 mark for the state alone that the present session is beginning to grow dizzy over the prospect.

Their end-improvement programme is believed to be the one certain project at this time, although it in no wise is certain yet that the bonding plan will be adopted. It will have to go to a vote of the state for final indorsement two years hence.



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**DENTAL LAW CHANGE WANTED**  
Increase in Annual License Fee Is Amendment Desired.  
A bill to amend the state dental law by increasing the annual license fee from \$1.50 to \$5, to create a fund for educational purposes, will be introduced in the House this week by Dr. E. C. McFarland. The bill is sponsored by the Oregon State Dental Association and the Portland District Dental Society.  
The extra \$3.50, members of the association explained yesterday, would go into a fund to educate the public in caring for their teeth. There are some 800 dentists in the state and it is pointed out that \$3.50 from each one would make the fund ample for the work.  
Mrs. Cora Kilborn succeeded her husband as Sheriff of Harper County, Texas, following his death recently.

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