

PET BILLS PROMISE EXPENSIVE SESSION

Fiddling Away of Time Is Legislative Forecast.

DOLLARS FLY WITH HOURS

Task of Stemming Rising Tide of Prospective Measures Begins to Appear Hopeless.

Thousands of dollars will be rolled up against the taxpayers at the coming special session of the legislature, for the signs point to a protracted assembly. A few members are figuring on how they can stem the rising tide of prospective bills, but the task appears almost hopeless.

There is a certain percentage of members who welcome the special session for the opportunity it affords to jamb through some pet measures, while others like "the game," and between these two elements there is a likelihood of a session of at least two weeks' duration if not longer, unless something is done to hold the session down to essentials.

In the matter of essentials, there is a wide latitude of opinion, for each member with a bill to introduce has a plausible argument to show that its passage is essential to the public welfare.

Game Commission Row Fends.

Already there looms a wordy and time-killing row over the state fish and game commission and its affairs. The opponents of the personnel of the present commission are active lobbyists and they are ready to put up a fight to carry their point—whatever it may be. The W. L. Finley incident may possibly be projected into the legislative halls and someone may want to create a job for the biologist with the Oregon Agricultural college, the University of Oregon or the State Fair association. If the opponents of the state fish and game commission have their way, not less than two days or more will be required to deal with the topics they raise.

The gasoline question, whether the state should repeal the statute requiring a certain specific gravity, will be good for a day's peroration. While the proposed \$5,000,000 road bond bill has an abundance of supporters, its passage will require time, for there are a few members who object to bonds on principle and they will want to revamp their arguments of the regular session of 1918.

Irrigation Action to Be Urged.

Just before the legislature meets there will be a session of the irrigation congress, when resolutions will be adopted petitioning the legislature to enact irrigation legislation. This will also require time for consideration at Salem. Then there will be the same farm legislation, court of domestic relations matter and sundry and divers other subjects which will be introduced, referred to committees, debated in committee, debated on the floor, passed on to the house or senate, as the case may be, and the same monotonous routine gone through again. It all will consume time, and all the time the legislature will be in session the bill of expense will be rolling in.

The organizations of house and senate in the regular session last January and in the special session there was no disposition to hurry proceedings. Neither Speaker Jones nor President Thomas H. Tompkins, unless the presiding officers have a firm hold over the members there will be a disposition to loiter along and close rules will be more honored in the breach than the observance.

Session Promises to Be Long.

On top of all these things is the compelling desire to some members to make medicine for their campaign in the primaries. It will be a chance to garner publicity and get their names well established in the minds of their constituents less than four months before the vote-day is to be cast.

No one who has taken the trouble to make a cursory survey of what is afoot has failed to see the conclusion that the special session promises to be long, expensive and filled with political maneuvering.

Executive Heads of the Republican Party in the State and Multnomah County Have Decided to Hold a "Get-together" Lincoln Day Banquet in Portland, Thursday, February 12.

Ralph E. Williams, national committee chairman, Thomas H. Tompkins, state chairman, and John L. Day, Multnomah county chairman, yesterday joined in extending an invitation to all republican clubs and organizations, particularly in Multnomah county, to participate in making the affair a notable success.

Banquet to Be Arranged.

Representatives of the state and county organizations, the recently-organized Roosevelt club, the Oregon Republican club and all other republican clubs in Multnomah county have been requested to meet at the office of the republican state central committee in room 208, Wilcox building, at 8 o'clock next Tuesday night, to perfect arrangements for the banquet. The republican women of the state and county will participate in the banquet and assist in the preliminary arrangements. Mrs. George W. McMath, Oregon member women's division of the republican party, and Mrs. Lee Davenport, chairman of the women's advisory committee of the republican state central committee, joined in the invitation.

Response to the Urgent Request of National Chairman Hays that these "get-together" Lincoln day banquets be held on Lincoln day throughout the United States, arrangements have been begun in a number of the other counties of the state for similar gatherings.

Committee is Appointed.

The Oregon Republican club has appointed its committee for the Lincoln day dinner, as follows: D. L. McKay, Barge Leonard, F. J. Lonergan, Mrs. Harriet Hendee and Al. M. Brown.

Reservations for Oregon representatives who will attend the conference called for next month by National Chairman Hays. Those who are expected to make the trip are R. E. Williams, national committeeman; T. H. Tompkins, state chairman; J. L. Day, chairman of the Multnomah county committee; Mrs. McMath and Mrs. Lee Davenport.

15 CHILDREN WIN PRIZE

Schuck Family of Durkee, Or., Called Largest in State.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schuck and 15 children have won recognition by the

Title & Trust company of this city as composing the largest family in Oregon, and the company has forwarded to each of the children in the family a \$5 war savings stamp, in accordance with its offer made some time ago, to give such a group of Christmas gifts to the children of the largest family in Oregon.

S. S. PIER IS ELECTED

PORTLANDER HEADS TRAVELERS' PROTECTIVE DIVISION.

Annual Meeting, in Morgan Building, Names Other Delegates to Convention.

Stanhope S. Pier of Portland was elected president of the Oregon and Washington Travelers' Protective Association of America at the annual meeting held yesterday at the headquarters in the Morgan building.

Other officers included Willis Fisher, first vice-president; C. A. White, second vice-president; Clyde Grinnell, Paul C. Morton, A. G. Clark, A. E. Brown, F. A. Bell, A. W. Ellis, J. E. Duane, George Cadwell and J. E. Kelly.

Delegates to the state convention which will be held the last Saturday in March were elected as follows:

Otto Windfelder, Earl Bunting, Albert Berger, J. E. Edwards, Roy C. Slocum, Charles Ringler, Albert E. Fox, Fred J. Brady, Theodore Rothachild, J. B. Crossfield, Marion E. Johnson, Paul J. Sullivan, C. A. Alphonso, Charles E. Bailey, Clyde Evans, Stanhope S. Pier, Willis Fisher, W. L. Grinnell, Paul C. Morton, A. G. Clark, A. E. Brown, F. A. Bell, A. W. Ellis, J. E. Duane, George Cadwell and J. E. Kelly.

At the state convention delegates from Oregon will be chosen to represent this territory at the national convention which will be held during June.

JERSEY MEN TO MEET

Question of Sale at Livestock Show to Come Up December 31.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Publication of a quarterly in the interests of the Jersey cattle industry of the northwest and co-operation with the American Jersey Cattle club obtaining help from other breeders to represent the interests of the breeders in this section will be questions for consideration at a meeting of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club at Corvallis Wednesday, December 31, in connection with farmers' week.

Whether to hold a large consignment sale at the next Pacific International Livestock show at Portland will be decided. The proposition of holding a jubilee for the Jersey club in May or June will also come up for consideration.

DRINK IS ALMOST FATAL

Liquor Given by Unidentified Woman Sends Man to Hospital.

A quantity of liquor which an unidentified woman was said to have given Nick Pencheff, 305 North Twentieth street, was believed to have been responsible for his having been compelled to pass the night at the Police Emergency hospital. Pencheff, who is the proprietor of a shoe repair shop at Grand avenue and East Morrison, was released from the hospital after having apparently been revived from the almost fatal draught.

He was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition Friday night.

Young People Visit County Farm.

To give Christmas cheer and happiness to the needy, the young persons of the San Grael Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church went to the county farm last Sunday afternoon. A programme was given, including a talk by Dr. Howard Johnston and vocal selection by Robert Wallace, baritone. Following this, useful presents and flowers, fruit and candy were distributed among the 290 old persons who gathered in the hall.

Dairymen to Hear Talks.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Oregon Dairymen's league will give special consideration to the subjects of co-operation and marketing of butter at a meeting to be held at the college Wednesday, December 31. It is expected that practically all of the country creameries will be represented. M. S. Shrock, manager of the league, will preside.

Salem Schools Open Tomorrow.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Salem public schools, after being closed for two weeks because of the cold weather, will reopen Monday. Night schools also will resume Monday.

ICE CREAM IN BOYCOTT

SAN FRANCISCO WOMEN PLAN TO LOWER MILK PRICES.

Campaign to Start January 2 Announced by League—Nebraska Wives Resume Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—In an effort to bring down the prices of eggs and milk in San Francisco, the Housewives' league will boycott eggs and ice cream for a period of 30 days, beginning January 2, executives of the league announced today.

It was decided not to boycott milk directly as it is needed for babies, but the restriction of ice cream consumption was figured on to make milk more plentiful and consequently cheaper to the homes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—Lincoln women today were called upon by the local "woman's club" to resume a boycott on eggs in an effort to force lower prices.

Mrs. N. E. Hildreth, of the civic department of the club, who recently announced a boycott had forced lower egg prices, said the ban had not proved a success because prices went up when restrictions on purchases were lifted. She said she felt the women had been "tricked," but declined to say whom she believed responsible. She added that Governor Samuel R. McKelvie had promised them co-operation in a state-wide fight against the high cost of living.

POLICE OFFICER IS DEAD

George L. Richards, Who Helped to Organize Band, Passes Away.

George L. Richards, member of the Portland police force since August 8, 1903, died yesterday at the Portland sanitarium, following an illness from which he had suffered since May, 1916.

Officer Richards was one of the organizers of the Portland police band and played a clarinet in that musical organization. Officer Richards was a member of the day relief under Captain Moore. He was given a desk job in the traffic department. He was born in Salem.

Mr. Richards was a member of the Masons, Woodmen of the World and Oddfellows. He is survived by his widow, who is one of the telephone operators at the police station. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, interment will be in the Rose City cemetery.

WORK ON ROAD INDICATED

Forestry Official to Examine Report on Willamette Project.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—An indication that the government contemplates early construction on the old military wagon road up the middle fork of the Willamette is seen in a letter just received by N. P. McDuff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, from the forestry department, stating that an official from Washington will be in Portland soon to examine the report of the engineers who recently made a survey of the road.

The survey was made from Oakridge to the Rigdon ranch, 16 miles from the summit.

The Lane county court has placed \$4500 in the year's budget for work on this road.

DESERTER IS ON FARM

Soldier Wearing of Waiting for Army to Make Promise Good.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Nelson Croshaw, 24, a deserter from Fort Stevens, was arrested at his home near Hall's Ferry today and was held pending word from the military officials.

Croshaw said he left Fort Stevens on December 24 that he might return to his home and assist his father in operating his farm. He also told the officers that the military officials promised to discharge him after two years' service, and when they failed to make good he discharged himself.

Hirsch-Wels Give Bonus.

Holiday joy was spread to every employee of the Hirsch-Wels Manufacturing company by the distribution of a bonus based on earnings for the year and period of service of the individuals. The percentage was determined upon what would have been the wages for the entire year at the rate of wage paid for the last week, which gave recipients the advantage of wage increases that have been made. It also applied to those engaged on piece work, and the total reached several thousand dollars divided among the nearly 200 employees.

FARMERS SIGN TOMORROW

Week of Instruction to Begin at Agricultural College.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Farmers' and home-makers' week will commence Monday morning at 8 o'clock with registration. The first lectures will be given at 11 A. M. Monday, beginning at 8 A. M. on the other days. The Farmers' Week

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News, a daily newspaper published by college students, will make its first appearance at 7:30 Monday morning. The programme for the week will be printed in the first issue and each day's programme in the editions following.

MANY-HUED CASE ENDED

Criminal Charge, Involving Several Colors, Ordered Dismissed.

A romance of color was recalled in the circuit court yesterday when Miss Lida O'Bryan, deputy district attorney, moved for the dismissal of an indictment against Madge Potentot, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. The defendant was supposed to be a princess of a Choctaw Indian tribe and was married to a West Indies man of color, Mabel Poole Tanaka, white wife of a Japanese, was the victim of a stabbing affray, caused by the jealousy of Mrs. Potentot.

As all efforts to find the complain-

PIONEER WHO PLATTED ST. JOHNS DISTRICT DIES.

A. L. Miner, who died recently, was among the first to see the possibilities of city development of what is now the St. Johns section of Portland. In 1886 he paid \$10,000 for 37 acres of the William Caples donation land claim and platted it in 1889 as A. L. Miner's addition.

Mr. Miner was born in Clinton county, New York, November 27, 1837, and before coming to Oregon lived for 20 years in Minneapolis. He married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Beebe of Boardman, Minn., in 1858. He left behind his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Beebe and Mrs. Ralph Crysler, and one son, C. L. Miner, all of Portland.

OREGON RECORD PRAISED

H. S. MCKAY SAYS FEWER CHILDREN ILL-FED HERE.

Survey in California Shows Conditions Are Worse There Than in This State.

H. S. McKay, formerly of this city, but now a resident of San Francisco, was a visitor in Portland yesterday. Mr. McKay represents the California dairy council and had charge of the milk survey made by the council in the larger schools of California.

He found that in many districts the children were getting little milk in their diet and conditions in California were worse than in Oregon, for, while the worst cases of malnutrition here were found sometimes in rural districts where the food value of milk was not appreciated, the percentage here was far smaller than in the latter state.

Mr. McKay will prepare a report of the survey and will send it to the Oregon dairy council for comparison.

He gained his first encouragement and help from Oregon, he said, by being able to tell the California educators what Portland had done in having the milk survey and in doing follow up work in addresses and demonstrations at parent-teacher circles and clubs. He was greatly interested in the exhibit now being shown at the library, demonstrating the value and content of milk.

Mr. McKay asked the co-operation of Oregon in a Pacific slope movement to advance the dairy industry and help make this part of the country lead in dairying.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Le Roy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River Experiment station, has left for St. Louis, where he will attend the 31st annual convention of the American Entomological Society. He will give an address on "The Control of Codling Moth with Spray-Gun, Rod and Dusting."

Pendleton Fire Damages Autos.

PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Damage to building and cars estimated at \$5000 was the result of a fire in the Telephone garage here today. The blaze started in the vulcanizing department and had spread over the wooden building when discovered. There were 17 cars in the garage, all of which were saved, though some were badly damaged.

Crane Club Has Banquet.

With about 60 members present the Crane club, composed of employees of the Crane company branch in Portland, held its seventh annual banquet last night at the Benson hotel. Dinner was served at 7 o'clock and an enjoyable programme of music, dancing and vaudeville followed.

M. J. Brannon is president of the club, and the committee in charge of the banquet last night was composed of H. M. Silkkitter, chairman; W. F. Jeffress, Frank Walters, A. F. Douglas and Joseph Woodford.

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