

FREE TEXT BOOKS AGAIN TO BE ISSUED

Plenty of Fights Are Promised Legislature.

SCHOOL BILL IS FACTOR

Salary-Slashing Measures Also to Come Before Session, Which Opens in Four Weeks.

Supplemental legislation to the so-called compulsory school bill; revival and passage of the "gray" bill; restriction of the free text-book bill; amendments to the direct primary law and salary slashing are some of the measures which will command the attention of the legislature, which meets four weeks from tomorrow at Salem.

Because of the bitter controversy over the school bill, which was carried in the November general election by 11,821 votes, anything affecting it, one way or another, will attract interest from every resident in Oregon.

Salary Cuts Opposed. Likewise there are people who consider the direct primary sacrosanct and will view with holy horror any attempt, even by its friends, to alter one jot or tittle. Then there are the deserving democrats, anti-republican jobs on their payroll under the new governor, who do not believe that the campaign cry of "tax reduction" means "salary reduction."

Viewing the approaching session by and large, there are enough controversial measures in sight to keep all active members on their toes and wish that they had not aspired to be a member of the Oregon legislature in the year of grace 1923. An unpleasant time may be ahead.

School Bill Fight Likely. As enacted by the people through the initiative, the school bill will put out of business all private schools on September 1, 1924. Beginning with that date all children between 8 and 16 years are by law compelled to attend the public schools. This nails the doors of every private school which teaches pupils in the elementary grades.

The legislature will probably be requested to amend the law to the extent of hurrying up the period of operation. It is said that an amendment will be introduced placing the date of sending all children in Oregon in the elementary grades to public schools beginning September 1, 1923. This would be the opening of the terms after the vacation period next summer.

Back of this amendment is said to be a desire to hasten the testing of the constitutionality of the law. As matters stand there is one question that the question of whether or not the law is constitutional cannot be ascertained until the law takes effect and a test case can be brought before the courts. It is expected that the law will go eventually into the supreme court of the United States, the court of last resort.

Secret Societies Busy.

Whether the people financially interested in the private schools welcome changing the date to September is not known, but some at least would welcome such amendment so as to expedite the matter and enable them that much sooner to learn their fate. An early date would lessen the period of suspense and likewise shorten the period of uncertainty as to what they can or cannot do in educational lines.

The secret societies which fostered the school bill may be expected to oppose any change in determining the constitutionality. Rumor has it that a program is under way to try to have a similar measure adopted in many other states, using Oregon as a precedent. To have the law operative next September and thus have the constitutional question settled three years earlier than the original bill calls for might dynamite the plan for soliciting other states to follow Oregon's lead. If the law should be declared unconstitutional the propaganda now being started in other states would be wasted.

The bill to prohibit teachers in public schools wearing a religious garb is to be introduced, according to a report, and if so it is likely to be passed without opposition. The measure was defeated in 1921.

Free Book Bill Revisited.

Along with the movement to compel all children in the elementary grades to attend public schools comes another revival of the free school book bill. This measure has always been defeated in the past because of the increase in taxation it would involve. Members of the 1923 session of the legislature are opposed to the free school book bill being enacted by that body, and they take the position that as the subject is one of adding a further burden upon taxpayers, the proper course to take is for the measure, if it comes up, to be referred to the people for adoption or rejection.

With a general demand for reduction in taxes, legislators are contending that if the people want free school books and increased taxes, the responsibility should be assumed by the electorate and not by the house and senate.

Amendments to the direct primary law will be offered, but what these suggested improvements will be like is not yet known. The direct primary nominations league, which drafted the primary law originally, said the money to initiate it and saw that it was placed on the statute books, is taking an interest in the matter.

139 in Original League.

The original league consisted of about 139 members and of this number 49 are either dead or out of the state. A. L. Mills, president, and W. S. H. Lee, secretary, of the league, have issued a letter to the old league members asking if they have any suggestions to offer for improving the law. The suggestions are to be compiled and all members given an opportunity to study them and give an expression and it is expected that out of the suggestions will come some concrete ideas intended to make the primary law function as it was originally intended to. Eighteen years have passed since the members of the league brought about the adoption of the direct primary law. Being the sponsors of the measure they are of the opinion that if the law is to be improved the amendments should come from its friends.

Outside of the league there are individuals who have designs on amending the primary law. It is almost a foregone conclusion that an amendment will be introduced at Salem authorizing the holding of in-

Broadcasting from KGW



Two pianists who have assisted in recent Oregonian radio programs—Nettie Leona Foy and Miss Helen Barlow.

FRANCESCO LONGO, noted pianist, occupied one of the quiet hours. The Oregonian felt that such an opportunity could not reasonably be denied radio listeners so long as no actual laws were being violated, and inasmuch as Thursday night was the only time it was possible to have Scidali and Longo play, the concert was held on Thursday night during a quiet period. Several days before this notable programme it was announced in The Oregonian that the quiet hour was to be so utilized and at that time it was stated that broadcasting would not ordinarily take place during such periods unless the offering was of such merit as to warrant a departure from the adopted policy.

The response received from the Scidali-Longo concert from radio listeners near and far has fully justified The Oregonian in its action. Never has such a complete musical triumph been achieved through the medium of any broadcasting station in the whole Pacific northwest. Letters containing messages of the highest praise to the artists and to the management have fairly flooded the radio staff of The Oregonian.

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The concert of sacred music to be broadcast from The Oregonian tower tonight will introduce to the radio audience four singers of acknowledged reputation. These are the members of the Trinity church quartet: Mrs. Gabriel Pullin, soprano; Alice Price Moore, contralto; Harvey Hudson, tenor, and Lawrence Woodfin, baritone.

The programme for Monday night will likewise be a notable event in radio land. On this will be presented Maude Earle, prima donna soprano, coming to the Pantages theater this week. Alice Genevieve Smith, harpist, Miss Sylvia Weinstein, violinist, and Wilford Keeler, operatic baritone.

received word from Miss Bess McCrea, who had been engaged in library work in Los Angeles, announcing that she had left for Honolulu, where she will be head of the island department of the Library of Hawaii. Miss McCrea was formerly in the Portland library. During the war she was engaged in library work with the expeditionary army in France. She is a sister of Fred F. McCrea, rancher of Prineville. The family resided here a number of years, having been engaged in orcharding.

BAND ON RECORD TOUR

Canadian Northwest Organization Will Appear in Portland.

To tour the United States for eight months will cost the famous Canadian northwest military band of Edmonton, Alberta, a total of \$225,000, without including the cost of hotels and board. There are 35 musicians in the party, all of whom are paid wages and salaries. The American Federation of Musicians, but there are several members who are paid greatly in excess of the scale, according to C. W. Niemeyer, manager of the organization, who is in Portland.

When the conductor asks for the "ticket" he is handed something that looks like a telephone directory. From Portland on the band will have its own car, which will be completely equipped for cooking and all requisites for living on the road.

No other organization ever has made at one trip such a lengthy tour. Forty-five states and 183 cities will be visited. Afterward the band will tour Australia and New Zealand, after a stopover of a week in Hawaii. In 1922 the band will take part in the official Canadian government exhibits at the British Empire exhibition in London.

It will play next Sunday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock and evening at 8:15 o'clock at the public auditorium, Portland.

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