Confused Representatives Rush Helter Skelter Before Wild Charge of Those "Ignoble Six Hundred" Bills

ONLY 51 BILLS HAD PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE TO TODAY

Governor Has Acted Upon 46 of These; Of Remaining 600 Odd, 100 Have Passed Senate and 151 the House.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—When the house adjourned at midnight last night the record of the present legislature stood as follows:

Nine bills of the last session passed over the governor's veto; 43 bills passed and signed or filed by the governor; two bills in the governor's hands; one bill passed this session vetoed by the governor and the veto was sustained; five bills have passed both houses; 151 bills have passed the house; 100 bills have passed the senate.

Here is the complete list:

Bills Passed Over Veto.

S. B. 151, providing for the creation and organization of new counties.

H. B. 186, the Thompson swamp land drainage bill.

S. B. 156, increasing the salaries of the district attorney and deputies of the fifth judicial district.

S. B. 236, increasing the salaries of the district attorney and deputies of the fourth prosecuting attorney district.

S. B. 43, creating a livestock sanitary board.

S. B. 6, requiring local agents of railway companies to report the time of arrival and departure of trains.

S. B. 179, amends section 6266 relative to contracts for state, county and municipal work.

S. B. 127, prohibits secretary of state from issuing claims of indebtedness on funds for which the appropriation has been exhausted.

S. B. 129, creating a deficiency emergency board.

Signed or Filed by Governor.

H. B. 5, repealing section 2632, obsolete.

H. B. 10, repealing section 3323, obsolete.

H. B. 41, abolishing office of state land agent.

H. B. 47, providing for manner of executing satisfactions of mortgages by the state land board.

H. B. 84, limiting indebtedness for irrigation districts.

H. B. 17, repealing sections 3441 and 3442 relating to terms of office of the secretary of state, state treasurer, printer and supreme judges.

H. B. 126, amending motor vehicle law.

H. B. 145, amends section 2009 relative to penalty for sodomy.

H. B. 194, repeals section 7056, obsolete.

H. B. 199, repeals sections 5813 to 5822, inclusive.

H. B. 209, repeals sections 6428 to 6466.

H. B. 91, amends section 513 relative to maintenance and custody of children affected by divorce.

H. B. 60, increasing salaries and deputies in office of assessor of Multnomah county.

H. B. 30, clearing government's title to lands at Fort Stevens military reservation.

H. B. 35, providing compensation for persons held as witnesses in criminal cases.

H. B. 133, amends section 2096 and repeals section 4791 ano 4792 pertaining to disorderly conduct.

H. B. 146, relating to ballot titles on measures referred to the people.

H. B. 136, civil service for teachers in school districts of 20,000 or more population.

H. B. 34, making 100 pounds the standard weight for a sack of potatoes.

H. B. 46, relating to the descent and distribution of real property.

H. B. 104, relating to milk inspectors.

H. B. 130, authorizing school districts of 20,000 population to establish trade schools for dependent girls.

H. B. 169, widow's pension bill.

H. B. 179, to prevent swine from running at large in certain townships in Malheur county.

H. B. 81, increasing salaries of all circuit judges to $4000 a year.

H. B. 48, repealing sections 2222, 2223, 4954 to 4960.

H. B. 79, relating to the inspection of railroad track scales.

H. B. 138, amendments relating to the retirement fund association.

H. B. 173, providing for the suspension and investigation of the insterstate schedules of railroads before same become effective.

S. B. 73, amendment relative to the employment and pay of convicts.

S. B. 41, amendments relating to roads or gateways for lands not reached by convenient roadways.

S. B. 38, regulating tare for the weight of sacks in the sale of grain.

S. B. 48, increasing the fees of applicants for admission to the bar.

S. B. 10, providing free meeting places for G. A. R. posts.

S. B. 22, amendments making the shore of the Pacific ocean a public highway.

S. B. 28, amendments relating to the interchange of interstate traffic.

S. B. 56, amending section 6868 relative to the costs in certain cases.

S. B. 71, amendments relative to the transportation of livestock by railroads.

S. B. 80, creating a right of action against any person who gives or sells liquor to an habitual drunkard or an intoxicated person.

S. B. 91, amending section 5791 relative to drainage of standing water.

S. B. 103, amending section 3444 relative to the time of meeting of presidential electors.

S. B. 118, amendments relative to the care of cemeteries.

S. B. 123, authorizing the regents of the state university to lay out and dedicate streets through the university grounds.

Bills in Governor's Hands.

H. B. 116, creating the office of clerk of the circuit court for Klamath county.

S. B. 93, amending section 7196, relating to the registration of land titles.

Bills Through Both Houses.

S. B. 77, to protect the lives, health and morals of women and minor workers.

S. B. 108, specifying hours of labor on state contracts.

H. B. 69, sterilization bill.

H. B. 78, making it a crime to threaten to kill and in pursuance thereof to purchase a weapon.

H. B. 98, relieving circuit judges of the necessity of reading in toto any statutes when instructing grand juries. This bill was vetoed by the governor and the veto was sustained.

WEST'S FIRST VETO UPHELD IN SENATE

Majority of Members Realize Folly of Overriding Him in Petty Matters.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—The senate's valentine to Governor West was presented last yesterday afternoon, when the first bill he has vetoed this session, and the only one so far vetoed, failed to receive the two thirds necessary to make it a law.

Incidentally, the vote surprised some of those who play in and out of season to "put the governor in a hole." This favorite pastime of a few of the senators met a severe shock when the vote showed 17 ayes, 12 noes, and 19 votes being required.

The bill in question was one of no great importance. In the house it was passed over the veto with only one dissenting voice. But friends of the governor realized that certain schemers who have been trying to discredit the governor would make capital out of the vote if the senate also passed the bill along. In this they were assisted by several other senators, who consider it a mistake on such petty legislation to override the veto of the executive.

In other words, it was difficult to dignify the bill of Representative Mann, which proposed that circuit judges may give the substance of certain statutes to grand juries in their own language instead of reading the statutes in toto, into such importance that there was any crying need of making it an "issue" and to insist upon its enactment over scores of bills of real importance that the legislature might spend its time considering.

Those voting to pass over the veto were Barrett, Bean, Burgess, Carson, Day, Farrell, Hawley, Hoskins, Kiddle, Moser, Perkins, Ragsdale, Smith of Josephine, Stewart, Thompson, Wood and President Malarkey, this list including all the well known foes of the governor.

Voting to sustain the veto were Butler, Calkins, Dimick, Hollis, Joseph, Kellaher, Lester, McColloch, Miller, Neuner, Patton and Smith of Coos. Von der Hellen came in while the vote was in progress and was excused from voting.

JOINT SESSION TO FILL VACANCIES ON PORT?

(Staff Correspondence.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—The senate has adopted Representative Spencer's resolution calling for a joint session of the two houses to fill vacancies on the Port of Portland commission.

Representative Westerlund's resolution for a committee to communicate with California state officials and determine if arrangements can be made to transfer the remains of Edward D. Baker from San Francisco to Salem can be made. Baker is one of the state's first senators and fell in the battle of Ball's Bluff.

The bill to qualify women as jurors in Oregon, by Butler, was indefinitely postponed in the senate yesterday.

The senate committee on judiciary last night made favorable report on the last bill in its hands, which forbids the conduct of business under an assumed name. The bill came from one committee with adverse report, but was saved on the floor and re-referred.

Late yesterday the senate passed the following:

S. B. 59, by Perkins—To increase deputies of juvenile court in Portland.

S. B. 203, by Bean—To authorize establishing of game preserves.

S. B. 167, by Bean—Relating to procedure in union high school districts.

BILL TO FIRE PRINTNIG EXPERT ON 3D READING

(Staff Correspondence.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—The first angle of the state printer fight to appear on the floor of the senate came yesterday when Senator Carson's bill to "fire" Printing Expert R. A. Harris and place the work of the expert under a clerk in the secretary of state's office was placed on the calendar for third reading. The report on the bill from the committee on printing fulfilled predictions that a majority of the committee would be shown to be favorable to State Printer Duniway. The majority report in support of the bill was signed by Senators Hawley, Perkins and Thompson; the minority by Miller and Bean.

HOUSE MEMBERS LOOK SOURLY AT THAT HOLE; THEY'RE ALL IN IT NOW

When Deadline Set by Senate Comes at Midnight, Scores of Bills Must Perish.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—When the clock hands in the state capitol meet at 12 tonight, somebody is going to be deeply "in the hole" and it will not be Governor West.

None of the earnest gentlemen in the house who have been striving to put the governor in the mysterious "hole" that has come to be the by-word of this legislative session has ever explained the full import of the subtle phrase. But those whose favorite bills fail to reach the senate by the midnight deadline will be able to explain all about it tonight. Here are some figures that show why:

There are just 330 bills on the calendar for the house to dispose of today in order to have them considered by the senate. Each one of these bills has a fond parent somewhere in the house watching over it with tender solicitude.

A House Full of Fingerlings.

Of these bills, 137 are on third reading, or up for passage. Of the rest—well, 163 are still in the hands of committees that have not yet reported them out. Some, of course, are slated to die there, but most of them will be liberated sometime during the day to struggle for life. Thirty others have not even reached the stage of getting into the committees, let alone out of them.

If it were possible for the house today to dispose of one bill every five minutes without a pause or letup, it would take just 1650 minutes to clear the desk. And that is 27½ hours, which is considerably more time than is left between now and midnight.

But of course it is a physical and a mental impossibility to take 330 bills and kill them or pass them in five minutes apiece. It will take nearer to half an hour apiece as a general average, for some of these measures will not slide through, even in this time of stress, without sharp debates. Especially when there is a little matter of between $8,000,000 and $9,000,000 in appropriations to be passed on, to say nothing of such strife stirring bills as the blue sky measure and the repeal of the state printer flat salary law.

65 Bills a Killing Job.

Rolling along at top speed, with every body turning in to form one united steam roller and hurry things along, the house in the whole of yesterday disposed of 65 bills. And when it got through near midnight, everybody was so nearly dead tired that the original decision to stay and work until one or two o'clock was dropped. All the weary members of the house wanted to do by the time they had disposed of 65 measures was to go home and sleep for a hundred years.

Of the 65 measures, 43 were passed, five were killed, and one was indefinitely postponed. Sixteen were withdrawn, which means they were not considered at all. So with all steam on, the house really was able to pass on only 49 bills.

The prospect for passing 330 today is therefore not bright enough to dazzle any legislator. The question, who is "in the hole" can safely be answered, "Not Governor West."

Innocent Solons Suffer Too.

The house may work all night tomorrow and until dawn of Sunday. The hands of the senate clock will be turned back before they get a chance to reach midnight, and thus time will be cheated somewhat. But it cannot without a miracle dispose of 330 bills. Those not in the official steam roller must suffer with the rest.

As for the senate, its members who are almost up with their work seem to be perfectly satisfied with the situation and not at all inclined to relent and extend the time. The house yesterday voted to put the senate resolution on the table, but that is all the good it did the house.

The house passed 11 bills last night, as follows:

H. B. 482, Elections Committee—Fixing dates for general elections.

H. B. 489, Elections Committee—Relating to counting votes after primary election.

H. B. 494, Elections Committee—Requiring statements of candidates desiring space in pamphlet to be in 35 days before election.

H. B. 576, by Committee on Judiciary—To cure defects in conveyances and judiciary proceedings

For University of Oregon

H B 497, by Committee on Education—To levy annual tax of 3-10 mill on all taxable property of the state for support of University of Oregon

H B 410, by Gill—Providing that group of two or more road districts may vote to levy a tax for road purposes

H B 412, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation—Relative to terms of county court.

H. B. 430, by Upton—Making living together as man and wife for one year conclusive presumption that marriage contract has taken place.

H. B. 448, by Johnson—Permitting county courts to fix salaries of county officials, their deputies and clerks.

H. B. 105, by Hill—Relating to permits for traction engines to use county roads.

H. B. 129, by Graves—Providing for the protection of horticulture and to prevent the introduction into the state of insects or diseases injurious to fruit.

Bills of Yesterday Afternoon.

H. B. 123, by Schuebel—To take from state fish commission authority to fix deadline for commercial fishing at Oregon City falls.

H. B. 147, by Parsons—To secure to the counties of the state interest on county money and to provide for depositories for county funds.

H. B. 299, by Upton—To amend law enabling persons to withdraw titles from registration.

H. B. 280, by Chapman—Changing dates for dividing counties into road districts by county courts.

H. B. 367, by Weeks—Relating to assessment and payment of damages in opening of county roads.

H. B. 437, by Jackson county delegation—To provide one-fortieth mill tax for Ashland Normal school and referring same to the people.

H. B. 461, by committee on assessment and taxation—Providing for collection of taxes on unsecured personal property.

H. B. 487, by elections committee—Specifying what petitions shall be filed with secretary of state and what with county clerks.

H. B. 322, by Gill—Fixing price to be paid by candidates for nomination for space in official pamphlet.

H. B. 377, by Handley—Fixing a bounty on gophers and moles in Tillamook county.

H. B. 425, by Laughlin—Fixing a bounty on gophers and moles in Yamhill county.

H. B. 428, by committee on expositions and fairs—Fixing a state tax of one-twentieth of a mill for county fairs.

H. B. 560, by Latourette—To determine who are heirs and distributees to estates of insane.

H. B. 11, by Howard—Requiring tax collectors to send notices to all delinquent taxpayers before publication.

H. B. 490, elections committee—Relating to certificates of election.

H. B. 329, by Hughes—Requiring that members of state board of barber examiners must be actively engaged in barber business.

H. B. 483, by elections committee—Extending time for preparing ballot titles by secretary of state.

H. B. 484, by elections committee—Providing for polls to close at 8 p. m. instead of 7 p. m.

H. B. 485, by elections committee—Changing date of certain primary elections from June to November.

H. B. 538, by committee on alcoholic traffic—To compel owners and keepers of saloons and barrooms to display signs in front and fining minors for drinking in saloons.

H. B. 495, by elections committee—Setting third Friday in May every two years for holding of primary elections.

H. B. 492, by elections committee—Changing registration dates to conform with changes in time of primary.

Bill Makes New Stations Needless.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—All bills for the establishment of new experiment stations are being killed off by general consent since the passage by the senate of the bill of Thompson and Smith of Coos for a comprehensive plan of extension work in agriculture under the direction of instructors from the agricultural college.

Senator Neuner's bill for a station in Douglas county was indefinitely postponed yesterday, and Senator Stewart withdrew his bills for stations in Malheur and Grant counties. Senator Stewart says he is satisfied that the bill for extension work will be more effective and will accomplish better results at lower cost.

CONFEREES AGREE ON ROAD BONDING BILL AND REPORT

County Courts Are to Call Bond Elections but Must Set Amount and Specify Roads to Be Improved.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—After twice failing to agree and sending the measure to conference committees to patch up, house and senate conferees have reached an agreement on the Barrett-Hurd county road bonding bill that they expect both chambers to ratify.

The conferees, who are Reames, Forbes and Upton from the house and Burgess, Farrell and Butler from the senate, made their report today. Its ratification will make completion of the first constructive road legislation of the session.

From the first, when conflicting bills were adopted by each house, the point of difference has been whether the voters or the county court shall decide on the amounts and expenditures of bond issues. After the first conference, the house stipulated that petitioners to the county court to call a bond election should state where the road should be built and how much the issue should be.

The senate took the stand that this would result in strife and opposing petitions, and insisted that the petitions should merely ask for a bond issue, leaving to the county court to fix all the details afterwards.

The compromise provides that the county court shall call bond elections, but that it must first state their amount and the particular roads to be improved. It is worded thus:

"The order of the county court shall state the amount of the proposed bonded indebtedness, the maximum rate of interest that it shall bear, and what particular roads within the county are to be built and improved by the money so raised, and where located within the county, giving the beginning and the terminus thereof; and the county court shall not use any other road than those mentioned in said order, nor for any other purpose than those embraced therein; said order may contain any other details which the county court may deem proper, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

The only other difference of consequence was over the house action in striking out a senate section prohibiting the awarding of contracts for any patented pavement until after bids had been received. The conferees agreed to accept the house substitute, requiring that there shall be competition in the awarding of all paving contracts.

The bill is now substantially the same measure introduced by Reames the first day of the session, and then turned down by the house.

NO CRIME TO WALK RAILWAY TIES, 43 TO 9

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—It will not be a crime to walk along a railroad track in Oregon, for the next two years at least. By a vote of 43 to 9, the house turned down the bill introduced by Murnane of Multnomah by request of Attorney Spencer of the O.-W. R. & N. to punish persons who use tracks as a thoroughfare by fine or imprisonment.

Lewelling of Linn, opposing the measure, took a dig at the Multnomah delegation, saying it would be all right in Multnomah county but would work a hardship in other counties.

DAZED HOUSE MEN PASS BILLS NEARLY EXACT OPPOSITES

After Adopting Classification System on Pay of County Officers, Decides to Leave Salaries to County Courts.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—After being apparently settled Thursday night with the adoption of the measure classifying all counties and fixing a definite salary scale for officials in each classification, the much mooted salary question bobbed up again last night in the house harder than ever.

A bill by Johnson to permit county courts to fix the salaries of county officials, their deputies and clerks, precipitated the issue again.

"We took the word of Multnomah county when you asked for more pay for your officials," said Heltzel of Marion, when Upton opposed the bill. "Why can't you do the same for us and let us decide on our salaries?"

"We took a great forward step last night in taking this salary question out of politics," said Smith of Klamath. "We stopped this log rolling, and now we are asked to undo the whole thing again."

The bill passed. The vote was 32 to 23.

The house has now passed two absolutely conflicting measures on the same subject. Some members who voted for one voted for the other one too.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

GARDENING AND TREE CULTURE NOTES

GARDEN CONTESTS ARE IMPETUS TO BACK-TO-THE-FARM MOVEMENT

Six Families, Influenced by Woodlawn School Children, Move to Country.

An idea has governed the garden contest. It is that training adapted to life needs is thus furnished. The proposition has been made that by the earth education competition influence would be exerted to help young people consider scientific agriculture along with other professions when mapping out careers. There is already a demonstration.

Last year Woodlawn school had a prize garden. It has attracted national attention. All the children of the school were in the competition. The principal, T. J. Newbill, says that six families have since gone out in the country to live. They have been influenced to go by the children who were in the garden contest last year. One family has moved to southern Oregon to grow vegetables and chickens. Another has gone to interior Oregon. They intend to live on farms. There is so much reason for farming in Oregon and so little reason for increasing the size of the cities until the unused lands are cultivated that all this is very gratifying.

Center Ridge Farmer Loses Stock.

(Special to The Journal.)

The Dalles, Or., Feb. 15.—A. S. Roberts, who owns a large farm on Center Ridge, 15 miles from The Dalles, has lost five fine work horses from ptomaine poisoning. Mr. Roberts had raised a considerable quantity of carrots for feed. They had heated badly from being piled in large heaps and had fermented to a considerable extent. The horses had eaten freely of the partially decomposed carrots.

GOOD EARLY START MAY MEAN PRIZES

Will there be 10,000 school gardens in Portlad this year? That was last year's record. It put Portland in the lead of the cities. It resulted in the largest display of garden products ever made. It enlisted a great number of boys and girls, and their elders, too. It gave some new educational ideas.

But why not excel last year's record? More boys and girls are in the schools. They have learned better how to grow gardens. They understand better that soil must be cultivated deeply and mulched well. They know the value of fertilizer and of proper selection of seeds. There can be a happier time in growing gardens this year and there can be a final exhibit of even greater quality.

The garden contest league has already commenced its work. It has taken offices in 309 Journal building and it has enlisted in its membership those who know the joy and benefits of gardening. The representatives of the league have already appeared before the school board asking to cooperate with the board in forwarding the plan of work.

Remember, the boy or the girl who gets to work earliest, who learns best methods and applies, is the boy or girl who wins prizes. And then it is a lot more fun to make the garden right and to watch the green things grow vigorously.

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How did your garden grow last year? The Journal would like to know. Were you successful? Were you discouraged? Letters telling about last year's experiences and this year's plans will be welcomed. Address the garden contest editor, care of The Journal. Write on one side of the paper and try to limit the letter to 300 words. Letters that are available will be printed in the Saturday garden department.

TIME NOW TO SELECT SPOT FOR GARDEN AND TO BEGIN OPERATIONS

Expert Tells What Should Be Done Before Seed Is Put Into the Ground.

The master gardener says it is time to begin. Next month and it will be spring. There'll be a softer feeling in the air. The sun will be warmer. Little shoots of green will be outthrust from the branches. The spell of the spring time will be on us all.

A good many things are to be done before the main planting. Here is a little prescription by an expert:

Select your garden spot now. Get a southern exposure if possible. Study the kind of soil it is. If heavy find means of opening it out to breathe. Didn't know soil had to breathe? It most certainly does. Go to the woods and obtain leaf mold. Spread it over the surface. Or use barnyard manure. Dry leaves, sand, or wood ashes will do. Clear off the surface. Just as soon as it will work up finely get to work. Use spade or plow. Work deep as possible. Don't bother about the ground you're not going to plant immediately. You won't have to work it so deeply again, but merely pulverize the top soil before you plant.

When you find that the soil will work up and not be inclined to form mud balls, you will also find it very possible and desirable to plant sweet peas and potatoes. Other things will come later.

It will be assumed that by next week you will have followed all the preliminary instructions. Then you will be told just the best methods to use in planting vegetables for early growth.

And every week thereafter on Saturday The Journal will tell the boys and girls of Portland who have enlisted in the garden contest what have been found to be best methods of work. It will use the best advice of the best experts.

Just one more point about the garden. Diagram it. Make up your mind just what you want to plant. Study the relative heights. Have the biggest, tallest plants at the back, so that they will not overshade the smaller varieties. You can plan your garden like an engineer plans an irrigation project or an architect a great building.

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