

SENATE PASSES BILL THAT PROVIDES WAY FOR KINDERGARTENS

On Recommendation of the Multnomah Delegation Not Dissenting Vote Is Cast.

JUDGES' SALARIES ISSUE

Some Members Make Run for Car to Portland; Through With Law Making Until Monday Morning.

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—The senate passed this morning over Senator J. C. Smith's bill to cut the salary of all circuit judges in the state from \$4000 to \$3600 a year, and then postponed action to work out a plan for consolidating some of the judicial districts so the judges therein will have more work to do.

The first bill to be passed by the senate was hurried through this morning just in time for the senators desiring to return to Portland to grab their hats, coats and suitcases and run for the 11:30 train.

The bill was S. B. 2, by Olson, which makes it mandatory for the Portland school board to establish kindergartens upon petition of the parents of 25 children between the ages of 4 and 6 years, who live within a mile of an elementary school.

Today the senate killed its first bill by adopting the adverse report of the judiciary committee on senate bill No. 3, by Smith of Coos, which provided that the supreme court could order the conduct of an attorney without waiting for recommendation from the bar association.

When Smith's bill to cut the salaries of circuit judges came up for the third reading and final passage, Senator Smith declared it was a true bill of economy.

Senator La Follett, Smith of Coos and Dimick urged the passage of the bill, while Senators Huston, Orton, Hurley, Eddy, Strayer and Garland opposed it.

Strayer declares practice. "This body is a fair sample of 32 men," taunted Senator Strayer, who declared the idea of seeking low-priced men for judicial offices. "I came here thinking Lane county was very unfortunate in not having a senator here, but I am now of the opinion that some other counties are still more unfortunate."

Senator Dimick declared \$300 a month is enough for circuit judges. "Not half of them could make that much practicing law," he said.

Senator Pierce expressed his belief that some of the judges earn their present salary, while in other counties they don't have work enough to keep them busy one month in a year.

His motion to re-refer the bill to the judiciary committee to consider a plan of consolidating judicial districts was carried by a vote of 13 to 12.

By a unanimous vote, the senate passed Senator Wood's joint memorial urging congress to pass what is known as the volunteer retired bill, which will give veterans of the Civil war who were officers in the volunteer army full retired pay.

The senate adjourned until 10:30 Monday morning.

Funds for Highway Provided in Bill

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—A bill introduced today by Senator Barrett of Umatilla county, would designate certain roads as state highways, and provide that the state highway commission set aside funds for their construction.

One road affected by this bill is the Oregon and California highway from the west line of Multnomah county to the Oregon and California line in Jackson county, through Washington, Yamhill, Marion, Polk, Benton, Lane, Douglas and Jackson counties. The other is the Columbia river and old Oregon trail highway from Hood River to Vale by way of Pendleton, La Grande, Baker and Ontario.

The bill provides that 75 per cent of the highway funds, in amount not to exceed \$5000 per mile, shall be expended equally upon the two highways, provided that each county through which one of the highways runs shall levy a one-half mill tax each year for the next five years for the construction of these roads. Money received from this levy would be turned into the state highway fund, together with \$2 from the state treasury for every dollar received from the county.

Ruling Made on Wine Rates. Washington, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The Interstate Commerce commission today announced that the freight rate of 75 cents per 100 pounds on wine shipped from California to eastern points, applies the same whether the wine is sent in barrels or tank cars.

Legislative High-Lights

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Alva Lee Stepien, of Portland, president of the Council of Parent-Teacher associations, visited the legislature Thursday and left with various members copies of her bill to establish a state parental school and to establish a bureau of juvenile and parental relations.

So much legislation is proposed that applies only to Multnomah county that Senator Vinton, of Yamhill, has suggested that new state be created out of that county.

OLCOTT'S BUDGET FOR CAPITOL EXPENSE IS GIVEN FULL APPROVAL

Shows How He Runs State House for Less Than Portland City Hall Is Run.

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—The joint ways and means committee put the stamp of its approval on the budget estimate of Secretary of State Olcott for the maintenance of the capitol building and grounds, amounting to \$59,450.

The committee cut nothing from Mr. Olcott's requests, and when he showed that it is costing less to run the capitol building and grounds than the Portland city hall or the Multnomah county courthouse, he even won the vote of Senator La Follett of Marion who seems to have an iron-bound resolution with himself to vote "no" on all appropriations.

Olcott, in discussing his budget, showed figures which he had secured from Portland and Multnomah county showing the cost of maintaining the two public buildings of city and county during the year 1914. According to these the Multnomah courthouse had 34 employees at an average salary of \$72.50 per month, while the cost of maintaining the courthouse buildings was \$2465 a month.

The city hall had 11 employees, at an average salary of \$55.22 per month with a monthly maintenance charge of \$1047.50.

The state maintained the capitol buildings and grounds consisting of the state house, supreme court building and the extensive lawns surrounding them, during 1914 with 14 employees at an average wage of \$76.18, and a monthly maintenance charge of \$1074.

The committee also scanned the budgets of the state library and the superintendent of public instruction, and listened to the explanation of the items as made by Miss Marvin and Superintendent Churchill. No action was taken on these.

The committee will meet each night at 8 o'clock during the remainder of the session, or until its work has been concluded.

Baby Home Rumpus Is Given Its Airing

Charges Against Administration Are Presented by Complainant, Mrs. Cellars, This Morning; Answer Today.

Hearing of charges against the administration of the Waverly Baby Home, brought by Mrs. G. B. Cellars, former corresponding secretary of the home, began this morning before Dr. David N. Eoberg, state health officer, assisted by an advisory committee.

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COMMISSION ON REFORM

Want Adopted Resolution, Already Introduced, That Would Make Practice Simple and Save Cost.

Foresters to Study First Aid to Injured

Employees of the district forester's office to the number of 25 are to begin a course in first aid to the injured Friday afternoon. The course will be given by Dr. W. M. Lidscomb, field representative of the American Red Cross society, and will consist of six lectures.

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