

LEGISLATURE WOULD KNOW HOW TRAVELING MONEY IS EXPENDED

House Passes Resolution Directing Detailed Accountings From Everybody.

MANY LONG TRIPS MADE

Incomplete List of Journeys Shows 23 With Expenses of \$4635.63, Ranging From \$27.50 to \$425.81.

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—The legislature is an inquisitive body. It wants to know how state officials, boards, commissions and institutions are spending the money appropriated for them for traveling expenses.

Yesterday the house passed, under suspension of the rules, a resolution directing every state official, department, board and commission to submit a complete, detailed statement of all money expended in the payment of traveling expenses during the years 1915 and 1916, with the date and purpose of each trip, and for what purpose.

State officials and department heads and others, in the past two years, have traveled to the four corners of the Union at state expense. There has been a regular scamping of officials to attend this or that convention or other business, with the taxpayers footing the bills.

In the past officials and department heads have had such a free hand with trips at state expense that at the 1915 session of the legislature Secretary of State Olcott requested the enactment of a law requiring all persons desiring to take a trip outside of the state at state expense, to first obtain a permit from the governor.

Law Has Failed as a Curb. If there has been any lessening of trips since the law was enacted, no one has pointed it out. Only painstaking investigation or the reports which the house has called for will reveal the total number of such trips that have been taken with the governor's approval.

This incomplete list reveals 23 trips, the expense of which totals \$4635.63. No pretense is being made in this article of saying that any of these trips were not justified, but they afford some of the items in which the legislature is interested just now when appropriation bills are to be considered. And these are only "out of the state" trips, with no reference to the trip at state expense to attend this or that county fair or booster gathering of some sort within the state.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN OREGON HOUSE

H. B. 60, by joint ways and means committee of house and senate—Appropriating \$25,000 for expenses of legislative session and declaring an emergency.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN OREGON SENATE

S. B. 53, by Olson—Providing for \$1500 homestead exemption.

S. B. 54, by Smith of Josephine—To assist locators in opening prospects.

S. B. 55, by Lewis—Providing cancellation of lease on real estate when tenant fails to pay rent.

SENATE FOILS MOSER'S PLAN FOR BINGHAM

present. So the motion favoring the appointment of Griffin carried by only one vote, let alone the protest that would have gone up if Moser had sought to carry through his scheme to place young Ben Bingham on the payroll without the request from anyone, so far as is known, except young Bingham himself.

Senator Pierce vigorously opposed the state paying anyone a salary under the guise of a stenographer for Senator Bingham. He said he was willing to extend every courtesy to the people of Lane county and to anyone they might wish to send to the senate, but he charged the resolution, by subterfuge, was dipping into the state treasury to take out \$200.

Objections Are Stated. "I object to appropriating \$200 to pay Mr. Griffin as a clerk when you all know he will not earn \$5," declared Senator Pierce.

Senator Bishop pointed out that Senator Moser's attempted evasion of the responsibility in the Bingham matter would be more convincing, if it told all of the evidence of the appointment and by its direction, but is not binding unless, and until, ratified and adopted by the committee on salaries and per diem, appointed at each session to check over and make up the final employment list of each house.

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absence, but if his son has been appointed to the position it has been done by the secretary of state or someone else, certainly not by me.

Here is the story of the Moser-Bingham enrollment. On December 27, Linn Nesmith, who had served as Senator Bingham's clerk in the 1915 session, wrote the secretary of state that Senator Bingham did not return to attend the session but would give his approval, the secretary of state would award Nesmith the amount of \$1000.

On January 9 Ben Bingham again came to the secretary of state, said that he had been to Portland, had discussed the matter with Senator Moser, that Moser had told him he was entitled to appointment and that it would be alright, and told young Bingham he would have to get a letter from Moser to that effect.

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MOSER ERUPTS WHEN STORY OF HIS PART IN PLAY IS PUBLISHED

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—President Moser of the senate has gone into more or less active eruption because of the publication yesterday of the story of his interest in the appointment of Ben Bingham, son of Senator Bingham of Lane, who is not attending the session, as Senator Bingham's clerk at \$5 a day.

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STANFIELD PUTS ONE OVER ON THE HOUSE; KEEPS 'EM ON JOB

Compliments Members on Few Measures In, but Urges No Holding Back.

FIRST MONEY BILL SHOWS

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Stanfield wants the house to speed up and get into its stride, if it has not already done so. Thursday afternoon just before adjournment for the day, he called the attention of the members to the small number of bills that have so far been introduced.

Stanfield is rapidly "learning the ropes" of the speaker's job. There was a big underground sentiment at noon Thursday for an adjournment until Monday. Stanfield knew this, and as soon as the desk was cleared, calmly announced that "it has been moved that the house do now adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow," put the motion, and it was all over before the 10:55 train had left.

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