

Legislators Match Ideas in Framing New Oregon Laws

FIRST REAL ACT IN CONSOLIDATION SCHEME IS TAKEN

Carkin of Medford Employed by Joint Committee to Draft Six Bills for Legislature.

WOULD CUT DOWN COSTS

Plan Includes the Reduction of Number of Department Heads and Commissioners.

Salem, Jan. 22.—The first forward step in the consolidation program was taken this morning when the joint committee on consolidation met and employed John A. Carkin, of Medford, a member of the consolidation commission appointed by the governor, and a former member of the house, to prepare the six bills, covering the recommendations of that commission and report them into the house for consideration.

Carkin appeared before the committee this morning and explained that the commission had not made its report to the legislature, and that the report which had been made and printed was the report of Matthews, the professor hired by the commission, and made to the commission.

The commission, he explained, did not concur in all of these recommendations, but has run out of money and could not have its findings and recommendations prepared and presented to the legislature.

In order to get this information, the consolidation committee hired Carkin and ordered him to go ahead and prepare his bills, six in number, have them introduced into the house, as coming from the governor's commission, and let them take their place on the calendar with all other consolidation measures that might come before the legislature, where they could serve as a basis for discussion.

The Carkin measures include the creation of a department of labor, a department of health, a department of agriculture, one of trade and commerce, one on public welfare and institutions, and a department of public works. The actual grouping of existing departments under the Carkin suggestions have not been definitely worked out, but will be within a short time and the bills put into final form for introduction.

As a general proposition, the plan would mean the reduction of department heads and commissioners from something like 250 to 40. However, as a large number of the commissions that would be merged are not salaried organizations, the actual saving in money is not definitely known.

Water Divisions Abolished

Salem, Jan. 22.—The two water divisions of the state are abolished and the office of state water superintendent is created by a bill introduced in the senate today by Senator Hurley. The bill provides that George Cochran of La Grande, who is now water superintendent for water division No. 2, shall be state water superintendent at a salary of \$2400 a year, and when his present elective term expires thereafter the office shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

A few minor changes in the water laws are also made in the bill. The Utah legislature has adopted a concurrent resolution asking congress to pay discharged soldiers and marines their salary for a period of 12 months or until they have secured employment.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF LAND SETTLEMENT IS PROPOSED IN BILL

Development of Tract Not to Exceed 100,000 Acres Is Plan of Representative Richardson.

Salem, Jan. 22.—For the purpose of encouraging the settlement of farm lands in Oregon a bill introduced by Richardson in the house this morning would create a land settlement board and appropriate a fund of \$210,000 wherewith to carry out the provisions of the bill. The board would consist of the governor, state treasurer, attorney general, state engineer and one citizen to be appointed by the other four members.

Under the provisions of the bill, the board would be permitted to acquire not to exceed 10,000 acres of land which would be improved as to the construction of highways, irrigation projects where necessary, and such other improvements as the board might consider advisable in order to encourage settlement, including seeding of the land and the construction of necessary buildings.

This land would be sold to bona fide settlers in farm allotments of not to exceed the value of \$10,000 and farm laborers' allotments of not to exceed a valuation of \$4000.

Liberal purchase terms are also provided for the first payment running as low as 5 per cent of the value of the allotment and 10 per cent of the value of the improvements, deferred payments to be taken care of under the amortization plan of either the federal or state farm loan acts.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED

The following bills were introduced in the house Tuesday:

H. B. 85, by Woodson—Relating to duties of tax collector.

H. B. 86, by Burnham—Creating Nineteenth judicial district out of Wallowa county.

H. B. 87, by Ballagh—Relating to life and accident insurance for soldiers.

H. B. 88, by Hare—Relating to vacation of town plats.

H. B. 89, by Hare—Providing for homestead exemption.

H. B. 90, by Hare—Authorizing county treasurer of Washington county to pay certain taxes to Hillsboro.

H. B. 91, by Lofgren—Abolishing county court of Multnomah county and providing for new circuit judge to handle domestic relations and probate matters.

H. B. 92, by Gordon—Making it unlawful to incite disloyalty.

H. B. 93, by Gordon—Making it unlawful to display a red flag or emblem for unlawful purposes.

H. B. 94, by Richardson—Relating to procedure in circuit courts.

H. B. 95, by Childs—Providing for licensing of auctioneers.

H. B. 96, by Elmore—Relating to recording of mortgages.

H. B. 97, by Elmore—Relating to recording of town plats and cemeteries.

H. B. 98, by Burdick—Relating to certificates of probable cause.

H. B. 99, by Burdick—Relating to bail.

H. B. 100, by Martin—Relating to adoption.

H. B. 101, by Martin—Relating to specific gravity of gasoline.

H. B. 102, by Martin—Relating to actions growing out of death of a person.

H. B. 103, by Martin—Relating to satisfaction of judgments.

H. B. 104, by Martin—Relating to collection of taxes for employment.

H. B. 105, by Martin—Prohibiting person causing death of another from succeeding to decedent's estate.

H. B. 106, by Martin (by request)—Appropriating \$800 to reimburse Robert Crawford, former superintendent of the prison flax plant.

HOWELL TAKES UP ARMORY QUESTION

Multnomah Senator Proposes That All Armories Be Under Control of Counties.

Salem, Jan. 22.—Senator Howell of Multnomah has introduced in the senate three bills designed to take some of the kinks out of the mixups which have occurred recently in connection with military organizations and armories.

One of the bills is designed to settle the controversy over the Portland armory. It provides that the general staff shall have control over armories "constructed in whole or in part with state funds, and the title to which is vested in the state of Oregon."

This means that armories which have been constructed by the county, such as the armory in Portland, would be exclusively under the control of the county.

The bill further provides that the county may enter into a contract with the state for the use of such county armories, or it may sell to the state for not less than one half of the appraised value.

Another bill legalizes home guard organizations by authorizing the citizens of the several counties of the state to organize local home guard units to be known as Oregon volunteer guards.

Such organizations would be subject to the command of the sheriff, as is the case now with the Multnomah home guard. The guards may volunteer whenever the governor may deem it necessary, to serve in other parts of the state than their home county and be under the command of the governor.

The bill provides that the governor shall ask the federal government for uniforms and equipment for the home guard organizations.

The third measure introduced by Senator Howell is a joint resolution referred to the people, a proposed constitutional amendment which provides that officers of the militia shall be elected or appointed and be commissioned in such manner as may be prescribed by law.

Senator Howell has discovered that existing laws provide that line officers who comprise a part of the general staff must be elected by the voters in the district, whereas the practice is for the members of the companies to elect their officers. It is pointed out that this means that the election of line officers has not been legally done for many years, and the constitutional amendment is designed to correct that situation.

H. B. 107, by Martin—Relating to attorney's fees in collection of wages.

H. B. 108, by Martin—Relating to cause of action arising out of the death of a person.

H. B. 109, by Martin—Relating to attorney's fees.

Salem, Jan. 22.—The following bills were introduced in the house today:

H. B. 110, by Sheldon—Authorizing the state highway commission to loan money from one fund to another under its control.

H. B. 111, by Richardson—Creating a land settlement board and appropriating \$210,000 therefor.

H. B. 112, by Gallagher—Enables Wallowa county to retire certain bonds.

H. B. 113, by Sheldon—Relating to business engaged in title certification.

H. B. 114, by Sheldon—Relating to highway contracts.

H. B. 115, by Stewart—Relating to salaries of county officers of Wheeler county.

H. B. 116, by Gallagher—Relating to salaries of county officers of Harney county.

H. B. 117, by Richardson—Amending workmen's compensation act.

H. B. 118, by Childs—Relating to administration of real property estates.

H. B. 119, by Hughes—Providing for greater dispatch in the counting of election ballots.

H. B. 120, by Hughes—Relating to fishing on the Umpqua river.

H. B. 121, by Eddy—Providing for tax of 5 per cent on gross earnings of telephone companies.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN OREGON SCHOOLS FAVORED BY SENATORS

Course of at Least 20 Minutes Daily Provided for in the Measure Passed.

Salem, Jan. 22.—In passing senate bill 25 by Banks the senate went on record in favor of making physical education in the public schools compulsory. The bill was passed without a dissenting vote. It provides that at least 20 minutes a day shall be devoted to physical education, a course for which shall be prescribed by the state superintendent of public instruction.

By unanimous vote, the senate passed senate bill 26, which repeals the provision of the statute relating to the amount of fines collected for violation of state fishing laws.

Sensor Norblad declared that the existing law was pernicious and made it possible for a district attorney and a justice of the peace to go in cahoots and impose heavy fines for such law violations and then split the district attorney's share.

The senate was equally of a single mind in regard to senate bill 22, by Pierce, which provides that any inhabitant of Oregon shall have the right to use any of the crematories owned by the state. The bill was passed by unanimous vote.

Senate bill 25 by Strayer was passed. It provides that if a foreign corporation is transacting business in this state without a permit service, in connection with an action at law, may be had upon it by serving the corporation commissioners.

District attorneys are prohibited from using their official stationery in connection with their private law practice by a bill introduced by Norblad, which was passed by the senate today.

The senate passed senate bill 17, by Bell, which authorizes an administrator of an estate to borrow money on the estate to pay certain debts.

LEGISLATORS SEEK TO EFFECT REFORM

House, Senate Bills Take Standing Committee Appointments From Presiding Officers.

Salem, Jan. 22.—Senator Rittner and Representative Bean are out to reform the legislature in the matter of committee appointments. They want the senate and house to select the standing committees of the two houses and thus relieve the presiding officers of the necessity of trading the positions off for support in their contests for the election of president and speaker.

Senator Rittner has prepared a bill which he will introduce in the senate simultaneously with similar action by Bean in the house, who will present the same bill for the consideration of the lower body.

Briefly the bill provides that the standing committees of the house and senate shall be selected by a "committee on committees." This committee is to consist of five senators and five members of the house. The members of the senate committee and the speaker of the house of the house committee, and each is to serve as chairman of the committee.

As soon as the senate meets and organizes, the four members of the senate committee are to be elected by the membership of the senate, no two members being from the same senatorial district. This committee will then meet and make up the standing committees of the senate.

Identically the same provisions are made for the election of the house committee and its selection of the standing committees of the house.

Both bills will be introduced, one in the house and one in the senate today.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED

Salem, Jan. 22.—Senate bill 48, by Thomas and Lachmund—Prohibiting the state, county or city to enter into any contract, in connection with the construction of roads, for the maintenance of such roads, highways or streets.

S. B. 49—By Rittner—Providing that standing committees of the senate and house shall be appointed by a committee on committees, of which the presiding officer shall be chairman and four members shall be elected by the body of the senate or house respectively.

S. B. 50—By Eddy—Providing that when members of supreme court tie on decision in any case this automatically declares the decision of the lower court.

S. B. 51—By Norblad—To prohibit stock running at large in Clatsop county.

S. B. 52—By Hurley—Providing for the payment of premiums at the Malheur county fair and appropriating \$1000.

S. B. 53—By Hurley—Abolishing officers of superintendent of water divisions and creating the office of state water superintendent.

S. B. 54—By Hurley—To refund money to irrigation districts paid for certification of bonds, and fixing of fees to be charged by the secretary of state for such certification.

S. B. 55—By Norblad—Providing that when a person is killed by reason of neglect or failure to observe a reasonable residence in state suit for damages may be brought by executor or administrator of such deceased person.

S. B. 56—By Hurley—Relative to the establishment of a court of domestic relations in counties having a population of over 200,000.

S. B. 57—By Overton—Amending insurance laws relative to basis on which fees are to be collected.

The Dallas Pioneer Dies

The Dallas, Jan. 22.—Charles Levi Richmond, aged 66, a pioneer resident of this city, died Sunday from influenza pneumonia.

Mr. Richmond was proprietor of one of the first livery stables in this country. Later he purchased a large ranch near Clatsop and, during recent years, had spent much of his time in the active management of that property. He is survived by his wife, Adeline Thompson Richmond, and two daughters, Frankie and Ruth.

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MEASURE WOULD COMPEL OFFICIALS TO HIRE SOLDIERS

Senate Passes Bill Which Applies to Public Officials of the State of Oregon.

THREE OPPOSE THE IDEA

Debate Brings Forth Pointed Argument; Other Measures Are Passed by Senate.

Salem, Jan. 22.—Twenty-four members of the senate went on record this morning in favor of making it compulsory for all public officials to give preference to soldiers and sailors in all public positions and jobs, if such soldier applicants are equally as efficient as other applicants for the place.

These 24 senators passed senate bill 8, which was introduced last week by Senator Huston. Three votes were cast against the bill by Senators Jones, LaFollette and Smith.

Sensors Banks, Eddy and Moser, who had been appointed on a conference committee, were absent.

Opposed by Three Senators

Sensor Smith of Josephine and Senator Jones spoke against the bill. "I do not believe soldiers are entitled to such preference as is provided in this bill," said Senator Smith. "I think it is carrying patriotism too far when we make it compulsory. Soldiers who went to Camp Lewis, for instance, are not entitled to any more than the men who stayed on the farm."

Some of us were too old to be included in the draft, but we are entitled to these jobs on an equal basis with anyone else. Soldiers have been benefited by their training and they can compete with their fellowman as well as before they went into the army."

Sensor Huston replied that Smith's remarks surprised and grieved him. He said he supposed Senator Smith was opposed to the espionage laws and other acts intended to make patriotism compulsory.

Pats Straight Question

"If some slacker, some skunk, stayed at home and held the jobs these boys left," he said, "do you think it is right that that preference should be given now to the boys who gave up their jobs for the sake of their country?"

"Do you want to leave any public official the right to employ slackers or skunks on equal chance with the boys who enlisted and were prepared to sacrifice not only their positions or business but life itself?"

The senate answered the question by passing the bill. When the bill reaches the house, Senator Huston said he would ask the house to amend it by attaching the emergency clause.

Other Bills Passed

Other bills passed by the senate this morning were as follows:

S. B. 19—By Baldwin: Prescribing requirements for state banks which become members of the federal reserve banking system.

S. B. 14—By Huston: Providing that women attendants shall accompany female prisoners committed to any state penal or eleemosynary institution.

S. B. 20—By Baldwin: Providing that the superintendent of banks may furnish to the federal reserve banks copy of reports of state banks which are members of the federal reserve system.

The senate passed senate joint resolution No. 5, which urges this government to give its moral support to the establishment of an Armenian republic.

The authority of the war labor board to enforce its decrees now that hostilities have ceased is challenged by counsel of the Bethlehem Steel company.

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Bill to Increase Teachers' Salaries Appears in House

Salem, Jan. 22.—The Richards bill in the house raises the present 6 mill school tax limit to 6.5 mills and provides that \$8 above 6 per cent shall be used to raise the salaries of teachers, to be disbursed in equal and proportionate amounts among all permanent teachers in the district. It provides also that the amendment shall in no way interfere with the right of the people to provide additional money by direct vote.

The bill is now in the hands of the committee on assessment and taxation, with no consideration by the committee as yet.

Dull Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year will not be ushered in with an explosion of firecrackers. At the regular meeting of the city council today the petition of the Suez Lock Ten society for a permit to exhibit fireworks in Fourth street was denied on the ground that it might lead to fires.

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