Blows From Budget Axe Ring in State Legislative Halls

BIG SUM LOPPED OFF BUDGET FOR STATE HOSPITAL

Ways and Means Committee Makes Reduction in Sum for Eastern Oregon Institution.

PRINTING COST ATTACKED

Controversy Over Results Obtained by State Lime Board Brings Out Opposite Views.

By Will T. Kirk

Salem, Jan. 29.—A cut of $47,500 was made by the ways and means committee last night in the budget for the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, leaving a total for the institution of $240,200 for maintenance and $22,500 for betterments.

In making this cut, the committee lopped off $30,000 from the amount requested for the maintenance of the institution. A majority of the committee members accepted the view expressed by Senator Patterson, that there was no need to figure maintenance on the high cost basis of the last two years. He predicted there would be a big drop in food prices before another year.

Representative Haines, a member of the committee which visited the institution, insisted that the cut of $30,000 from the maintenance fund would do the institution an injustice.

May Boost Physicians' Pay

The committee, upon the suggestion of Dr. Steiner, superintendent of the Oregon state hospital at Salem, voted to have a bill introduced amending the law so as to give the board of control authority to regulate the salaries of physicians employed at the hospital. At present the law fixes the salaries of most of the physicians at $100 a month, and Dr. Steiner declared he was ashamed to ask doctors who had specialized along those lines to continue to serve for that sum.

When the committee came to the budget for the state department of education, the members who are opposed to the allowance of funds for the industrial club work which is being done in the public schools by the superintendent of public instruction, admitted that the farmers and others who are interested in that work had them "buffaloed" and it was useless to attempt to cut the amount asked for.

$12,000 Is Requested

This item calls for $12,000. Two years ago the ways and means committee rejected it entirely, and through pressure brought to bear the committee was forced to allow $8000. The committee considered cutting the item to $6000 last night, but Representative Kubli pointed out it would be no use and the senate and house would force the amount up to $12,000 and the committee might as well allow the full amount in the first place and avoid the fuss.

The committee also allowed the other items in full in Superintendent Churchill's budget, including $17,500 for the salaries and maintenance of his department and $11,668 for the printing of the school books and blanks required by law.

The request of the state lime board for $20,000 was cut to $10,000 with the explanation that it would enable the lime plant to run full blast at least one year and perhaps demonstrate the desirability of continuing in operation.

This action was taken after A. B. Cordley, president of the state lime board, had presented an argument in support of the bill which the board has had introduced carrying an application of $20,000.

Mr. Cordley urged the committee to kill the state lime project by giving it no appropriation at all, rather than to choke it to death by slow degrees by giving an inadequate appropriation.

Results Are Questioned

A letter from S. H. Vantrump, agricultural agent for Marion county, was read in which the usefulness of lime as a fertilizer was questioned. Vantrump said he had been using the lime for five years on his place, and had noticed no beneficial results, while neighbors had used it and declared their land had been injured.

In reply, Mr. Cordley said the O. A. C. experiment farm had used it without any beneficial results, but about 55 per cent of 300 other farmers who had tried it had obtained good results.

Mr. Cordley said the overhead expense of the state lime plant will run between $400 and $500 a month whether the plant is in operation or not.

Following a clash between Representative Kubli and W. M. Plimpton, secretary of the state printing board, over the cost of state printing as compared with commercial printing prices, the committee appointed three members, namely Senator Gill and Representatives Kubli and Haines, to make an investigation of the state printing plant and its operation.

Kubli said officials who have printing done by the state plant had told him that they paid more for the work than the commercial rate, and this was point blank denied by Mr. Plimpton, who said the work was done at cost and at lower figures than commercial prices.

State Printer Lawrence quoted figures, giving a comparison between former administrations and the present one, to show that the most of state printing has been reduced to such an extent that the state could "dump the state printing plant in the river every year and buy a new one, and still save money over the expenditures for public printing a few years ago."

Labor Commissioner Gram appeared before the committee and asked for an increase of $17,000 over the $11,500, which had been included in the budget by his predecessor, O. P. Hoff. He insisted he could not run the department on the amount requested by Mr. Hoff "without camouflaging." He wants to employ an additional assistant to look after labor law enforcement and maintain office in Portland.

Senator Pierce After Dry Law Violators

Salem, Jan. 29.—Senator Pierce introduced a bill today amending the prohibition law so as to prohibit courts from granting paroles to persons convicted of violating the law more than twice.

Anti-Immigration Bill Is Introduced

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The bill shutting off immigration for four years was formally introduced into the house today by Chairman Burnett of the house immigration committee.

Save and serve — buy War Savings Stamps.

WANTS OREGONIANS ON PUBLIC WORKS

Senator Pierce Proposes Excluding Men From Out of State; Would Stop Letting Contracts.

Salem, Jan. 29.—For the purpose of requiring all public work, whether state, district, county or city, to be done by public employes, Senator Walter M. Pierce has introduced a bill in the senate. If enacted into law the bill will require all public work to be done by force account. The measure carries an emergency clause, stating that it should take immediate effect because large sums of public money are being spent for road and bridge construction and other public work, and many citizens are not employed. The bill says:

Section 1—Hereafter all public work of every kind and character in Oregon which is or may be provided for by state or local law shall be done by direction of employes of the state or local public corporation or organization for which the work is to be done. No person who is not a citizen of Oregon shall be employed on any such public work. It is unlawful for any officer of any such public corporation or organization to let any public work, or any part thereof, to any contractor directly or indirectly, every such contract or attempted contract is absolutely void.

Section 2—Any violation of this act by public officer or employe is malfeasance in office, and upon conviction thereof he shall be punished by judgment or dismissal from office and by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year.

Section 3—The governor, secretary of state, treasurer, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to purchase and maintain all necessary equipment for any such work to be done by the state, and said officers are hereby constituted a board of public works for that purpose. The same authority is hereby granted to the city council, county court or other administrative and executive body or officers of any local government or a state agency for local purposes, whose duty it may be to see that any such work is done for their municipal corporation, public board or organization.

Bill Cutting Parole Officer From State Payroll Expected

Salem, Jan. 29. — Some place around the legislature is an orphan bill to abolish Joe Keller as state parole officer. It is looking for a father. In the senate or the house, brave enough to face the impending wrath of the governor certain to fall upon the offending head of any one with sufficient temerity to attempt the decapitation of the patrol officer and his segregation from the state payroll.

The bill is simple in its construction, and it is already drafted. Monday it was in the hands of one of the house members of the Marion county delegation. Tuesday that member said that he had heard of suc ha measure, that it may be introduced, possibly will be either in the house or the senate, but that he does not know its present whereabouts.

The measure simply cuts out of the present statute all mention of the parole officer, and sweeps out of the books that section of the law creating the office.

Multnomah Members In House Organized

Salem, Jan. 29.—The Multnomah delegation in the lower house of the legislature has perfected an organization by electing Representative Lewis chairman, and Representative Gordon secretary. Representative Gordon was made a committee of one to notify the speaker regarding the organization.

Soldiers Released May Wear Chevrons

Washington, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Are you a soldier from overseas who has returned to "civ?" If you are, and wish to wear your service chevrons on your citizen's coat, there is nothing in the war department rules to prevent, it was made known here today. You may attach the gold, blue, indicating less than six months' service abroad, or the silver chevrons to the sleeve of your dress coat, your conductor's uniform, or your business suit if you care to do so.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED

Salem, Jan. 29.—House bills introduced Tuesday:

H. B. 214—By Hare—Relating to salaries of officers of Klamath county.

H. B. 215—By McFarland—Relating to licensing dental profession.

H. B. 216—By McFarland—To require every individual or firm practicing dentistry to secure a state license.

H. B. 217—By Edwards—Fixing salary of district attorney for Tillamook county.

H. B. 218—By Weeks—To create department of health.

H. B. 219—By Smith (Multnomah)—Regulating employment agents.

H. B. 220—By Weeks—To create department of agriculture.

H. B. 221—By Idleman—Creating department of labor.

H. B. 222—By Idleman—Creating department of institutions.

H. B. 223—By Bean — Authorizing highway commission to construct stretch of Pacific highway with three classes of pavement.

H. B. 224—By Hughes and Bean—Providing for hatcheries on Santiam and upper Willamette.

H. B. 225—By Hare—Providing for acceptance of Smith-Hughes act and appropriating $40,812.18.

H. B. 226—By Griggs—Making unlawful for any other than registered bull to run at large on ranges of Eastern Oregon.

H. B. 227—By Griggs—Declaring any but registered bull running at large as an estray.

H. B. 228—By Lofgren—Relating to adoptions.

H. B. 229—By Gallagher—Relating to fire insurance agents.

H. B. 230—By Lewis—Providing for graduated tax on building and loan associations.

Sidelights On Legislature

The waving of the "red flag" bill in the house Tuesday was accompanied by the distribution of a number of bouquets of doubtful odor. The exchange of compliments was especially noticeable between Representative Gordon, author of the bill, and Representative Lewis, who presented the minority committee report. Representative Gordon's insinuations regarding lawyer legislators who defended corporations one day, stood for organized labor the next day and walked down the middle of the road the third day was met by Representative Lewis with remarks regarding colleagues who suffered from "speakership colic" and allusions to "Patriots who snugly slumber at home while their fellows were standing guard over the threatened industries of our land." While hardly material to the subject in hand the remarks helped to break the monotony of the usual routine.

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Salem, Jan. 29. — The solons, secretaries and other members of the legislative machinery will be treated to an illustrated lecture tonight by Frank Branch Riley of the Northwest Tourist association. Mr. Riley's views of the scenic beauties and wonders of the great Northwest have gained national fame and a rare treat is expected by the routine wearied lawmakers.

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A. K. Peck of Marshfield, former representative from Coos county, stopped over for a look in on the legislature Monday evening on his way to Portland on professional business.

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Former State Senator Hollis of Forest Grove, looked in on the legislature Monday while visiting the state capitol.

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Chester Hogue of Portland, occupied a seat in the "Galleries" of the legislative chambers Monday.

Plan to Test Out Paving Materials

Salem, Jan. 29.—What is evidently intended to provide for a practical test of the merits of various types of road paving material is contained in the provisions of a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Bean. Under this bill the state highway commission is directed to construct 15 miles of hard surface pavement in one continuous piece at some point on the Columbia river highway, the work to be started immediately and to be completed within two years. One third of this improvement is to be of bituminous material, one third of concrete and one third of wood block.

Committee Visits Soldiers' Home

Roseburg, Jan 29.—A committee, consisting of Senators Eberhardt, Gill and Strayer and Representative Mrs. Thompson of the legislature, visited the Oregon Soldiers' home Sunday and made an inspection of the institution in regard to the financial needs of the various departments for the ensuing year. They found that the home was being conducted on a satisfactory basis, and recommended that the entire budget be allowed for maintenance and some small improvements, such as new fence, paint on some of the buildings, etc.

MULTNOMAH VOTE UPON DOMESTIC COURT IS DIVIDED

Opposition to the Measure Fathered by Senator Huston Voiced by Moser and Orton.

AMENDMENT INSISTED ON

In Spite of Split, Multnomah's Vote Is Expected to Yet Be Swung Into Line for Bill.

By Will T. Kirk

Salem, Jan. 29.—Although Senator Moser and Senator Orton are vigorously opposing Senator Huston's bill, providing for the establishment of a court of domestic relations in Multnomah county, indications today are that a majority of the Multnomah senatorial delegation will give a favorable report to the bill.

The delegation, which has seven members in the senate, is badly divided on the measure. Senators Huston and Farrell and Gill are strongly in favor of the bill, while Senators Moser and Orton are against it. Senator Howell is on the fence, undecided which way to jump, while Senator Banks, the seventh member, is inclined to support the bill if two or three concessions in the way of amendments will be made.

Selection of Judges

Senator Banks wants the judges of the circuit court for Multnomah county to select the first judge of the court of domestic relations, who will thereafter be elected by the people. As drawn, the bill provides that the appointment shall be made by the governor from the names of three persons to be selected by the child welfare commission.

Another amendment which Senator Banks is insisting upon is that the law shall stipulate that the judge shall be a lawyer.

It is likely that the three senators who are favoring the bill will concede these amendments in order to win Banks' support, but Senator Banks is asking for another amendment which three are not ready to concede.

Removal of Restrictions

This amendment would remove the provisions which specify the qualifications on probation officers and other appointees of the court. If that amendment was adopted, as Senator Huston pointed out, nothing would be left of the bill except the title. As Senator Orton, who is an official of the present juvenile court in Portland, which would be supplanted if this measure became a law, has a personal interest in opposing the bill, his opposition does not carry the weight it otherwise might.

So if the bill is defeated in the senate, it will be through the efforts of Senator Moser, who is the recognized leader of the little organization which is attempting to control the upper branch of the legislature. Senator Orton is his right hand man.

When the bill is eventually reported out of the committee it undoubtedly will come with a divided report and the issue will be fought out on the floor of the senate.

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SMITH ASKS COUNTY BE ALLOWED TO BUY IN TAX CERTIFICATES

Coos Senator Says Counties Left With Waste Property After Speculators Take Their Pick.

Salem, Jan. 29.—Senator I. S. Smith of Coos county has introduced in the senate a bill which amends the delinquent tax laws so as to give the county court the option of buying in delinquent tax certificates.

As explained by Senator Smith, under existing laws the county is compelled to issue the delinquent tax certificates to the first person who applies when the property is offered for sale for back taxes. This results in speculators taking the cream of the property and leaving on the county's hands the least valuable pieces.

Provision is made that certificates of delinquency shall not be issued to private purchasers without the approval or consent of the county court, which consent must be entered in the minutes of the court.

It is provided that where foreclosure suits are instituted by the county to foreclose on delinquent tax certificates, cost and disbursements shall be assessed against the property—the same as is done when a private party institutes foreclosure proceedings.

Provision is made that where judgment or decree for the sale of real estate under the provisions of the act is entered it shall stop persons from raising any objections as to the amount of the taxes, assessments, penalties, interest or costs due or collectable at the date of the entry of such judgment.

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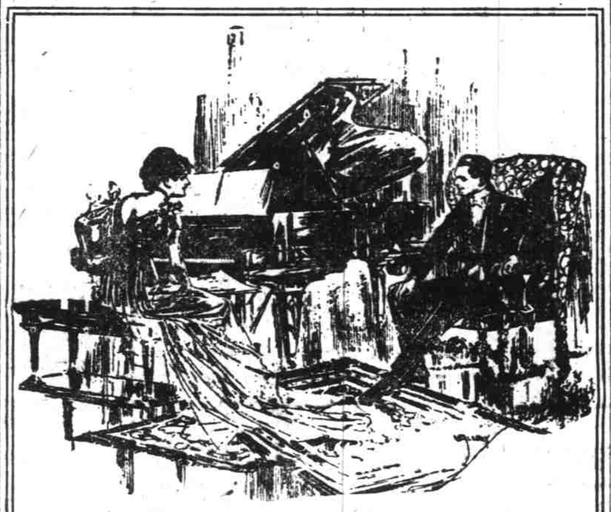

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