

Friction Is Now Beginning to Show at Salem

GOVERNOR'S VIEW ON CONSOLIDATION IS CAUSING WORRY

Wresting of Appointive Power From Executive Expected to Arouse Opposition to Measure.

COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW

Solons Toiling With Complex Situation Inquire Eagerly as to What Governor Will Say.

Salem, Feb. 1.—"Will the governor approve?"

That seems to be the grain of sand which threatens destruction to the delicate mechanism about which the state government consolidation machinery revolves.

The consolidation committee has been working diligently away at its task of hammering the present unwieldy machine into one more compact and efficient. Day after day and night after night it has toiled away in its little workshop upon the third floor of the state capitol building, gathering in the numerous loose ends of boards, commissions and bureaus.

Provision has been made for decent burial of those which have outlived their usefulness and have died natural deaths; others which do not fit into the new program are being thrown into the melting pot and remolded; and all such as survive the weeding out and remodeling process have been gathered together into a workable and seemingly highly efficient plan of departments, each of which is to be headed by a commissioner.

Big Job Ahead

The committee is working over a big, overgrown, bulky and altogether unwieldy machine and from the serviceable parts of the old machine it has welded, spliced, cut and fitted until it is about to turn out a new machine more compact, more highly efficient and infinitely less bulky.

The job has been long needed. Everybody is agreed that it should have been done long ago. And the committee members in charge of the work are proving themselves masters of the repair game.

So far so good, but the machine is still here where the little grain of sand begins to grind.

The governor is known to be favorable to the general scheme of consolidation, but it is not believed that he will consent to any program that will divert him of appointive powers which he now enjoys.

Would Shift Appointive Power

There are two methods open for the selection of the appointive power which constitute the newly created departments.

Election and appointment.

Under the present system some of the units that will enter into the new scheme are elective; most of them, however, are appointive.

The committee is practically unanimously decided that the people of the state should elect the commissioner who is to head each department.

If the commissioner is elected it must necessarily follow that he will choose the men who are to serve under him if his particular part of the machine is to operate without undue friction.

This plan, then, would take from the hands of the governor the appointment of any of the officials constituting the new departments.

If, then, he submits to the consolidation of his innumerable boards, commissions and bureaus for the creation of the new machine, he must also submit to the surrender of the appointive power which he enjoys under the existence of the present unwieldy machine.

And the discovery of this grain of sand in an otherwise apparently flawless machine has caused the workmen to pause in their labors and, as they wipe the sweat of honest toil from their brow, turn one to another with the query:

"Will the governor approve?"

Postmaster Is Suicide

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 1.—(U. S. N. S.)—William Chuckman, postmaster in this city, committed suicide in the postoffice building here Friday. Chuckman ended his life after two postal inspectors alleged to have found a shortage of \$6100 in his accounts.

Sidelights On Legislature

The following resolution adopted by unanimous vote of the house Friday is self-explanatory, and should be read:

Whereas, Moore's effort often wins victory and brings forth good results that ultimately lead to more happiness and more sunny surroundings; and

Whereas, there came to this house more Moore at the beginning of the session than is usual; and

Whereas, the little Moore and the mother Moore are both doing well, and the Moore we have here is a pleasure to use and our Moore is smiling over things as they are; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the congratulations of this house be and they are hereby extended to Doctor Moore and to the mother Moore, for the little Moore who is now here in their home; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to Father Moore with the hope that his days shall be many, and that as the years go by Moore may be more Moores added to the Moore family.

We were standing in the lobby of the state house when the flood of humanity which had crowded the committee room and the corridors in the morning, in an effort to sit in at the paying indignities came surging down the stairway to the more commodious legislative chamber.

It was indeed an imposing sight, that flood of humanity, of which we could see only a solid mass of heads—heads, for the mass was the mass to which we applied the solid and not the heads. My friend did not pose as a paving expert; neither did he lay claim to distinction as a molder of classical gems. So when he casually remarked that "if the Columbia River highway could be paved with that bunch of skulls, there would never be any need of further appropriations for repaving," we simply laid his judgment to an intimate knowledge of human nature.

Representative Dennis has evidently suffered the loss of considerable sleep owing to the unwelcome visits of stray canines within the vicinity of his bedroom window. In a bill introduced this week he provides that curfew shall ring for all members of the dog population, regardless of sex or age, at 8 o'clock sharp every night and that they shall not be permitted to wander abroad before 9 o'clock in the morning. So far so good, but the measure is being introduced to restrain the crow of the early rooster.

Hereafter the aisles and the lobby in the immediate vicinity of the back railing will be regarded as neutral ground, and Joe Singer and his singing assistants will see to it that the neutrality is fully respected. The legislators complain that because of the disturbance due to visiting and information gathering, they are unable to detect the approach of the high explosives heard broadcast by some of their colleagues.

Seemingly foolish, yet withal the most popular and most frequently repeated quotation heard on the floor of the house, "Mr. Speaker, before I can intelligently cast my vote on this measure I would like to inquire as to just which bill is being voted on at this particular time."

We arise to a point of information, Mr. Speaker. We would like to inquire of Representative Loftgren just what distinction he would make as between "juvenile" children and the other kind.

Monday will be the last day on which bills can be introduced without running the gauntlet, according to a ruling made by Speaker Jones in the house Friday.

Prominent Aberdeen Man Is Near Death

Aberdeen, Feb. 1.—Physicians attending Lieutenant William Donovan Jr., of the navy, who is ill at Miami, Fla., wired Friday that he cannot survive. Lieutenant Donovan is the junior member of the Donovan family, owners of the Donovan mill here. He was in command of the Fourth naval militia when he was ordered to the front during the first week of the war. He was married recently and was spending his honeymoon at Miami when he was taken ill. His father left Friday for Miami. Two sisters and a brother, Francis, are on their way from Menominee, Mich., where Francis Donovan was married a few days ago.

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SENATORS CRITICIZE MILITARY POLICE IN DISCUSSING MEASURE

Senators Vote Deficiency Fund Under Protest; Governor's Plea for Police Force Finds Critics.

Salem, Feb. 1.—Before the senate rushed through a \$500,000 emergency deficiency bill Friday afternoon, several senators took occasion to score the military police and indirectly to denounce the methods used by Governor Withcombe to secure a deficiency appropriation from the state emergency board for the state police.

The biggest sum in the deficiency bill was an item of more than \$200,000 for the military police, which was created for the purpose after the emergency board had authorized an appropriation of \$250,000.

A deficiency of \$250,000 was created for the military police after the emergency board was told that the property and even the lives of the people of Oregon were in jeopardy.

"We were told by the governor that if we did not pass this bill, the state would be in a state of anarchy," said Senator Patterson. "I am not sure that I am sorry I voted for the bill."

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Thomas, referring to an earlier plan for these two committees to cooperate.

Pocket-Full of Bills

"Sheldon has introduced a bill relative to the 10-year maintenance and it has passed the house. I am informed he is going to introduce one on paving specifications. I want this committee to act on our bills and make a report on them so we can get them before the senate. I don't think we should let the house members copy our bills and pass them through the house before we can get our bills out."

"It won't make any difference," said Senator Ritter. "The bills will all be referred to our committee and we can work them all over together."

Senator Ritter, as chairman of a subcommittee, had his pocket full of the road bills.

"When I got these bills, the chairman gave me a receipt for them," he said, "and if you want them you have got to give me a receipt." His tone was belligerent.

Action Is Demanded

"I am not trying to put anything over on anybody," he continued. "And I think this roads and highways committee should get to work. It should speed up. This thing is getting on my nerves."

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"My idea," continued Ritter, "is that if the committee agree on any of these bills we should make them committee bills. But it seems that the chairman of both the senate and house committees are not doing their duty."

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