Legislative Bills Reflect Various Interests of State

MINERAL AND OIL TAX BILL PASSED

Speculative Mining Holdings Will Be Assessed Separate From Real Estate, Bill Provides.

Salem, Feb. 13.—Mineral and oil rights in Oregon are to be assessed for taxation purposes separate from the real estate, according to the provisions of a bill which passed the house Wednesday.

Representative Burnaugh, who introduced the bill, explained that it was designed to correct a condition which obtained at the present time in Columbia county and other counties in the state wherein the title to land has been impaired by reserving the rights to mineral and oil in previous transfers. These holders, it was stated, either refuse to dispose of their rights or else demand a prohibitive price and at the same time pay no taxes to the state. The bill as passed Wednesday provides that where the holders of such rights refuse to set a valuation upon their holdings the assessor may fix a valuation not in excess of 10 per cent of the value of the real estate.

An attempt to extend the time in which an employe who has been injured may file suit from six months to two years was defeated by a vote of 26 to 24.

Owners of places of employment will be required to provide proper lighting facilities for employes under the provisions of a bill fathered by Representative Smith of Multnomah and passed by the house Wednesday afternoon without opposition.

Financial aid in the shape of increased salaries was extended to officials of several Oregon counties Wednesday by the house. Counties receiving the attention of the house in this respect were Tillamook, Sherman, Yamhill, Jackson, Douglas and Benton.

Other bills pased by the house Wednesday were:

H. B. 329, by Mrs. Thompson (by request)—Regulating stock running at large.

H. B. 323, by Scheubel—Prohibiting the buying of junk from minors under 21 years of age, except upon a written consent to sell by the parents or guardians.

H. B. 113, by Sheldon—Amending sections 4681, 4682 and 4683, Lord's Oregon Laws, relating to corporations engaged in title certification business.

H. B. 239, by Dennis—Amending section 9, article 2, chapter 237, General Laws of 1917, providing for appropriating rights of way for highway purposes.

Independence Man Honored

Independence, Feb. 13.—Herbert Hoyser, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hoyser of Salem and a resident of Independence, has been promoted to chief engineer on the U. S. S. New Mexico, which is now at Brest, France, and will convoy President Wilson's ship, the George Washington, on its return to the United States. He enlisted May 15, 1917.

SOLONS PASS AUSTRALIAN BALLOT BILL

SALEM, Feb. 12.—The house Wednesday passed by an overwhelming majority Representative Lewis' bill providing for the use of a straight Australian ballot in Oregon elections. Smith of Baker, who led the fight against the measure, declared that he suspected the motives back of the measure in which he saw an attempt by a political machine to build up a political party at the expense of the individual candidates.

Merging of Port Bodies Doubtful At Present Time

Salem, Feb. 13.—Representative Lofgren has a joint resolution in his pocket which he intends to introduce the first time the house reaches that order of business providing for the consolidation of the Port of Portland, the Port of Astoria and the public dock commission into a big organization to be known as the port.

The resolution, which provides for the submission of a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, includes the counties of Clatsop, Columbia, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion, Clackamas, Multnomah, Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla within the boundaries of the new port. All of the powers now held by the two ports and the dock commission are to be lodged in the new port.

The business of the port is to be administrated by a commission of seven men appointed by the governor for a term of three years each. Two of them are to come from Clatsop and two from Multnomah counties, while the remaining five are to come from the other counties, with the provision that not more than two shall be residents of any one county.

Mazamas in Fight For Game Preserve

Mazamas at a meeting of their executive council held this week voted unanimously to use every effort to secure the passage of house bill 376, introduced by Representative McFarland, relating to the Malheur lake bird reservation. Members have pledged themselves to do everything possible to build up the out-of-door resources of Oregon. Though they are primarily interested in mountain climbing, the preservation of the reserve is closely connected with their interests in the protection of forests and the wild bird and animal life.

INCOME TAX BILL IS WIDE IN SCOPE

Measure Most Far Reaching of Any Similar Bill Submitted to Oregon Legislature.

Salem, Feb. 13.—Incomes of every description are included in a new income tax bill which found its way into the house Wednesday evening under the label of the house committee on assessment and taxation. Rentals, dividends, interest, insurance, profits from business ventures, royalties, wages, salaries, inheritances and all other forms of incomes are included in what is regarded as the most comprehensive and far reaching measure of its kind ever offered up to the consideration of an Oregon legislature.

The rates of taxation upon incomes under the provisions of this bill would be graduated from one per cent on amounts up to $1000 with one half per cent added for each additional $1000 up to six per cent for amounts over $10,000.

Exemption is made on individual incomes up to $1000, a man and wife is granted an exemption up to $1500 and each child under 18 years of age as well as any other actual dependent introduces another $100 to the amount exempted. The head of the family is made personally responsible for the filing of a statement showing the condition of the income and a penalty of not less than $100 nor more than $5000 is provided for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

Income tax assessors would be appointed for each assessment district, into which the state is to be divided, the state tax commission to appoint the assessors as well as any necessary deputy and clerks and fix the salaries of the same.

An appropriation of $60,000 is provided by the bill for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the measure should it be enacted into law.

Rev. H. Marchbein Is Chosen as Rabbi At Shaarei Torah

Rev. H. Marchbein, called to Portland August 15 to conduct services for the high holidays, has been elected rabbi of Congregation Shaarei Torah for a term of three years, beginning next October. The election was on petition of 100 members of the congregation.

Rabbi Marchbein's musical ability and his interpretation of the traditional service made him extremely popular during his sojourn here. He is a graduate of the imperial conservatories of Vienna and Budapest. Before coming to America he sang the principal roles in the operas of "La Traviata," "Carmen," "Aida," "Pagliacci," "Faust," "Lucia" and others at the Budapest opera house.

Sidelights On Legislature

Salem, Feb. 13.—The S. R. O. sign was out early yesterday for the big show staged under the auspices of the roads and highways committee in the senate. So great was the attraction, in fact, that members of the lower house deserted their posts of duty in favor of the greater attraction in the upper house until at one time there were hardly enough representatives in their seats to second a motion. In spite of a big program of bills demanding attention it was necessary to suspend operations until Sergeant at Arms Joe Singer could round up the delinquents and herd them back into the house, so that a quorum could be had for the transaction of business.

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Monday night while "Jim" Stewart was listening to Bishop Sumner eulogizing the late ex-President Roosevelt in the house of representatives, his 16-year-old son Blair was busy debating on the Corvallis high school team which won that night from Forest Grove. The subject of the debate that night was "Bonds for Public Improvements," and the joke is on "Jim," who refused to furnish the son any material for his debate because he was on the negative side of the question, whereas "Jim" is working his head off at this session of the legislature for the $10,000,000 road bond issue.

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Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner and commander of the Oregon camp of Spanish-American War Veterans, is the father of a resolution introduced in the senate providing for oil paintings of Colonel J. C. May of the Third Oregon Infantry, and Lieutenant Colonel Creed Hammond of the Third Coast Artillery corps, be secured and hung in the legislative halls.

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As a counter attraction in an effort to divide patronage with the road show in the senate the house today offers a finish bout between the Smith-McFarland boxing bills and a ghost walk to be staged by the Rogue river fishing bill which promises to be one of the best programs put on by the house this session.

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Boys will be boys, even when they grow up to be legislators, and who is there that would deny them their little joke once in a while if it will only drive away the dull monotony that surrounds the transaction of routine business?

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The 10 minute limit is now being enforced on debates—some times—in an effort to expedite business in the house in an attempt to reduce the pile of bills that are clamoring for attention.

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Representative Gallagher doesn't take kindly to the machinations of the lobbyists from Portland who persist in coming down to the state capital and forcing the legislators to "swallow their votes."

STATE SCHOOL LANDS GIVEN AWAY FOR DRINK

(Continued From Page One)

A.—Mr. Schulz, Mr. Whitehead, Luck, Chambreau, Coleman and Mr. Sorenson.

Q.—Is that R. R. Coleman? Do you know his first name?

A.—I do not.

Q.—And L. A. Chambreau?

A.—Yes, Luck Chambreau.

Q.—E. K. Whitehead, is it?

A.—I could not tell you.

Q.—Was he the bartender at Schulz'?

A.—Yes.

Q.—About what time of night was it? Do you remember?

A.—Well, it was somewhere between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Q.—And what were they doing when you went in there?

A.—Signing papers and having a drink occasionally.

Q.—And you joined in that?

A.—Yes, sir, indeed I did.

Q.—Get both, did you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is that the reason you don't remember very well?

A.—That's the reason.

Q.—Did Sorenson pay you anything for it?

A.—Paid me a dollar.

Q.—You don't remember what, if anything, he told you about the papers?

A.—No. I heard some others talk about the papers; some said it was for desert land out here in the wilderness somewhere. I thought it was all right and I signed anyway. I never read them.

Q.—Did you see him (meaning George Sosonson) pay the others?

A.—I saw him pay the other man, is all.

Q.—Did you ever see Sorenson in there with papers, getting them signed, at any other time?

A.—I have seen Sorenson—yes, I have.

Each of the 10 men in Schulz' saloon signed away 320 acres of Oregon's school land, Sorenson in turn filled in the blank assignments and sold them to Eastern speculators and others. As a result of these and other frauds Oregon has an irreducible school fund of $6,000,000, when Washington, with 35 per cent less school land, has a school fund of $15,000,000.

Hanley's Measure On Irrigation Gets Some Hard Knocks

Salem, Feb. 13.—Bill Hanley's measure, senate bill 222, had a hard time before the irrigation committee of the senate Wednesday night, and judging from the expressions of various members of the committee, will have a difficult time getting onto the senate floor with a favorable report.

The bill, which was brought to Salem by Erskine Wood, attorney for Mr. Hanley, and introduced by Senator Eberhard at his request, provides in brief, that acreage shall control in the vote on the formation of an irrigation district, or in rejecting its formation, rather than the number of land owners interested, as is now the law.

Under the Hanley bill, should it become a law, Mr. Hanley, who owns some 5000 acres of land in the Harney valley, would dictate whether any irrigation district could be formed that would bring his land within the boundaries of the district. Mr. Hanley has never been very enthusiastic about cutting Harney valley up into small holdings or the creation of any irrigation district that would interfere with his holdings there.

Hiccoughs Makes Appearance

Oregon City, Feb. 13.—With the influenza epidemic ended, a new disease, hiccoughs, has made its appearance in Oregon City and vicinity with a number of cases being reported by the local doctors. In several instances the new disease is severe.

$492,095 LEFT TO MEET $2,500,000

Ways and Means Committee Agrees on Tentative Expenditures of $7,378,485.

By W. T. Kirk

Salem, Feb. 13.—Meeting in executive session Wednesday night, the joint ways and means committee completed the work of tentatively passing on the state budget.

Appropriations aggregating approximately $7,378,485 have been approved.

The committee has $7,870,580 to spend, according to the amount of state revenue in sight. The difference between the visible revenues and the budget appropriations is $492,095.

This $492,095 is the approximate amount the committee has available to take care of a host of miscellaneous appropriation bills which will aggregate approximately $2,500,000.

It will be seen that the committee still has a big job on hand. If the committee takes care of the state institutions, the departments and the regular and pressing state functions, and still remains within the six per cent tax limitation, there will be occasion for congratulation for the efficient work performed by the committee.

Put in Long Hours

Night after night the committee has been in session for long hours and the committee's work has been marked by an evident desire to do the very best for all the interests of the state.

Wednesday night the committee passed on the budget for the state penitentiary which was allowed $292,732. This is a cut from $334,622, which was the total amount requested by Warden Stevens in a revised budget estimate. The warden asked for $291,840 for salaries and maintenance. That figure was cut to $250,000, which is an increase over the appropriation for the last biennium.

The state industrial school for girls was allowed $39,206, a cut from $52,830.

Representative Kubli resurrected the item for taking care of the exhibit of Oregon products in Portland, which had been previously cut out by the committee. He secured the committee's approval of an apropriation of $10,000 for that purpose, while $15,157 was requested. An appropriation of $24,500 was allowed two years ago.

Pruning Knife Applied

Other items were acted upon last night, as follows:

Supreme court—Requested $97,050; allowed full amount.

State Printing department—Requested $11,400; allowed full amount.

Patten home for the friendless—Requested $14,000; allowed $12,000.

State board of control—Requested $18,000; allowed $16,000.

Bounty on wild animals—Requested $75,000; allowed $65,000 and $10,000 for cooperation with the government in employing professional hunters.

Child Welfare commission—Requested $2000; allowed full amount.

Desert land board—Requested $6640; allowed full amount.

State institution for the feeble minded—Requested $345,700; allowed $337,500.

Military purposes—Requested $298,205; allowed $100,000.

Naval militia—Requested $30,710; allowed $10,000.

State horticultural society—Requested $1000; allowed $838.

State engineer—Requested $16,610; allowed full amount.

State water board—Requested $38,180; full amount allowed.

Body of Prominent Manufacturer Sent East for Interment

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The body of Howard T. Eells of Cleveland, who died suddenly in a taxicab while riding from Shorb station to Pasadena soon after his arrival on a visit, today was shipped east for burial.

Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France and ex-governor of Ohio, who had aranged to meet Mr. Eells in Pasadena, was confined to his apartments in a Pasadena hotel. The shock of Mr. Eells' death, it was said, caused Mr. Herrick to suffer a slight attack of heart trouble.

The two were old friends and had planned to travel together through the West.

Mr. Eells was founder of the Bucyrus Steam Shovel company at South Milwaukee, which furnished much machinery used in excavating the Panama canal.

Four in Auto Accident

Ashland, Feb. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Olson of this city and their twin daughters were thrown from their automobile near Phoenix Monday, when a car coming in from another road ran into their machine.

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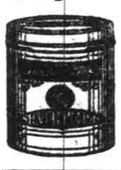

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Peroxide of Hydrogen	16 oz. 25¢
Menthol	2 dr. 25¢
Ground Mustard	6 oz. 25¢
Orris Powder	3 oz. 25¢
Pepsin Powder	3 oz. 25¢
Pepsin Powder	1½ dr. 25¢
Quinine Capsules (8 gr.)	1 dz. 25¢
Rochelle Salts	4 oz. 25¢
Salts Tartar	1 oz. 25¢
Senna Leaves	4 oz. 25¢
Zinc Sulphate	8 oz. 25¢
Eucalyptus Oil	2 oz. 25¢
Spirits Camphor	2 oz. 25¢
Sulphur Ointment	4 oz. 25¢
Tincture Arnica	2 oz. 25¢
Tincture Benzoin	2 oz. 25¢
Tincture Green Soap	3 oz. 25¢
Tincture Iodine	1 oz. 25¢
Tincture Myrrh	2 oz. 25¢
Zinct Ointment	3 oz. 25¢
Boric Acid (Solution)	16 oz. 25¢
Aromatic Cascara	3 oz. 25¢
Iodoform	1 dr. 25¢
Aromatic Spt. Ammonia	2 oz. 25¢
Brown Mixture	4 oz. 25¢
Chloform Liniment	3 oz. 25¢
Concentrated Ammonia	8 oz. 25¢
Fluid Extract Cascara	3 oz. 25¢
Glycerine	4 oz. 25¢
Glycerine and Rose Water	4 oz. 25¢
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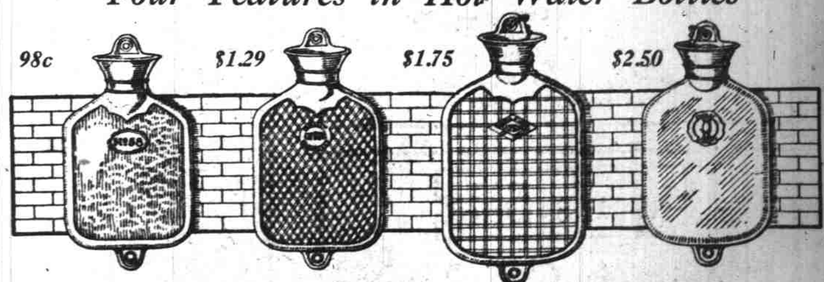

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