

# Big Majority of House Members Vote for \$10,000,000 Road Bond Measure

## WAGE RISES FOR STATE SERVANTS HINGE ON FUNDS

Ways and Means Committee Has Not Acted on Salary Increase Bills Referred by Legislature.

## MUST LOCATE "POT OF GOLD"

Apparent Revenues Include \$30,000 From Pittcock Estate; Source of Funds Shown.

Salem, Feb. 19.—If the legislature sees fit to grant the salary increases asked for by the several state officials at this session, the joint ways and means committee will make an effort to find another "pot of gold," so far overlooked, to take care of the increases. But the bills will have to take their chances before the legislature without any encouragement from the ways and means committee.

The joint ways and means committee completed its work Monday night, after five weeks of strenuous labor. They will only assemble again on the call of the chairman in the case of necessity.

At the time of adjournment no action had been taken on any of the salary bills, with the exception of that of warden at the state prison.

While the committee are rather non-committal with reference to their attitude toward salary increases, they admit that no action has been taken toward providing appropriations to take care of the money that will be required to meet the increases in the event that they are approved by the house and senate, and the only satisfaction available is a mysterious promise to "find a way to take care of them in the event that they do pass." Which, liberally interpreted, does not sound at all encouraging for the financial aspirations of the servants of the state.

Senator Patterson, who had promised his colleagues on the committee that he would produce an overlooked "Pot of Gold" at Tuesday night's meeting, made good his word, the pot contained in round numbers \$30,000 and was made up of anticipated increases in the revenues of the corporation department, the treasurer's office by reason of the new inheritance tax bill, the insurance department, and the fire marshal's office, an anticipated revenue of \$25,000 per year from the operation of the bill regulating collection agencies, and \$33,000 from the Pittcock estate.

Of this \$63,000 bills already approved by the committee had consumed \$46,000, leaving a net balance available for the tag ends of appropriations which had been checked up to the committee of \$17,000. This was quickly taken care of by the committee last night in a blanket motion by Senator Patterson which included appropriations for practically all of the remaining bills requiring state funds. Among these items was \$25,000 for the prosecution of an investigation into alleged school land frauds, \$50,000 for the proposed land settlement project, \$50,000 for the international livestock show at Portland, \$10,000 for vocational training and \$20,000 for a proposed state marketing commission.

With this action the ways and means committee has practically exhausted every available source of supply, including an anticipated increase of \$1,000,000 in the revenues of the state from direct taxes under the six per cent limitation.

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## Machinery Sales Measure Is Killed In Upper House

Salem, Feb. 19.—By an overwhelming vote senate bill 151 was killed Monday afternoon. The bill was called absurd, foolish, silly and other pet names by different senators.

It provided that it should be unlawful for any person or firm to sell machinery in the state without first filing with the secretary of state an sworn statement showing the cost of the individual parts which composed the machine.

The bill was introduced by Senator Patterson at the request of L. H. McMahon of Salem. Mr. McMahon was present and by a close vote was extended the privileges of the floor and the bill was read a second time. He said that it was intended to curb manufacturers and dealers who charge extravagant prices for parts to machinery. The bill would require for each paid \$4000, and binder for which he bought a piece at a time and assembled.

## SENATE PASSES ACT CREATING MARKET DIRECTOR OF STATE

Only Four Votes Oppose Huston's Bill, Modeled After California Law, Author Says.

Salem, Feb. 19.—With only four votes against it, the senate today passed senate bill 15, by Huston, which creates the office of state market director. The four votes against it were cast by Senators Baldwin, La Follett, Smith of Coos and Wood.

Senator Huston explained that the bill was modeled after the California market law, which has accomplished amazing results for the benefit of the fruit and berry growers and farmers in general in that state.

He said that when a private firm or individual went out to organize the farmers for the purpose of improving market conditions, they became suspicious of his purposes but with this bill enacted into law the state would organize the farmers and find the best markets for their products and so direct the marketing that the producers would get the biggest returns and at the same time not boost the price to the consumers.

"Here is a chance to help the state and to counteract the propaganda of the Non-Partisan league," he said.

Senator Pierce objected to the provision that the market director is to collect fees from the growers, as he said he wanted to give the law a chance to demonstrate its success without arousing the antagonism of the producers by asking them to pay fees. Agreement was reached to ask the house to eliminate that provision. The bill carries an appropriation of \$30,000.

Other bills were passed by the senate today as follows:

S. B. 244—By Baldwin—Amending the drainage district law.

S. B. 215—By Jones—Increasing the salaries of the assistants to the attorney general.

S. B. 89—By Nickelsen—Appropriating \$4000 for agricultural experiment station at Hood River.

S. B. 174—By Judiciary committee—Providing that the county commission in counties of 10,000 population shall advertise for bids for the purchase of all supplies, machinery and materials.

S. B. 61—By Norblad—Prohibiting stock from running at large in Clatsop county.

S. B. 255—By Jones—Requiring the repair of dikes constructed on contiguous lands.

S. B. 161—By Banks—Amending the law relating to voting machines.

Bills were killed as follows:

S. B. 192—By Jones—Amending the law relating to application for license to practice medicine.

S. B. 84—By Howell—Regulating collection agencies.

## Hotel Men to Meet In Two-Day Session With Fine Program

The annual convention of the Oregon Hotel Men's association will be held in Portland February 24 and 25. Business sessions of the association will be held at the Multnomah hotel and entertainment features include a trip to the automobile club on the Columbia River highway and a banquet at the Benson hotel.

Besides delegates from practically every town in Oregon, visitors will be present from Walla Walla, Spokane, Yakima, Tacoma, San Francisco and other cities. A special car has been arranged for to bring a delegation of Seattle hotel men and their wives to the convention.

The banquet in the Benson hotel the musical program will include Paul Petri, tenor; Winnifred Forbes, violinist, and Mrs. Victor Smith of Spokane, soprano. Mrs. Petri will act as accompanist and furnish a piano solo. H. W. Childs is president and F. W. Beach secretary of the association.

## Campaign of Song Started Earnestly As Community Work

To promote among civilians the same community spirit that was found in the army, the War Camp Community service is conducting a national week of songs which is being sponsored in Oregon by the Oregon State Music Teachers' association. Throughout the nation from February 12 to 23 there is supposed to be song in everybody's heart and on everybody's lips. In Portland the movement is being pushed especially during the period from February 16 to 21.

John Henry Lyons, one of the song leaders, C. A. at Camp Lewis, who acquired the title, "Everybody Sing Lyons," is in the city to help carry on the campaign. He appeared at the Portland Ad club at noon and will be at the Rotary club conventions Thursday and Friday noons. He will also be at the Hellig tonight and at the Hippodrome and the Strand. Song pamphlets will be given out and 15 minutes spent in getting everybody into the singing.

## ROAD BOND BILL IS DUMPED INTO LAP OF SENATE

House Passes Big Measure With Mystic Words 'Strength, Durability and Resistance to Wear'

## AUTO TAXES MAY TAKE JUMP

Proposed License Fees Range From \$18 to \$75 on Passenger Cars, \$30 to \$120 on Trucks.

Salem, Feb. 19.—The next main move in the game of highway legislation is now up to the senate into whose more or less friendly lap the \$10,000,000 bonding bill has been dumped by the house. What the senate will do with the measure as it now stands is uncertain, though it is lobby gossip that 17 or 18 senators will vote against it. The amendment, having banded together to ride out any storm that may be raised and to send the bill into the governor's office just as it came from the house.

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Those mystic words "Strength, durability and resistance to wear" which the senate minority battled strenuously and unavailingly to tuck into the Dimick bill have found their place in the ten million dollar bonding bill as passed by the house so that the same question has been decided one way in one house and the other way in the other.

Has Best of Argument

But the house has this much the best of the argument—first, that it has 51 votes out of 52 back of its decision, and second, that there is a generally prevailing opinion in both houses that it is unwise to inject too much restrictive legislation in the bonding measure.

There is a current feeling that the ideal bonding act should have included in it nothing but the absolutely necessary provisions to govern the issuance, sale and expenditure of the bonds produced by a current legislative session.

This feeling in its final analysis would seem to indicate a disposition in both houses to hold the bonding bill in as simple form as possible.

Contrary Over Restrictions

The whole main controversy now is the restrictions that should be thrown about contracts let by the commission. The senate stands on the point that these should be let to the lowest responsible bidder, based on the classified specifications prepared by the state highway engineer. The house, by its position of yesterday, contends that the commission should be permitted to take into account the durability and resistance to wear of the pavement into consideration in letting a contract, which, in effect, would permit it to make award to other than the lowest bidder.

The house contends that it would tie the hands of the commission not to give this option to the commission, the senate insists that the granting does away with competition and opens the door to unfairness, trouble and expense.

## RHEUMATISM CAN BE DRIVEN FROM VICTIM'S SYSTEM

This Michigan Man Gains Relief Through Blood Builder After Six Years' Illness

The poisons which cause rheumatism are in the blood. Until the blood has been rebuilt to a condition where it can master and destroy these poisons there is no chance of freeing the pain-tortured victim from the grip of disease.

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Mr. Clyde J. Salee, of No. 217 East Kalamazoo avenue, Kalamazoo, Mich., is a living example of the success of this treatment. He is a strong believer in the effectiveness of the tonic by which he regained his health and happiness.

In describing his experience he says: "Exposure brought on rheumatic attacks six years ago and I suffered almost continuously, the disease becoming so severe at times that I was forced to spend weeks in bed. My back all over my body ached and pained and when the pain left me for a time I was sore and stiff. My lower limbs swelled and the joints became stiff. I noticed that I didn't sleep. My stomach was badly disordered and at times my hands and feet were so numb that it seemed as though they were asleep.

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## JOKER FOUND IN STATE LIME BILL

Amendment Keeps Court From Buying Lime to Be Resold to Farmers for Fertilizer.

Salem, Feb. 19.—In order to assist the state lime plant to get its product before the farmers of the state, the senate this afternoon passed house bill 183, which provides that county courts may order agricultural lime to be sold to the farmer. The county court may do this on petition of 50 farmers.

But by amendments made to the bill it appears that the bill has been rendered unworkable. In the original draft of the measure as introduced, the county court was authorized to pay for the lime out of the general fund and the receipts from the sale of the lime were to be returned to the general fund.

Amendments were made which repealed the provision giving the county courts authority to pay for the lime, while the provision that receipts from the sale of the lime should be placed in the county general fund was retained. This would seem to make it impossible for the county to pay the state lime board for the lime.

Without debate the senate adopted the report of the ways and means committee to kill senate bill 146 which provided for civil service for state employees. Bills were passed this afternoon as follows:

H. B. 391, by Woodson—Providing that the dehorning of cattle and docking of horses and sheep shall not be unlawful.

H. B. 417, by Smith of Baker—Relating to estrays.

H. B. 235, by committee on agriculture—Giving county commissioners authority to create a revolving fund of \$500 to be used for the extermination of ground squirrels and other rodents.

H. B. 238, by McFarland—Providing that residents of other states, who wish to fish in this state, must pay the same license fee as their home state charges non-residents.

H. B. 191, by Wheeler—Relating to the destruction of noxious weeds.

H. B. 168, by Martin—Providing that charitable institutions may be named as beneficiary in a life insurance policy.

H. B. 245, by Ideman—Providing that central committees of political parties may fill vacancies on the ticket.

H. B. 135, by Martin—Relating to the establishment of insurance rating bureaus.

H. B. 277, by Dedman—Providing for voluntary commitment to state hospital for the insane.

H. B. 171, by Gore—Relating to selection of staff officers of militia.

H. B. 75, by Gallagher—Relating to attorney fees in suits or actions upon insurance policies.

H. B. 80, by Gallagher—Relating to time notes given for life insurance premiums which are negotiable.

H. B. 216, by McFarland—To require every individual or firm practicing dentistry to obtain a state license.

H. B. 272, by Ballagh—Increasing the salary of the district attorney for Columbia county.

H. B. 215, by McFarland—Amending the law relating to licensing dentists.

H. B. 268, by McFarland—Exempting dentists from jury duty.

H. B. 223, by Bean—Providing that the highway commission shall lay out miles of sample pavement on the Pacific highway one-third to be bituminous, one-third concrete and one-third wood block.

H. B. 319, by Hare—Providing for uniform commitment blanks to institutions.

H. B. 170, by Gallagher—Authorizing counties to vote on question of jack-rabbit bounties.

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## Private Ownership With Regulation Is Best, Elliott Says

Washington, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Private ownership of railroads, with "wise, energetic and honest management, under suitable, thorough and protective regulation, is best," Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, told the senate interstate commerce committee today.

"Government ownership, management and operation of American railroads are not for the best interests of the nation," he added.

Regulation under private ownership should be so arranged as to preserve and encourage initiative, to be prompt and responsive to changing conditions, but at the same time provide checks and balances to prevent the adoption of practices by owners and managers.

He spoke for the creation of the new executive department—a department of transportation—with a cabinet member in the interest of the insurance monopoly in the state.

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## Recuperation Camp For Officers Planned

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Negotiations are said to be under way for purchase by the government of the Hotel Colorado, together with several acres of ground and hot and cold mineral springs, as the nucleus for the largest army and navy officers' recuperation camp in the world.

## BRANCH OFFICE FOR INSURANCE WORK IS DENIED TO PORTLAND

State Senate Fears It Would Mean Employment of Additional Clerks.

Salem, Feb. 19.—A branch office of the state insurance department will not be opened in Portland. The senate Monday defeated house bill 136 by a vote of 12 to 18.

Senators charged that the bill was merely an entering wedge for moving the entire department to Portland two years hence and that the move was made in the interest of the insurance monopoly in the state.

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## CODIFICATION BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE; \$10,000 IS CARRIED

Supreme Court Authorized to Codify the Laws of Oregon.

Salem, Feb. 19.—The senate Tuesday passed senate bill 268 which provides for the supreme court to appoint a commissioner to codify the laws of Oregon. The bill carries an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purchase of 1000 sets of the completed code and \$5000 to pay the salary of the code commissioner. It is understood that former Judge Conrad P. Olsen will be the code commissioner.

Senate bill 22, introduced by Senator Eberhard at the request of Bill Hanley of Harney county, was killed in the senate today by being indefinitely postponed. The bill proposed to amend the irrigation district law, and Senator Eberhard explained to the senate that he had introduced the bill in order to give Mr. Hanley an opportunity to be heard, but that he did not approve of the principle of the bill and joined in the recommendation to kill it.

The senate killed senate bill 216, introduced by Senator Farrell, by adopting the majority report from the fish and game committee, which was opposed to the bill. The bill gave the fish and game commission authority to fix the open and closed seasons for hunting and fishing. The majority report against the bill was signed by Senators Gill, Rigg and Porter, while a favorable report was made by Senators Farrell and Nickelsen.

Aged Lebanon Man Dies

Lebanon, Feb. 19.—John B. Parris died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pearl Stewart, in Albany, at the age of 82 years. He was born in August, 1836, in Nashville, Tenn., and married there 45 years ago to Miss Caroline Vogel. He came to Lebanon about 13 years ago. Mr. Parris is survived by seven children.

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