

PLAN TO CHANGE INSURANCE LAWS CAUSES PROTEST

Hurley-Moser Bill Would Raise Cost of Workmen's Compensation, Say Opponents.

EMPOWERS CASUALTY MEN

Added Cost and Decreased Good Would Result From Change of Law in Vogue for Five Years.

Salem, Feb. 20.—As was indicated several days ago, the bill introduced last Saturday by Senators Hurley and Moser, amending the present workmen's compensation law so that the business can be handled by the casualty insurance companies, has resulted in strong protests being made by employers and representatives of the workmen.

Those opposed to the bill maintain that entrance of the insurance companies into the compensation field of Oregon would result in either increasing the cost of the insurance to the employers of the state or materially decreasing the benefits provided for injured workmen. It is pointed out that the companies writing workmen's compensation insurance in the various states require about 40 per cent of the premium to conduct the business, leaving but 60 per cent for the injured workmen or their dependents. Under the Oregon plan, where the insurance is carried only in the state fund, the injured workmen or their dependents during the five years the law has been in operation, have received in compensation benefits 92 per cent of all expenditures by the commission.

Forces Workmen to Contest

Other objections to the proposed measure, which is known as senate bill 282, are that it again forces the injured workman to contest with the claim adjusters of the insurance companies to secure compensation; that it fails to provide for any supervision by the commission of the settlements made by insurers or employers; that no safeguards are provided which guarantee payments to injured workmen who are permanently disabled or the widows and children in fatal cases.

Against the provisions of the bill permitting the employer to carry his own insurance, it is contended that similar provisions in other states has resulted in the unexpected development of employers, through a desire to reduce the cost of their insurance, discharging employees either aged or under par physically. This was true also of employers having venereal veins and hardened arteries, who, if injured, would not be likely to respond to treatment and a trifling injury might result in total disability.

Would Handicap Soldiers

Workmen who had suffered some permanent disability also found it difficult to secure employment for the same reason, and it is claimed this would also prove a handicap to some of the returned soldiers. Under the present Oregon compensation law, this condition has not existed, and the commission has included in the amendments it has offered to the present compensation law one which aims to protect the employer who employs a disabled soldier, or a workman who has suffered a permanent disability as the result of a work accident.

One interesting phase of the workmen's compensation legislation at the present session is that it is one of the very few matters before the legislature upon which employers and workmen are competing.

Jack Rabbits Come West of Mountains

Beaverton, Feb. 20.—Arthur Allen, a farmer south of town, shot a large jackrabbit in his wheat field. There are many cottontail rabbits in the valley, but jackrabbits have been scarce this side of the Cascades until recent years.

One Seriously Injured

Denver, Feb. 20.—(I. N. S.)—D. R. Plunkett of Fort Wayne, Ind. is in a Denver hospital today suffering from serious injuries sustained in a Santa Fe wreck near Breckenridge, where the Plunkett was en route home from California. Twenty other passengers were slightly injured.

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Legislature Sits On Treasury's Lid To Decrease Taxes

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—Legislative leaders are all sitting on the state treasury lid today and warning fellow members to keep hands off. A statewide propaganda for the defense of the groaning taxpayers has been arranged and from now on it will be like squeezing blood out of a turnip to get an appropriation out of this session of the legislature.

"The campaign of economy has been agreed to," said Acting Governor Hart last night after his conference with bankers and big newspaper publishers. "No particular bills have been singled out—we're just going to get along without everything we don't actually need. Taxes must be kept down or we can't develop the state."

CONGRESS URGED TO HELP SHIPBUILDING

Joint Memorial Adopted by Senate Telling Why Government Should Keep Contracts.

Salem, Feb. 20.—In a senate joint memorial adopted by the senate today congress is urged to change the specification of its wooden ships so as to fit the needs of the shipping board. The memorial, which is being circulated in the various states, tells why the contracts which have been canceled, thus reviving the shipbuilding industry and at the same time giving means whereby lumber products of the Northwest may reach the world markets. The resolution says:

"Whereas there are now thousands of idle and unemployed men in the state of Oregon who are anxious for work but who cannot find anything to do, for the reason that the shipping board has canceled the contract for wooden ships, thus closing down the shipyards, logging camps and lumber mills which in normal times in this state furnish employment directly for 62 per cent of our labor, and indirectly affects many of our collateral industries.

Demands for Raigs

"And whereas, there is an urgent demand for wooden ships and schooners suitable for the lumber trade which the wooden ships heretofore constructed are not fit for;

"And whereas, there is a good market and demand for lumber over seas if ships adapted to that purpose could be secured in which to transport the same;

"And whereas, the North Pacific coast of the United States of America has the largest body of standing timber available to the markets of temperate zones and lumber manufacturing now is and always will be by proper conservation, the greatest industry of this United States;

"And whereas, if it is to be the policy of the shipping board to construct or cancel the great tonnage of the United States, then we earnestly submit and rightfully demand that it provide means of transportation, suitable for lumber as well as other products;

Would Help Labor Conditions

"And whereas, we believe it to be more economical to change the specifications for wooden ships to lumber carriers, which are urgently needed, than to pay damages for cancellation of contracts for wooden ships which cannot be economically used; and we are assured that the lumber industry would be made of said lumber carrying ships, when completed, and thus keep our lumber industry in operation.

"And whereas, if this course were adopted at once, the serious unemployment problem of the North Pacific states would be solved, and justice done to this part of the United States.

"And whereas, the timber of this section of the country has been found most desirable for wood ship construction, and that particular industry rightfully belongs to the North Pacific states.

"And, whereas, from 50 years experience the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon confidently asserts that wooden ships are not only the most available, but also economical for use as lumber carriers.

Resolution Is Passed

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate of the state of Oregon, the house of representatives concurring, that the senate of the state of Oregon urges the congress of the United States to take such action and provide such means as will carry into effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution in order that idle labor be reemployed and reconstruction facilitated.

"And be it further resolved that the secretary of state of the state of Oregon be directed to forthwith transmit by wire a copy of this memorial to the president, the speaker of the house of representatives, to our senators in congress, and to the U. S. shipping board."

Fifteen Sign for Wahtum Lake Trip Starting Saturday

Fifteen persons have signed up for an outing trip to Wahtum lake this week end, leaving Portland at 7:30 Saturday morning and returning Monday evening.

The personnel of the party consists of a number of the officers and executive committee of the Portland Council of Boy Scouts, a number of the older Scouts and several Mazamas.

The party will go and come by the Eagle creek trail. Many of the men expect to take their skis along, for the snow at Wahtum lake is now seven or eight feet deep. It is estimated. It was first feet deep at the time of the last trip made by the Boy Scouts a few weeks ago.

Portland Delegates Attending Banquet With Coos Bay Club

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SENATE WOULD LET COUNTIES GET CREAM OF DELINQUENT LAND

Passes Bill Giving First Choice to Authorities to Bid in Tax Certificates.

Salem, Feb. 20.—Instead of having left on its hands the worthless property on which taxes become delinquent, the various counties may hereafter take the cream of the property, and thereby balance up its losses by its gains, if the house takes the same view of senate bill 88 as did the senate today, when it passed the bill without opposition.

The bill provides that the county, when delinquent tax certificates are to be sold, shall have first choice, and if it desires it can take up all the delinquent tax certificates.

"Under existing laws," said Senator Eddy, "private parties pick out the best lands and leave the poorest to the county. This bill changes the policy so as to allow the county to take the cream of the land before the public will be given opportunity to buy delinquent certificates."

Senator Smith of Coos read a telegram from his county which stated that as a result of the county being permitted to take delinquent tax certificates on the Southern Oregon lands it is now receiving \$150,000 in interest, which it would have lost if the certificates were issued to private individuals. The telegram was signed by County Judge Watson, County Commissioner Archibald Phillips, County Treasurer J. B. Bevers, District Attorney John F. Hall and Sheriff Gage.

"Give the county the right to hold the certificates if it desires," they urge.

Bills Passed in the Senate

S. B. 287, by Dimick—Amending the law relating to demurrage and reciprocal demurrage.

S. B. 129, by Moser—Authorizing political central committees to assess candidates for funds for campaign expenses.

S. B. 248, by Handley—Providing for the operation of a fish hatchery on the Nehalem river.

S. B. 277, by Pierce—Providing for assessors to obtain statistics as to lands devoted to agriculture and horticulture.

S. B. 279, by Ritter and Burdick—Appropriating \$5000 to complete a fish hatchery on Tumulo creek, Deschutes county.

S. B. 74, by Lachmund—Appropriating \$10,000 for an armory at Silverton.

S. B. 222, by Bell and Orton—Providing for payment by the state of the expenses of printing the United States Spanish War Veterans' annual report.

S. B. 284, by Eberhard—By giving the public service commission authority to fix the salaries of its employees.

H. B. 217, by Graham—Creating a legislative service and reference bureau at the University of Oregon.

School Attendance Increased

Astoria, Feb. 20.—Figures compiled by H. L. Hussong, city school superintendent, show an increase of 33 per cent in school attendance over last year. At present there are 254 students enrolled, 310 of whom are attending high school. Eighty-five of the eighth grade graduates this year entered high school.

The schools are filled to capacity and it is expected that building plans will have to be inaugurated before next year. The taxpayers recently voted a \$125,000 bond issue for the construction of additional school buildings, but up to the present time no construction plans could be inaugurated, due to the war industries board regulations.

Miners in England In Favor of Walkout

London, Feb. 20.—(I. N. S.)—The initial count of the miners' vote on the question of a general strike in the British coal fields resulted overwhelmingly today in favor of a walkout. Premier Lloyd George conferred with representatives of the miners today in an effort to avert a general strike.

Fear Americans in Archangel May Find Themselves in Trap

Washington, Feb. 20.—(I. N. S.)—The necessity of getting American troops out of the Archangel district before the middle of May, lest they be trapped by the Bolsheviks with their backs to the wall, led to the decision to send American and British engineers to make the railway repairs necessary for transportation of the men out of the district.

This was learned from an authoritative source this afternoon when, probably for the first time, the predicament in which the American, French and British troops would find themselves when the spring thaws commence, was revealed.

TWO VOTES DEPRIVE WOMAN JUROR RIGHT TO SEAT IN OREGON

"Americanize America" Plan Fails When Adverse Report Is Accepted in House.

Women of Oregon were denied the privilege of serving on juries when an adverse committee report on house bill 334, by Representative Mrs. Thompson was adopted Wednesday night by a vote of 23 to 27, and the bill indefinitely postponed. An effort to substitute a favorable minority report had previously been nipped out by a single vote, the count standing 25 to 24.

Mrs. Thompson declared that the measure was introduced at the request of 30,000 organized women voters of the state. The bill, she said, permitted women to serve on juries but did not make the service compulsory, exemption being granted them when demanded because of sex.

Representative Richardson joined with the only woman member of the legislature in insisting that "America be fully Americanized" by granting to women the complete right of suffrage.

Representative Hare declared that the housewives of the state did not want the privilege of jury duty, and Representative Gallagher supplemented this statement by rising to declare that his wife, who was sitting by his side at the time, had urged him to vote against the passage of the measure.

"It is evident that the prospect of 30,000 organized women voters has put the fear of God in the heart of some of the members of this legislature," declared Gallagher, who insisted that it was not a question of their ability to serve on juries, but rather a question of the wisdom of placing the responsibility of this duty upon them.

Considerable levity was indulged in at this point, and a "good looking young attorney" members of the house who favored women juries, and Mrs. Thompson insisted on a roll call so as to place the members on record in their stand on the question.

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DELAYED PLANS TO ELECT LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR APPEAR

Would Give Withycombe Chance to Name Own Successor for State Emergency.

Salem, Feb. 20.—The long expected and much whispered joint resolution providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment creating the office of lieutenant governor to the voters of the state next special or general election made its appearance in the house this afternoon. It came from the hands of the resolutions committee of the house this afternoon, of which Ben Sheldon is chairman, and provides, in brief, that the office shall be created, that the lieutenant governor shall be ex officio president of the senate at a salary of \$10 a day while filling such office, and that in the event of the death, resignation or disability of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall succeed to the duties of that office until the office is filled by election at the next regular election.

Back of the resolution is the fear of many politicians that Governor Withycombe may not live to fill out his present term of office. He has been in failing health for some months and is not at all well at the present time. The resolutions committee, and those back of its amendment, do not look with equanimity upon a possibility which would put the secretary of state in the chief executive's chair until the next general election two years from now. They are, therefore, paving the way for Governor Withycombe to appoint his successor.

This is not the first time that the question has been before the voters of the state, as the same amendment was passed upon by the electorate in November, 1912, when it was voted down by a majority of 11,082. The vote for the amendment at that time was 50,562 and 61,644 against.

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