

Business Jam Delays Adjournment of House

STORMY SESSION NOW HAS PEACE; BONDS ARE VOTED

The Battle on Road Legislation Is Practically Over, With Important Bills Passed.

SIGNATURE NOW NECESSARY

Several Measures Still Lack Approval, but Slate Will Be Cleaned by Saturday.

Salem, Feb. 21.—The battle over road legislation is, practically speaking, a thing of the past. When it is finished, by Saturday night, or Sunday morning, as it undoubtedly will be, the wrinkles will all have been ironed out and a broad, comprehensive plan established for the coming two years.

The main feature of this program will be the \$10,000,000 bonding bill, already passed by both houses; the Hare anti-patent bill, also through both house and senate; the double automobile license law, the gasoline tax act, and, in all probability the Pierce one mill direct tax bill for the construction of market roads. In addition, and to round out the restrictive legislation, there is scheduled to come a bill by the roads and highway committee of the house incorporating much of the Dimick bills 67 and 68, over which the senate battled so long and which have been buried in the house committee.

Bond Program Through
The bonding bill is in reality now a law, having passed both houses. So is the gasoline tax bill. The automobile license statute will come into the house tomorrow, and will be rushed through both houses. The Pierce one mill tax has passed the senate without opposition and is ready for consideration by the house.

This bill, as it now stands, however, is not out of the woods, and will probably encounter a storm in the house. It has been amended by Senator Pierce until it is practically the same as the bill brought to Salem a few days ago by former Senator I. N. Day. It provides a one mill tax for market road construction, but it switches the method of administration.

Courts Control Construction.
Under Senator Pierce's plan the money raised by the tax is to go to the county road funds of the different counties. The county courts are to be given full control of the construction of their roads, with the option of having the surveys, plans and specifications made by the state highway commission if the court should so desire. The money raised by the levy is to be matched by

the county and expended under the supervision of the county court. Senator Day's plan was different. He provided that the highway commission should make the survey of the road after it had been designated by the county court desiring to construct it, and this road should be constructed under the plans and specifications prepared by the state highway engineer, while the money raised from the one mill levy was to be placed in the "cooperative road fund" in the office of the state treasurer and disbursed through the highway commission, when matched by money from the county road fund.

Measure Expected to Pass
There is probability that an attempt will be made to incorporate the Day plan in the Pierce bill when it comes up for consideration in the house, but it is generally conceded that the measure will be passed in one form or the other.

The roads and highways commission of the house is working on a compromise measure to take the place of senate bills 67 and 68. This measure will provide, in substance, that any patentee dealing with the state highway commission, or any county, city or municipality, must file with the agency, whichever it may be, a statement of the royalty agreement to which it will operate, which statement will bind the company as to all contractors who may desire to use the pavement and pay the royalty. The bill will also make it unlawful, under a heavy penalty, for any rebate to be given, or received, or for any secret agreement to be made in any form or manner.

Plans Must Be Drawn Up
In addition it will be provided that cities, counties and the state must prepare definite plans and specifications for all road construction work prior to calling for bids, and that no contract shall be let except upon the plans and specifications.

This bill, it is thought, will meet with little, if any, opposition in either house or senate, and will round out the restrictive legislation which the session will throw about the bonding bill.

The opinion of the attorney general to the effect that Warren Brothers' company has no patent covering the use of bitulthic pavement and the state or any contractor is entitled to use this class of pavement without danger of harm from the company, seems to have put an end to the controversy over the paving trust, and the dangers to be expected from its control, so far as may be done without definite adjudication by a court. This sudden development has gone far toward clearing the atmosphere and bringing the road legislation program to a harmonious conclusion.

Moser's Bills Are Saved for Further Action in the House
Salem, Feb. 21.—Senator Moser's "city beautiful" legislation was saved for further consideration in the house this morning when an adverse minority report signed by Representative Richards as a member of the committee on cities and towns was voted down. The bills, three of them, came into the house with two reports. The favorable minority report was adopted by the house and the bills spread on the calendar in their regular order.

One of the bills establishes a city planning commission. Another authorizes municipalities to establish setback lines, and the third provides for the establishment of zones for regulating improvements.

C. H. Cheney, secretary of the Portland city planning commission, who was granted unanimous consent to explain the bills to the house, declared that they conferred no power on municipalities now not enjoyed under their police powers. The city planning commission, he stated, could be only an advisory body to act in laying out new streets and new business or residential sections on some uniform plan.

Elmore's Bill Is Lost After House Acts Second Time
Salem, Feb. 21.—Representative Elmore's bill prohibiting prostitution was again killed by the house this morning. The bill was voted down February 11 and was reconsidered the following day in order to give Elmore a chance to amend it to meet certain objections raised against the measure.

Opponents to the measure contended that the problem covered in the Elmore bill was already sufficiently covered in existing laws. The bill, which had been referred to the committee on judiciary, was returned to the house this morning with an adverse report. Representative Elmore attempted to save his bill by a motion to place the bill on third reading in spite of the adverse report. His motion was defeated by a vote of 26 to 18 and the indefinite postponement followed immediately.

Would Exempt From Taxes Property of Civil War Veterans
Salem, Feb. 21.—The senate today in passing senate bill 13, by Houston, went on record in favor of exempting the property of civil war veterans up to the value of \$2500 from taxation.

The bill was opposed by Senators Dimick and Pierce, while on the final vote eight senators cast their ballots against it. They were Dimick, Eberhard, Howell, Nickelsen, Norblad, Orton, Patterson and Pierce.

Other bills were passed by the senate today as follows:
H. B. 281, by Clatsop county delegation—Increasing the salaries of officials of Clatsop county.

Alien Measure Voted Down
Olympia, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—The house today killed Renick's senate bill, which would prohibit aliens who gave up American citizenship papers during the war from employment on public works. The vote was 65 to 156. Maurice Smith of Spokane, the only world war veteran legislator, fought the measure on the ground that the records revealing alien slackers would not be available, and therefore the law was not workable.

Big Road Bill Submitted
Olympia, Wash., Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Senator Carlson today introduced his \$10,000,000 road bond bill which would permit the state to borrow on motor vehicle license income, to carry out a great road building program.

CONTRACTOR TO GET \$7440 FOR LOSS ON MEDICAL BUILDING

Reimbursement of John Almeter Passes House When 38 Members Approve.

Salem, Feb. 21.—Thirty-eight members of the house voted this morning to reimburse John Almeter to the extent of \$7440.63 on the loss sustained in the construction of the medical building of the University of Oregon at Portland. A committee consisting of Representatives Horne, Lofgren and Graham of Lane, which inspected the building and the claim, had reported favorably and recommended that the claim be allowed. Almeter is said to have lost between \$14,000 and \$15,000 on the building, due to war conditions. The only opposition to the claim was based on the question of precedent, the justice of the claim itself never being questioned on the floor of the house.

Other bills passed by the house this morning were:

H. B. 234, by Crawford—Amending statutes relating to the care of the poor.

H. B. 264, by Burdick—Fixing terms of court of eighteenth judicial district.

H. B. 241, by Burnaugh—Amending statutes relating to duties of sealer of weights and measures.

H. B. 227, by Griggs—Amending statutes declaring any but registered bulls running at large as an estray.

H. B. 404, by Thrift—Providing for the appointment of probation officers by the county judge in counties of less than \$100,000.

H. B. 267, by Gallagher—Appropriating \$20,000 for land and drainage investigations.

H. B. 422, by committee on agriculture—Appropriating \$10,000 for cost of milk and dairy investigations.

H. B. 276, by Martin—Relating to election as to dower, curtesy, and undivided one third of decedent's estate.

H. B. 451, by Bolton—Fixing compensation of justice of peace of The Dalles district, Wasco county.

Church Phase Kills Irish Aid Memorial

Salem, Feb. 21.—The senate today refused to take a hand in the home rule question in Ireland. It adopted a report killing senate joint memorial 18, which had been introduced by Senator Norblad. The memorial urged the president to use his influence toward obtaining home rule for Ireland. Senator Dimick, chairman of the resolutions committee, urged the senate not to inject a religious squabble into the legislature at this late hour.

BILL SAYS PACKERS MUST LABEL GOODS PRODUCED IN STATE

Designed to Give Credit Where Due, Keeping California From Taking Glory.

Salem, Feb. 21.—California and other states which have been taking advantage of the superior quality of Oregon products for publicity purposes by canning these products under their own labels are robbed of this unearned glory under the provisions of a bill passed by the house this morning. This bill, which is a compromise over a bill introduced early in the session, provides that "all persons, firms or corporations operating under their own private brand in the state of Oregon in the business of packing or canning fruit or vegetables, either fresh, canned, evaporated or otherwise, shall plainly designate on such private brand that goods were Oregon-grown and packed in Oregon."

A number of canneries now operating in Oregon are owned by California capital, it is said, and their pack is placed upon the market either under a

California label or so labeled as to lead the buying public to believe that the fruit was grown in California. This practice, it is declared, has built up for California a great reputation for the superior qualities of its fruits, whereas the fruits were in reality Oregon-grown. This bill is designed to correct this condition and to give Oregon credit for her own products and the advantage of any publicity that may attach to the sale of these products throughout the nation.

Senate Votes for Measure Providing For Consolidation

Salem, Feb. 21.—By unanimous vote of the senate, senate joint resolution 18 was passed today. This resolution submits to the people a constitutional amendment providing for the consolidation of the city of Portland and Multnomah county governments.

It provides for the appointment of a charter commission to draft a charter and submit it to a vote of the people of Multnomah county, and until such a charter is adopted the county, city and district government will continue to function separately as they now are. There was no debate on the resolution.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED

Salem, Feb. 21.—New house bills introduced:

H. B. 508, by ways and means committee—Appropriating \$5000 for welcoming Oregon soldiers in New York.

H. B. 509, by ways and means committee—Appropriating money for supreme court.

H. B. 510, by ways and means com-

mittee—Appropriating \$5000 for Pacific International Livestock exposition.

H. B. 511, by ways and means committee—Appropriating money for miscellaneous purposes.

H. B. 512, by ways and means committee—Appropriating \$45,000 for livestock sanitary board.

H. B. 513, by ways and means committee—Appropriating money for Oregon National Guard.

Many Women at Michigan Convention

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Women comprised 50 per cent of the delegates to the Michigan Democratic

state convention here today, and Miss Emma Bower, it was announced, will be temporary chairman. It was stated that at least three women will have places on the Democratic state ticket to be named at the convention.

Are Back at Work
Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Hog Island shipyard resumed normal work today. Four hundred striking foremen, who demanded increases from \$64 to \$70 a week, and 25,000 workers forced out, returned after giving Director General Pies of the Emergency Fleet corporation one week in which to adjust the differences.

See Wilson's Millinery ad, page 8. Adv.

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