

Senate and House Hoist Sails in Before-Wind Finish

NEW FISH, GAME COMMISSION OF STATE SELECTED

Majority Frames Slate, Putting Old Commissioners on Its List and Selecting Four New Men.

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—Oregon has a new fish and game commission, elected by the joint assembly Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. It is composed of the following men:

Representing the Commercial Fishermen—Frank M. Warren, for a five-year term; Christian Smith, Astoria, for the three-year term; Charles K. Hall, Marshfield, for the one-year term.

Representing the Game interests—N. Fleischer, Portland, district 1, for the five-year term; Marion Jack, district 2, for the five-year term; Carl S. Simon, Eugene, for the three-year term; C. F. Stone, Klamath Falls, district 2, for a one-year term.

MACHINE PLACE MEN

Representing the State at Large—Senator John Gill, Portland, for a three-year term.

This action of the legislature continues all of the members of the old commission, Warren, Jack, Stone and Fleischer, in office, and places on the slate Hall, Simon and Gill on the commission as new members.

The election closed a day which was marked by more attention on the part of the members of the legislature to the conclusion of the fish and game fight than to general legislation. Throughout the day, senators and representatives switched and changed backed and filled, in making up the slate which finally went through with but one exception, that being the election of Senator John Gill, who broke through the combination, beating Walter Backus of Portland, who had been chosen by the organization for the place.

CARTER TO BE CHAIRMAN

It is generally understood that E. V. Carter of Ashland is to be elected chairman of the commission. He is a member of the commission as soon as it meets for permanent organization.

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TROT OUT MACHINE

It is reported that the suggestion came from the governor's office, or from his friends, that it would be for the best interests of harmony all around it, if H. Van Duzer and E. V. Carter were placed on the commission. These suggestions were not considered in making the slate, in large part, because of the refusal of Price and Downs to promise that they would stop fighting and come into harmonious action with the majority. These overtures were not accepted and the machine organization continued to trot out their slate.

SENATE KILLS BILL ON TAX LIMITATION

Vote Is 15 to 13 Against Putting Six Per Cent Law Up to the People for Decision.

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—By a vote of 15 to 13, with one member absent, the senate Friday afternoon refused to adopt Senator Hurley's resolution which would have submitted to a vote of the people a proposal for the repeal of the 6 per cent tax limitation in the state constitution. The vote on the proposal to submit the repeal to the people stood as follows:

Ayes—Banks, Bell, Handley, Howell, Huston, Hurley, Moser, Norblad, Orton, Ritter, Shanks, Smith of Josephine, Vinton.

Noes—Giddings, Eberhard, Eddy, Farrell, Gill, Jones, Lachmund, Lafollette, Nickelsen, Patterson, Pierce, Smith of Coos and Curry, Strayer, Thomas and Wood.

Absent—Porter.

Harness has been invented to prevent conductors on the open type of streetcars being knocked from running boards.

URGENT CREATION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOB

Sponsors Dig Up Old Issue, Believing Voters Are Now Prepared to Create New Office.

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—The lieutenant governorship issue which was snowed under by the voters of the state at the special election last June, has been dug out from under the drifts by Senators Norblad and Thomas, who propose to again ask the people to create that office.

The joint resolution which was introduced in the senate last night is practically identical with the measure which was passed by the last regular session and which met with such emphatic defeat at the hands of the voters.

The sponsors of the measure hope, however, that time and the controversy which has been waged about the succession of Secretary of State Olcott to the governorship, which succession the former measure was intended to prevent—has changed the attitude of the voters to such an extent that a more favorable reception will be waiting the measure at its next appearance.

The measure provides for the election of a lieutenant-governor at the "same time and place" as the election of the governor, and his term of office and his qualifications shall be the same.

This means that the first election of a lieutenant-governor, in the event the office should be created, would take place at the general election in 1923.

POWERS ARE DEFINED

The lieutenant-governor would be president of the senate with power to vote only in the case of a tie, and would receive compensation at the rate of \$10 per day.

In case of the failure to qualify, the impeachment or conviction of treason, felony or other infamous crime of the lieutenant-governor, or his death, removal from the office, resignation or absence from the state, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office for the remainder of the term, or until the disability shall cease, would devolve upon and be vested in the lieutenant-governor.

If, during a vacancy in the office of governor, the lieutenant-governor shall be impeached, displaced, resign, die or become incapable of performing the duties of the office, or be absent from the state, the president pro tempore of the senate shall act as governor until the vacancy be filled or the disability cease.

HALL HAS CLEAR FIELD

Representative Thrift nominated Charles K. Hall of Marshfield for the one-year term. He moved that the nominations be closed. This was done and the unanimous vote of the joint assembly was cast for Hall.

Senator Ritter nominated Marion Jack of Pendleton for district two, east of the Cascade mountains, for the five-year term. He was elected unanimously, there being no other nominees.

Representative Sam Hughes nominated Earl C. Simmons of Lane county for the first district for the three-year term.

Senator Smith of Josephine nominated Wilford Allen of Grants Pass.

The vote resulted in the election of Simmons, he receiving 72 votes to 12 for Allen.

Representative Moore nominated Walter Backus for the one-year term as commissioner at large.

Senator Eddy nominated Senator John Gill.

Gill was elected, receiving 45 votes to 35 cast for Backus.

On motion of Lewis, the election of Gill was made unanimous.

C. F. Stone was placed in nomination for the one-year term by Representative Burdick for the one-year term from district one. He was elected unanimously.

Senator Gill thanked the assembly for the election and said he would represent all the people of the state and that the legislature would have no regret over his election.

MEASURE PLACES CHAIN ON SUCCESSION TO GOVERNOR

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—The senate by unanimous vote Friday night passed the joint resolution introduced by Senators Moser and Backus submitting to a vote of the people the question of succession to the governorship in the event of a vacancy in that office. The resolution would bar the secretary of state from succeeding to the governorship except to perform the duties of the office until a governor can be elected at the next general election.

Only four members of the legislature in the house joint resolution increasing the limit to which the state can be bonded for road purposes from 2 to 4 per cent. The vote on the bill placed on the ballot at the May election for a vote by the people of the state.

ROAD BONDING BILL PASSED IN SENATE

Ten-Million Dollar Measure Wins by a Vote of 22 to 6; Pierce Leads Opposition.

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—The senate passed the \$10,000,000 road bond bill this morning by a vote of 22 to 6. Debate on the question, was chopped short by Senator Orton, who moved the previous question, declaring that the votes were ready for the passage of the measure.

The vote on the bill follows:

Ayes—Baldwin, Banks, Bell, Eberhard, Gill, Handley, Howell, Huston, Hurley, Jones, Lachmund, Moser, Nickelsen, Norblad, Orton, Patterson, Ritter, Shanks, Smith of Coos and Curry, Smith of Josephine, Wood, Vinton.

Noes—Eddy, Farrell, Lafollette, Pierce, Strayer, Thomas.

Absent—Porter.

PIERCE LEADS OPPOSITION

Senator Pierce led the fight against the bond bill, insisting that the people of the state who would be expected to foot the bills ultimately should be allowed to decide for themselves whether or not they should be burdened with an additional bond issue.

"We have fooled the people once by taking their automobiles off the tax rolls," he declared. "The loss to the tax rolls by that move is reflected in increased tax levies on all other property."

That action of the last session, he declared, worked to the interest of the man who owned a high priced car and against the man who drove a modest, low priced car.

"GONE BOND WILD"

"We have gone bond wild," he concluded. "Where do you propose to get the money with which to foot the bills represented by these mounting bond issues?"

Senator Farrell and Senator Thomas also spoke against the bill, the latter declaring that no emergency existed, and therefore no excuse for consideration of the measure at this session.

Proponents of the measure were content to let their case rest without argument, content in the knowledge that sufficient support was back of the bill to insure its passage.

An attempt to refer the bill back to the committee for the purpose of referring the measure to a vote of the people was defeated previous to the consideration of the main question.

Lieut. Governor Bill Defeated Last Year Is Submitted Again

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—A resolution providing for the establishment of the office of lieutenant governor in Oregon was submitted to the senate today by Senators Thomas and Norblad. The bill differs in few respects from that passed by the legislature last year and then defeated when submitted to the people. This bill requires a constitutional amendment to be passed by both houses would have to go to the people again.

The lieutenant governor, under the provisions of the bill, would serve as president of the senate, and in case of the governor's death, illness or absence would take his place.

RESOLUTION ASKS OLCOTT TO RESIGN

Four Senators Urge Passage, Saying Serving Out of Term Is Against Wish of People.

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—Declaring that opinion of the supreme court in Tuesday's decision, holding that Ben W. Olcott is governor in fact to serve out the full unexpired term of the late Governor Whycomb, is contrary to the wish of the people of the state, a resolution introduced into the senate tonight by Senators Banks, Thomas, Howell and Moser, calls upon Olcott to resign as governor, so that his successor may be chosen at the next general election.

The framers of the constitution never intended that the secretary of state, who shall succeed to the office of governor beyond the term for which he was elected secretary of state, the resolution declares.

The resolution involves a constitutional amendment and would require its approval by the people before becoming effective.

ASTORIA IS AROUSED BY MULTANOMIUS POSITION

Astoria, Jan. 17.—Much feeling was evinced among business interests of Astoria today when the Chamber of Commerce received a message from Senator Norblad in Salem saying Portland was lobbying actively against the port of Astoria bill to give the port authority to purchase the Tongue Point naval base site. The bill is the one prepared by the port commission and the Clatsop county legislative delegation recently for the purpose of giving power to submit to the voters of the county a measure for voting bonds of \$100,000 with which to purchase the Tongue Point site and present it to the government, so as to eliminate from the port of Portland or any other port of the state. Report of the alleged Portland opposition came as a distinct surprise and created a great deal of indignation. Plans are being made here to overcome the opposition.

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JACKSON COUNTY APPEARS

Senator Thomas followed the senator from Coos county onto the floor with a bill designating a road in Jackson county and he was followed in turn by Senator Eddy, who had a bill for a road in Douglas county, and by Senator Peterson, who advocated the designation of a road in Polk county.

Neither did the flood end with the afternoon session, although Senator Orton occupied the floor and his committee objected to the log-rolling process by which the measures were being introduced, advanced and passed without the usual formality of an inspection by the committee, and served notice on the senate that he intended to follow the measures over to the house and arrange for their speedy enactment by that body.

SENATORS GET BUSY

Encouraged by the reception of the four bills which were washed up by the afternoon deluge, several senators got busy during the dinner hour, with the result that three more local highway bills slipped into the senate at the night session, which began to grind about 10 o'clock.

Senator Baldwin sponsored a measure designating a road in Klamath county as a post road. He was followed promptly by the committee on roads and highways, which introduced a bill designating a road in Clatsop and Tillamook counties as a part of the state system of highways. Senator Patterson, who had a bill for a road in Yamhill and Tillamook counties, followed again at the night session with a move for a new state highway in Yamhill and Tillamook counties.

WILDS ARE SUSPENDED

These, as were the four bills of the afternoon, were introduced and advanced to second reading on a suspension of the rules, advanced again to third reading on the same suspension, and every member voting "aye," many of them smiling audibly while they cast their votes, not so much, perhaps, at the joke they were playing on the state highway map as it was over Senator Orton's admonition to the senate to "go to hell" when the senators straggled in the room to attend to some important business in the house.

HOUSE FOLLOWS SUIT

Wright of Sherman county put another dent into the state highway map at the night session of the house when he fought for his bill providing for the designation of a north and south highway in Sherman county as a portion of the state highway system.

Wright, who is a member of the house committee on roads and highways, followed the lead of Gallagher of Malheur, who broke up the log-rolling system by securing the passage of a bill through both house and senate designating a new road in his county.

The move was fought bitterly by the roads and highways committee, who contended that it was unwise to open the question at this time.

UNIVERSITY HEADS DISCUSS FINANCE

Joint Ways and Means Committee Informed of Money Needs of State Institutions.

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—At an extended conference between the joint ways and means committee and President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college and President Campbell of the University of Oregon held the representatives of the two institutions discussed the financial needs of the two.

President Campbell outlined a building program, necessary in order that room might be furnished for the adequate operation of the University totaling \$1,050,000.

President Kerr showed a similar program for his institution which would entail an expenditure of \$2,562,000.

Both of these programs would extend over a period of five years. In answer to a request from Senator Strayer, said that the college would need a millage tax of seven tenths of a mill in order to provide with the funds necessary to keep it running to full efficiency.

He had asked for six tenths, he explained, as it had been determined to make up the difference of one tenth by charging a tuition and a particularly high entrance charge to outside students.

President Campbell, answering the same question, said that the university would be about fair for the University of Oregon.

The presentation of the relative claims of the two institutions was calm and dignified on the part of the two presidents, but it was apparent that there is a wide divergence of opinion between them as to the proportional division of any fund that might be furnished the two institutions, should the millage bill be presented to the people and by them approved.

President Kerr showed that the college has 2300 regular students on the campus as against 1600 at the university, and he argued from that against the university, and that against the university.

Following the conference the committee went into executive session to consider the millage tax bill.

MEDFORD LOSES IN COUNTY SEAT FIGHT UPON JACKSONVILLE

Measure Which Had Slipped Through House Is Recalled and Finally Defeated.

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—Twice during Friday, once in the afternoon and again at the night session, of the legislature, the county seat fight in Jackson county held the center of the stage in the house while its delegation tried to open an easy way to switch the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford.

Westlund sent a bill to the house during the early part of the week to amend the existing law by which changes in the location of county seats may be made.

Under the present law it requires a petition of 60 per cent of the voters at the next preceding election before the question may be considered by the legislature.

The Westlund bill reduced this percentage to 20 per cent.

The bill went through the house during the afternoon session without the members knowing what they had voted for. When they found out, the measure was recalled from the senate and tossed back and forth in debate until it was finally killed by the indefinite postponement route.

As the bill was dying, Westlund told the house to go ahead and kill it, that it would make no difference because "no matter what the legislature did it could not keep them from moving the courthouse."

PORT MEASURE IS RECALLED; ERROR TO BE CORRECTED

Amendment Drawn Excepting the Right to Issue Bonds and Levy Taxes; Astoria Situation Factor

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—Discovery of a serious defect in the bill conferring additional powers on the commissioners of the Port of Portland caused a hasty move for its recall from the hands of the governor, to whom it had been sent for signature last night.

The bill which was sponsored by the Multnomah county delegation would have conferred upon the Port of Portland all powers possessed by any other port in the state.

A bill drafted by Senator Norblad confers upon the Port of Astoria authority to issue bonds to the extent of 15 per cent of the assessed valuation of the port, and to levy taxes on the property within the port limits. Under the Portland port bill this authority would have automatically conferred to that port, empowering the port to issue bonds to the extent of approximately \$50,000,000, consulting the wishes of the people of the district.

The bill, which had made its way successfully through both houses, was recalled from the hands of the governor in order to eliminate from the powers thus conferred the power to issue bonds and levy taxes. It is planned to rush it through both houses today.

FLOOD OF STATE ROAD MEASURES ENGULFS HOUSES

Passage of Jordan Valley Bill for Malheur Opens Gap and "Political Waters" Plunge Onward.

Salem, Jan. 17.—Passage of the Gallagher bill, designating a road in the Jordan valley of Malheur county by the senate Friday morning, started a leak in the supposedly watertight Oregon road map which developed into a regular flood of highway legislation during the afternoon session of the upper house.

Senator Ira C. Smith rode in on the first wave of the flood with a bill designating a road between Coquille and Bandon in Coos county as a post road. Smith had attempted to secure recognition for his bill during the morning by attaching it as a rider to the Gallagher bill, but met with defeat as the move was regarded as an attempt to defeat the Malheur county road. Several of the senators in explaining their propositions on the measure placed themselves in a receptive attitude by declaring that they stood ready to vote for any really meritorious road bill, regardless of the source of the money. Senator Smith took them at their word and came back this afternoon with his amendment in the form of a separate bill.

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UNIVERSITY AND O. A. C. TAX LEVY ISSUE SETTLED

Joint Ways and Means Committee Solves Problem on Maintenance; Normal School Included

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—The joint ways and means committee of the house and senate composed the difference between the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college at an extended executive session last night, by recommending an annual millage tax of one and two-tenths mills for the joint use of the two institutions.

Of the total amount to be raised under this provision the university is to be given three sevenths and the college four sevenths, this being the same ratio of apportionment now existing under the present millage law. The Oregon Normal school is to be given a millage tax of six one one-hundredths of a mill. Reducing these millages to dollars, the normal school would receive on the basis of the present assessed valuation approximately \$59,400 a year, the University of Oregon would receive approximately \$20,000 and the Agricultural college \$28,000.

These sums would be in addition to the present millage law of seven tenths of a mill, which, on the present basis, amounts to an annual appropriation of \$60,000. This sum is divided between the two institutions on the basis of three sevenths for the university and four sevenths for the college and four tenths for the normal school.

The recommendations of the committee are before the house for action in the form of a bill introduced by the committee jointly.

GIRL PRISONERS OUTSMART CAPTOR

Evelyn Mack and Mabel Schroeder Walk Away From Woman Detective.

Evelyn Mack, whose 14 years have had more sensations mixed with them than the 40 years of many other charges of the women's protective division of the Portland police bureau, has added a thrilling escape to her list of thrillers and since Wednesday evening has eluded police and welfare workers who have literally "scoured the city" for her.

The operative had taken Evelyn and Mabel Schroeder, 17, and two other children, who had been brought in because they were found begging on the street, out for their evening meal to a Third street cafeteria. When crossing Oak street a large automobile rounded the corner. The operative grabbed the two children and in the excitement Evelyn and Mabel turned and ran.

Gaining distance, the girls doubled back on their pursuer and were lost in the darkness. The name of the operative is guarded by the women's division, but the entire police department has been notified of the girls' escape.

Evelyn Mack disappeared from her home August 23, 1919. A search for her led through all the Northwestern states, and Portland was combed by police. She was found in a local rooming house January 9, and was held in jail as chief witness against Charles W. Beaver, 22-year-old police patrolman, who was discharged in disgrace. J. A. Westlund of Medford, who, when not serving the people of his section in the lower house of the state legislature, manages Medford's most popular hostelry, carefully supervised the progress of one of Oregon's largest apple orchards.

LEGISLATORS FEAST ON FAMOUS APPLES OF ROGUE DISTRICT

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—Legislators and attaches of the legislators, as well as numerous visitors about the state, were invited to a festive Friday on Yellow Newtown Pippins grown in the famous Rogue river valley of Jackson county. The apples were the treat of Representative J. A. Westlund of Medford, who, when not serving the people of his section in the lower house of the state legislature, manages Medford's most popular hostelry, carefully supervised the progress of one of Oregon's largest apple orchards.

Sheep Growers Meet

Salt Lake, Jan. 17.—Delegates representing the sheep growers of the state met here today in annual session. President John W. Thornley in his opening address deplored the excessive freight rates on livestock and wool, which cuts deeply into the profits of the business.

PORTLAND ZONING SYSTEM IS SAVED

Senate Sustains Adverse Report on Attempt to Repeal Law Used by City Planners.

State House, Salem, Jan. 17.—Portland's city zoning system was saved by the senate Friday afternoon when an adverse committee report on Representative Hosenford's attempt to repeal the zoning law was sustained by a vote of 19 to 9.

Senator Farrell, who led the attack against the zoning system and in defiance of the Hoeford bill, admitted that personally he stood to benefit by the maintenance of the system, but it was not in the interest of the small home owner of the city and the "little fellow" who did not have a "stake in" with the city planning commission.

The people would favor the abolishment of the system he insisted if left to their action.

Senator Orton joined with Senator Farrell in declaring that the zoning system was in the interest of the big business interests and not in the interest of the small home owner.

"In order to get a hearing before the commission you must hire a lawyer," he declared doubting much whether even that would insure success, "inasmuch as the 'cards are stacked against you.'"

MOSER DEFENDS SYSTEM

Senator Moser spoke in defense of the system and in opposition to the Hoeford bill. Only the real estate men who stood to lose a commission once in a while because they could not secure a piece of property in some district because of the restrictions imposed were opposed to the system. His plea for another year's trial of the system was adopted in the city Portland backed by a pocketful of telegrams and letters from prominent citizens of the metropolis, found favor in the senate.

SIMS TOLD TO WATCH OUT FOR THE BRITISH

Admiral Sims Denied that He Favored Officers to the Detriment of Enlisted Men in Recommendations for Naval Awards.

Admiral Sims denied that he favored officers to the detriment of enlisted men in the recommendations for naval awards. He denied he favored "land officers" over "sea officers" on the sea in the recommendations.

Admiral Sims said the anti-submarine campaign was conducted on the patrol system when he arrived in France. The

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