

TRoublesome Bills Face Legislature in Coming Session

Fight Over Teachers' Tenure One of Nuts to Crack; Eastern Oregon in on Highway Wrangle.

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been asked until Tuesday evening at the same hour, and it is probable that this will be the time finally selected.

During the past week repeated conferences have been held at Portland at which contested points have been discussed, and, according to reports, agreements have been reached as to many of them.

The demand that the North Portland harbor be assured of immediate improvement by setting aside \$250,000 for use there during the coming year is still a bone of contention, and the indorsement or rejection of the plan is expected to bring on a fight in the delegation which is divided over it.

DEPENDS ON LEADERS

If such provision is not written into the emergency bill carrying authority to finance the work of the commission for the next year there is strong probability that the delegations from the stock shipping sections of the state will be hostile to the measure when it comes up on the floor for passage.

Whether the port consolidation program will be put up before the legislature as a Multnomah delegation measure, or the various bills will be introduced by individual members, will depend upon the ability of the program leaders to compose the present existing differences within the delegation.

If the delegation can unite on the bills they will go on in under the name of the delegation; if not, they will be fathered by individual members, and the battle will be fought out on the floor.

DELEGATION DIVIDED

The teachers' tenure bill is also scheduled to make its appearance in the senate tomorrow, under the sponsorship of Senator Staples. The Multnomah delegation is divided over this measure and its enactment or rejection is expected to furnish one of the spectacular forensic battles of the session.

Tom Neuhausen, who has been retained as the head of the teachers' lobby, was at Salem Thursday, looking over the fighting field, and he and his field workers are expected to be on hand from now on until the bill either is passed or defeated.

The members of the school board who are behind the proposed amendments to the tenure law will also be on hand to help pilot the bill through the two houses.

The road program is also being whipped into shape, and the joint roads and highways committees will hold their first meeting on Monday or Tuesday to begin the task of framing the various bills to be introduced.

The highway commission now has available approximately \$1,000,000 of bonds which have been authorized, but not sold. About \$1,000,000 of this amount is pledged to contracts already let, so that \$10,000,000 in round numbers are available for the completion of the 1921 program.

Of this sum the Columbia river and Pacific highways will be entitled, under the law, to but \$7,500,000, the remaining \$2,500,000 being assigned to secondary roads. It is estimated that it will require approximately \$10,000,000 for the completion of the two main highways, so that \$2,500,000 of the funds to be provided by the present session will have to be devoted to this task.

EASTERN OREGON WATCHFUL

It is calculated that approximately \$9,000,000 of new bonds can be authorized by the legislature under the 4 per cent limitation of the constitution, which would leave some \$6,500,000 for secondary roads.

Should Senator Hall's bill providing for immediate construction of the Roose-

FOUR SCHOOL BILLS WILL MAKE BOWS IN HOUSE MONDAY

Free Text Book Measure and Removal of Qualifications of Electors Included in Drafts.

State House, Salem, Jan. 15.—Four bills dealing with the administration of public schools will be introduced in the house Monday by Representative Overturn of Bend.

One provides for free text books in all schools, except high schools, throughout the state.

The second provides that the election of school directors in counties of 20,000 or more population shall be held every two years at the time of the general election.

The third removes the property qualification from the law governing school elections.

The fourth fixes the term of office of directors in districts having a population of 20,000 or more at four years instead of three as at the present time.

MEASURES ARE DRAFTED

The four measures have been drafted by Deputy District Attorneys J. H. Stockman and E. H. Pierce at the instance of William F. Woodward, a member of the Portland school board.

The bill providing for free text books is brief and concise and has been patterned after the Utah law. It makes it the duty of the school board of every district to supply the pupils of all schools except high schools with text books and supplies; gives the board authority to sell text books to pupils at cost, and at the end of the term to collect all books used by pupils, or damages for the loss of those furnished.

WILL LOAN BOOKS

The theory of the act is that the district shall purchase the books and loan them to the pupils, who are to return them for further use by other pupils when they may have finished with them.

The proposed bill providing for the removal of the property requirement of the existing law has been offered by Director Woodward because he contends that it is unfair to restrict the voting power in all school matters relating to the district to the voters at the school election; that the time and places of holding school elections are such that people will not go to the polls, and that the proposed amendments are in the interest of economy and efficiency in the government of the public schools of the state.

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COMPANION BILLS

The other two measures, the one fixing the term of office at four years and the one providing for election every two years at the time of the general election, are companion bills. In behalf of these Woodward contends that less than 10 per cent of the voters at the school elections; that the time and places of holding school elections are such that people will not go to the polls, and that the proposed amendments are in the interest of economy and efficiency in the government of the public schools of the state.

Already, it is pointed out, the state has recovered, in the case of the Pacific Livestock company alone, an amount five times as great as that set aside by the state for investigating land frauds two years ago with the title to lands worth several millions of dollars now pending and for the completion of which investigations the additional appropriation is now being sought.

MAY BEING SUIT

Of this vast area some 10,000 acres are still owned by the Oregon grantee and suits to cancel these titles will be instituted in cases where sufficient evidence of fraud can be obtained.

Where the titles of lands have passed to an innocent purchaser actions for damages are contemplated, when the evidence justifies, against those guilty of fraud in procuring the lands from the state.

HUBBARD MAN SUED BY FELLOW CITIZEN

Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—Five thousand dollars damages is sought by Dave Swanson of Hubbard in a suit filed here Saturday against C. W. Mayer, also of Hubbard. Swanson alleges defamation of character, distress and humiliation through publicity given to charges made against him by Mayer, alleging the theft of three cases of eggs.

R. & H. Green Stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co., Main 353, 560-51.—Adv.

Mayor Calls Upon Portland Citizens to Observe Thrift Week

In support of Thrift week, fostered by the Y. M. C. A., which begins Monday, Mayor George L. Baker Saturday issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, It behooves every good citizen to take serious thought to lessen extravagance and waste, to abate inflation of credit, to relieve through intelligent saving and investment, to combat interest and to build up a more stable, prosperous and truly American population, and

Whereas, The program of economic education of National Thrift week is devised to foster all of these desirable conditions; therefore,

I, George L. Baker, mayor of the city of Portland, do call upon all officials, the superintendents and teachers of our public schools, and upon each and every citizen, business establishment, industrial plant, trade, civic or other organization and all employees or members thereof, to exert every effort, individually and through the National Thrift week committee, to make National Thrift week a period of constructive thought and action and economic planning for every one within their several communities.

Legislation Urged As Guard Against Elevator Mishaps

There is urgent need for legislation governing the operation of elevators in public buildings in Portland, according to H. E. Plummer, chief of the bureau of buildings. It is Plummer's intention to ask the city council to pass an ordinance at an early date compelling building owners to employ only licensed operators.

Following the investigation of Chief Building Inspector Thornton into the tragic death of Mrs. Sadie Darlington, recently killed while operating an elevator in the Sweetland building, Plummer announced that he would urge the employment of men in preference to women and girls in public elevators.

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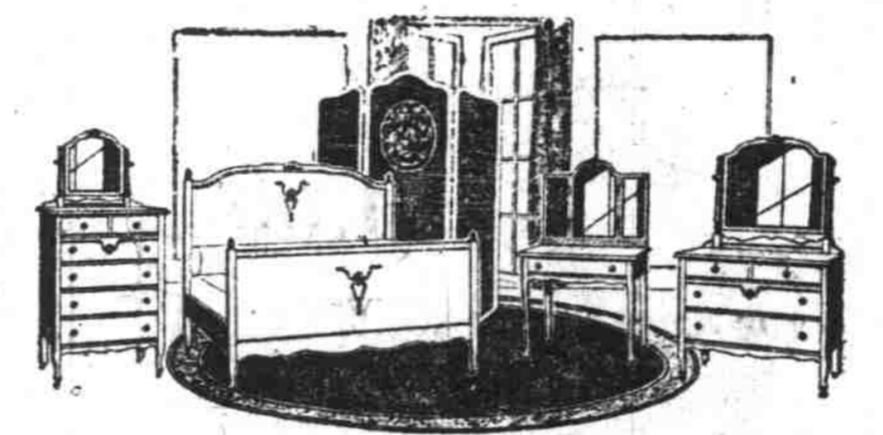
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