Counties Designated as Reapportionment Victims Sure to Fight Dismemberment Plans

REAPPORTIONMENT AXE IS POISED FOR VALLEY COUNTIES

Eastern Oregon and Multnomah Districts Seem to Have Marked Sacrificial Legislative Goats.

State House, Salem, Jan. 29.—There will be no painless surgical operation performed on the Western Oregon counties when the gory-minded delegations from east of the mountains start to carve representatives and senators out of the Willamette valley and engraft them upon the sagebrush districts. Rather there will be all sorts of howls, and, maybe, some profanity, for if the very evident mental state of the intended victims is any indication they will put up some fight.

Legislative reapportionment, at this session of the legislature, means, in general terms, that Eastern Oregon and Multnomah county have concluded that the Eastern Oregon delegation is at least two representatives short, and that Multnomah needs a couple; while the Eastern Oregon men also want another senator, or two.

CHOSEN AS GOATS

It follows that the Willamette valley counties, or some of them, have been chosen as the sacrificial goats, or good Samaritans, whichever way you may want to put it.

Marion, Linn, Washington and Clackamas counties, or three of them, are being made ready for the sacrifice, according to lobby gossip, while Lane very probably would go under the knife if it were not for the fact that the speaker of the house hails from that county. It is also planned to take half a man from Douglas and half from Jackson, by cutting off the Douglas-Jackson district, now represented by E. V. Carter of Ashland. Two of the four members so made eligible to shift will be given to Eastern Oregon, and two to Multnomah county. That seems to be the dope as at present cooked up.

VALLEY FACES TRIMMING

A glimpse of the joint reapportionment committee which resulted from the battle waged in the house the other day when the anti-reapportionment forces lost the contest by one vote, would seem to lead to the conclusion that the valley counties are due to be trimmed up according to program.

The committee is composed of five senators and five representatives. Neither Marion, Linn, Washington nor Clackamas counties have representation on the committee. Neither has Lane, for that matter, but there is a general feeling prevalent that the committee will not attempt to hurt the feelings of the speaker by suggesting any change in the Lane county representation.

The house members of the committee consist of Burdick, Carter, Gordon of Multnomah, Hurd and Gallagher; the senate committee of Dennis, Robertson, Staples, Hall and Patterson.

DISTRICT REPRESENTED

Burdick represents the counties of Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake; Carter represents Douglas and Jackson; Gordon, Multnomah; Hurd, Clatsop; Gallagher, Harney and Malheur. Dennis comes from Union and Wallowa; Robertson, from Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler; Staples from Multnomah, Hall from Coos and Curry and Patterson from Benton and Polk.

The Eastern Oregon members contend that they are entitled to at least two more representatives because of the fact that eight of the counties of that district, embracing 46,088 square miles, have but three members in the lower house, while Marion, Linn, Lane, Washington and Clackamas counties, with a total area of but 10,644 square miles, have 17 members of the house.

MAY MAKE DIVISION

Burdick and Overturf represent Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties. Burdick is from Redmond and Overturf from Bend, and there is a demand that the district be so divided that the representation will be more evenly placed. Gallagher represents Harney and Malheur counties, a domain of some 12,682,240 acres, and he resides at the extreme eastern edge. It is desired to take this big area, which has but three representatives now, and so divide it, either without going into other counties or by combination with them, that it will have five representatives more evenly placed as to location.

Multnomah county would be entitled, by virtue of population, to 20 or 21 members in the house, but it is planned to give the county but two more members.

The four members needed for Eastern Oregon and Multnomah county will not be wrested from the valley counties without a bitter struggle.

FIGURES ARE CITED

It has been the assumption that Marion, Linn and Washington counties would be reduced one member each, while the Douglas-Jackson district would be asked to give up the fourth. Marion has a population of 47,117 and five representatives; Linn, 24,550 population; Lane, 36,156; Washington, 26,376; Clackamas, 37,698, while each have three representatives. The six counties represented by Burdick and Overturf contain 37,157 people, while Gallagher's district has 24,909, a total of 62,066 in population for the two districts which are represented by three men, a condition evidently out of proportion, if the present valley county apportionments are an index.

OREGON UNIVERSITY GIVEN ONCE OVER BY LAW FRAMERS

More Than 100 in Party From Salem Visit College Town; Speeches Made, Lunch Served.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 29.—This city and the University of Oregon were under inspection today by a body of more than one hundred visitors from the state legislature, members and attaches. They arrived this forenoon in special cars, guests of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and the university.

The program began with an assembly of students, faculty and visitors at Villard hall, where President Campbell presided and in his opening remarks spoke of the generosity of the people of Oregon toward the state university and the progress being made in construction of buildings for which provision was made through the millage tax authorized by the people.

PRESIDENT GIVES WELCOME

P. O. Bowen, president of the Chamber of Commerce, gave the address of welcome. Speakers representing the legislature were Representative J. D. Lee of Multnomah county, who for many years has been connected with the educational interests and public service of Oregon; Senator Isaac Staples of Multnomah county, who spoke briefly on loyalty to Oregon institutions; Representative Clarence Templeton of Linn county, who was quarter-back on the first University of Oregon football team, and who declared the people of Oregon are all interested in two things, good schools and good roads, no matter how they may be divided on other subjects, and that they do not regret paying taxes for these two paramount items.

Mrs. William S. Kinney, only woman member of the legislature, from Clatsop county; Senator I. L. Patterson of Salem and Senator John Gill of Multnomah county, spoke briefly on phases of university work, and the response was by Carlton Savage, president of the student body. The girls' glee club and Miss Genevieve Clancy rendered musical numbers.

CO-EDS SERVE EATS

Luncheon was served at Hendricks hall by the women students, in charge of Mrs. Edna P. Datson, head of Hendricks and Friendly halls, and the luncheon speakers were Representatives E. V. Carter of Jackson county, Frank Davey of Marion county, A. B. Flint of Washington county, A. M. Wright of Sherman county, S. D. Allen of Lane county and Colonel Mercer, sergeant at arms of the senate.

The local speakers were Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, of the board of regents, Dean Colin V. Dyment, President Campbell, W. K. Newell, superintendent of properties and former regent; Dean H. D. Sheldon of the school of education and Dean E. C. Robbins, of the school of commerce.

After the program at the university and inspection of the buildings, equipment and campus, the visitors were taken in automobiles by the Chamber of Commerce members for a sight-seeing trip through Eugene and vicinity.

Port Legislation Is Discussed by Kerr

The Port of Portland legislation, now pending before the legislature, was discussed in detail by James B. Kerr at a dinner-smoker last evening at the University club. He outlined the history of Portland's port development in establishing the background of the proposed measures which he assisted in drafting. Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the University of Oregon medical school, explained the request of that school for further material aid from the legislature. R. H. Crozier, president of the University club, presided.

SENATE TO TACKLE PORT OF PORTLAND BILL ON MONDAY

Issue Is Over Commission's Right to Buy Swan Island, and Proposed North Portland Project.

State House, Salem, Jan. 29.—The first main round of the Port of Portland consolidation fight is scheduled to be fought out in the senate commencing at 11 o'clock tomorrow, the bills having been made a special order of the day.

The partial surrender of the port commission to the North Portland harbor advocates has narrowed the controversy down until there are two main points of difference between the Moser "Big Six" program on the one hand and that in opposition to it.

It is probably true that, had it not been for the injection of the North Portland improvement program into the controversy, the Moser-Warren program would have gone through—with some bumps, perhaps, but without any vital alteration.

CONCESSION IS FORCED

But when the Eastern Oregon senators began to insist that the Oregon slough improvement would have to be written into the program before they would get into line, but one thing stood between the "Big Six" program and certain defeat, and that was concession.

That concession apparently was made by the Warren amendment in which $250,000 was written into the emergency bill for dredging out the North Portland channel, an amendment which has met the approval of the North Portland people so far as it has gone. They are not satisfied, however, with the mere inclusion of the appropriation in the bill, but are insisting that the law must bind the port commission to commence the work at the earliest possible moment. They contend that a promise was made them in 1917 that the harbor would be improved. No start has been made in that direction and they are fearful of further extended delay unless the law makes it mandatory upon the commission to make an immediate start, or at least that the work be commenced within a reasonable time.

CONFLICT IS NARROWED

So the conflict has narrowed down to the question whether the commission shall be granted the power, express or implied, to purchase Swan island as an incident to channel improvement, and to the North Portland issue, both as to money and time.

The question of the personnel of the commission is really an incident of the North Portland problem, since the advocates of that improvement insist upon having a representative from the district upon the commission as a measure of precaution.

Frank Warren, Senator Moser, and all those who stand behind the "Big Six" program, insist that authority to buy Swan Island, or any other channel obstruction, should be lodged in the commission as a matter of course, contending that it would be impracticable from a business and administrative viewpoint for the commission to be compelled to submit the question of each property purchase to the people for their approval.

RESTRICTIONS RESENTED

They are willing to concede that no border lands should be purchased except upon popular approval, and they are willing, if need be, to be limited to purchase by condemnation as to channel obstructions, but they insist upon the right to buy these without popular approval.

Opposed to this attitude is the contention that the commission should not have the power to buy any property at all without first having the approval of the voters stamped upon the particular action by an affirmative vote.

This dispute will have to be settled one way or the other before the port consolidation program can pass. The opposition to the "big six" plan contends that the senate has made up its mind not to give the power of purchase to the commission. Whether this be true depends very probably upon the attitude of the Eastern Oregon senators who are against the Warren-Moser position without any question of doubt, so far as North Portland harbor development is concerned, but whose final attitude as to the rest of the quarrel has not been so well defined.

ISLAND PLAN OPPOSED

It is contended by Captain Hosford of Multnomah's house delegation, who has some 35 years of active river experience as a steamboat man to back his judgment, that the removal of Swan Island is not necessary to adequate channel improvement. He contends that the removal of a small segment of the northeast corner of the island would strengthen the east channel and that the deepening of the west channel would open a route much straighter than any number of bends both in the Willamette and in the Columbia between Portland and the sea.

Representative Hosford intends to place one of his river boats at the disposal of the legislature on Sunday next for a trip down the river so that the members of the legislature may see for themselves what the Swan Island controversy is about. He wants to take them through both the east and the west channel and will lay his proposal before the Multnomah delegation and the legislature tomorrow.

NEW ANGLE TAKEN

The proposal to eliminate H. A. Sargent as a member of the commission by the election of T. J. Mahoney seems to have taken a new angle since it was sprung the latter part of last week.

Mahoney's direct connection with the Swift interests is being urged against his election as a member of the commission, not on the ground that it would disqualify him in fact, but that it might bring his course of action upon the commission into question and cause his acts, no matter what they might be, to be questioned.

On the other hand, there seems to be a growing undercurrent of conviction that Sargent is not the man who should be removed from the commission should its personnel be disturbed by the present legislature.

ATTENDS 19 SESSIONS

From January 21, 1920, to date, there have been 23 regularly called meetings of the port commission. Sargent was elected at the first of these, and with a total of 22 meetings that he could have attended as a member he has attended 19.

The record shows that Max Hauser has attended but nine of the 23 meetings and has attended but one out of the last 11. Frank Warren has attended all of the 23 meetings, Kenworthy has 21 to his credit, Metschan 17 and Kelly 19.

This record of attendance to the commission's business is leading some of the Multnomah legislators to the idea that it would be better to unload the commission of one of the commissioners with the low batting average, and this phase will be prominent in what is expected to be the bitter fight over the question of changing the present membership of the body.

Bag Men Ask Differential

Washington, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Burlap bag manufacturers today asked a differential duty in favor of bags over the burlap cloth in petitions made to the house ways and means committee. Burlap is now on the free list.

Louis Gong, a Chinese gardener in Boise, is under arrest charged with selling a Chinese girl in slavery. It is alleged he received $2100 for the girl.

BILL WOULD GIVE STATE TITLE TO LAKE BED LANDS

Pointed Out That Thousands of Acres Lost to Commonwealth for Lack of Adequate Laws.

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—Thousands of acres of lakebed lands, much of it highly valuable and worth in the aggregate many millions of dollars, have been lost to the state of Oregon in the past because of the absence of any policy defining the state's title to such lands, it is said by members of the state land board and the attorney general's office.

In order to correct this situation and to save to the state the land created through the permanent recession of water in the future, a bill, introduced in the house Friday by Representative Bennett, chairman of the public lands committee, declares the state's title to all lands within the meander line of non-navigable lands.

Vested rights of riparian owners would not be interfered with by the Bennett bill in spite of the fact that these owners now hold thousands of acres of these lands by virtue of their riparian rights and without the payment of one cent for such lands.

As a case in point, an instance is cited by Millard McGilchrist of the attorney general's office, who has been investigating the state's title to lands in the beds of non-navigable lakes and swamps. The riparian owner in this case originally owned some 700 acres of land in 40 acre tracts on the shore of Malheur lake, in Harney county.

Through the recession of the waters of this lake, this settler now lays claim to some 3000 acres of lake bed, for which he has not been required to pay a cent.

In Silver lake, it is pointed out, riparian owners and squatters are now in controversy over the ownership of thousands of acres of valuable lands which, had the Bennett bill been enacted into law several years ago, would have belonged to the state and could have been disposed of at good prices, to the financial advantage of the state's irreducible school fund.

The Bennett bill covers the state's title to all non-navigable lakes which have been meandered by the federal government except such lakes as are contained within drainage or irrigation districts.

Enactment of the bill into law, it is pointed out, will definitely define the state's policy in connection with lake beds and declare its title to such lands, a policy which can only be declared through legislation or by court action.

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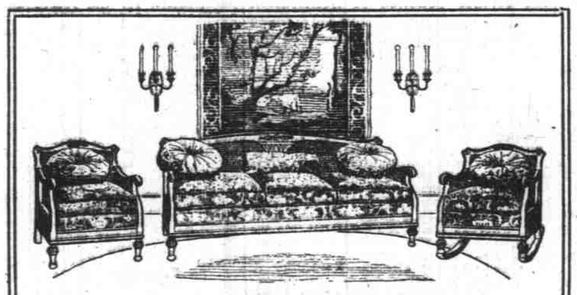

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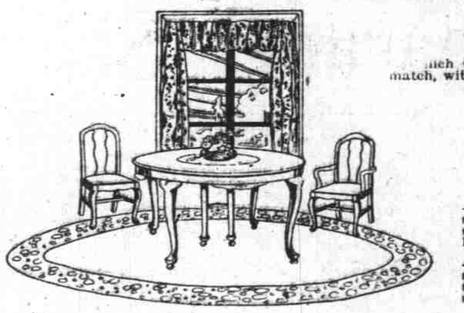

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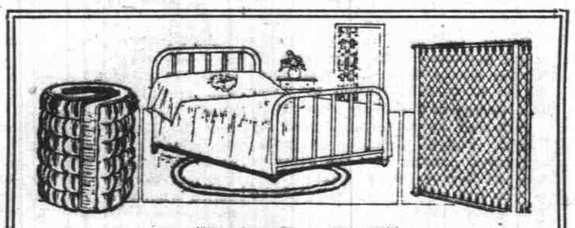

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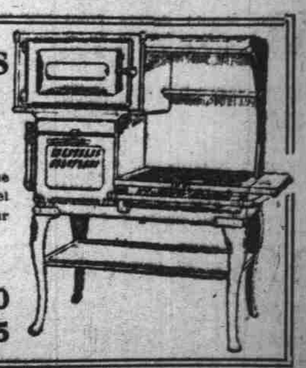

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