

Teacher Admits by Fund to Defeat Staples Bill; Report on Fish Inquiry Is Asked

TEACHERS' LOBBY FUND TO DEFEAT BILL IS ADMITTED

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—The candid statement by Mrs. Jessie Richardson that the teachers of Portland had assessed themselves \$250 each, and in that way had made up a fund of \$2500 with which to hire Thomas B. Neuhausen to lobby against the Staples bill was the one enlightening feature of the hearing before the Multnomah delegation last night at which the teachers' tenure bill was discussed.

LOBBY GOSSIP RIFE

Mrs. George McMath and T. B. Neuhausen have been at Salem for the past two weeks, actively lobbying against the Staples bill, and it has been lobby gossip that they were being paid between them all the way from \$5000 to \$10,000 for their services.

Mrs. Richardson cleared the air by stating during her address at the hearing, in answer to the question of Chairman Kubiak, that Neuhausen had been given \$2500 to give his whole time at Salem working against passage of the Staples bill.

A trainload of teachers and their sympathizers journeyed from Portland to lend their moral support to the five speakers chosen to appear before the delegation in opposition to the Staples bill.

HEARING IS CALM.—The hearing was conducted in a calm and dignified manner, the speakers avoiding any personalities, but speaking to the point. The speakers were alternated, the first address of the evening being made in favor of the Staples bill, the second against it, and so on until 10 of the proponents and opponents had been heard.

Those who spoke for the bill were L. Sabin, Mrs. A. M. Webster, Miss Grace DeGraff, Charles A. Hart and Frank L. Shull. Those who were in opposition to the bill were Miss Jessie Richardson, Miss Anna Larabee, William F. Woodward, Miss Jessie Richardson and Mrs. Harry Beal Torrey.

Mutual Telephone Company Chooses New Directorate

Ridgfield, Wash., Feb. 1.—At the annual meeting of the Mutual Telephone Company, held at the Ridgfield, Wash., and Vancouver Farmers' Union Telephone company Thursday the following officers were elected: John T. Harris, president; John W. King, vice president; Paul Schwartz, secretary; Everett E. Edmunds, treasurer; Directors—Nathaniel S. Allen, Frank E. G. Boyle, Ridgfield district; John W. King, Felida district; George W. Armstrong, Sr., Pioneer district; Edward Converse, Sara district; Royce retired as secretary and manager after continuous service of more than 14 years.

The concern is in the best financial condition since the company was organized more than 14 years ago, and the lines are in fine physical shape. Improvements are contemplated this year. The company is a mutual concern. Mr. F. H. Fairbrother is chief operator; Miss Fannie Harris, operator; Miss Audrey Layne, substitute; William Volz, wire chief and lineman.

A conference was held by Miss Isabel Crawford, field secretary of the home board of the Presbyterian church, in the interest of field work, Monday at the home of Mrs. Ralph S. Stryker, with the women of the Ridgfield community (Presbyterian) church.

New Officers at W. R. C. at Lebanon Assume Positions

Lebanon, Feb. 1.—The Women's Relief Corps installed officers Friday as follows: With President Mrs. Hilda Miller as installing officer: President, Mrs. Clementine Henry; senior vice president, Mrs. Ida Chamberlain; junior vice president, Mrs. Ada Pollet; secretary, Mrs. Dollie Tenney; treasurer, Mrs. Ida Kimball; chaplain, Mrs. Anna B. Reed; conductor, Mrs. Achsa Sheffield; guard, Mrs. Albert Rathbun; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Caroline Doolittle; press correspondent, Mrs. Edna Morrell; musician, Mrs. Jacob Galama; assistant conductor, Mrs. Josephine Spurling; assistant guard, Mrs. Leckie Talbot; choir leaders, Mrs. Arvilla Connett, Mrs. Elizabeth Hazen, Mrs. Mary Powers and Mrs. Elizabeth Scott. Mrs. Tenney was named secretary for the twentieth consecutive year. John F. Miller, No. 15, Woman's Relief Corps, is the only corps in Linn county.

The semi-annual rally of the W. R. C. U. of the Baptist church was held here Sunday. Members from Salem, Corvallis and Albany took an active part in the program. Dr. Hayne of McMillville college spoke.

LUCKY STRIKE cigarette

is toasted

ONE OF SENATORS FROM EASTERN OREGON



Charles W. Ellis, who is an attorney at Burns and who represents the great counties of Grant, Harney and Wheeler in the state senate.

OREGON SALMON PACK INCREASES SAYS COMMISSION

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—Oregon alone of all salmon producing areas is showing an increase in its annual pack, according to Frank M. Warren, member of the state fish commission who appeared before the ways and means committee Monday night in behalf of the commission's request for \$91,300 for the present biennium.

In other salmon producing states this industry, which last year yielded approximately \$10,000,000 in Oregon, has deteriorated into a liability. In the Puget Sound country, he declared, the salmon canning industry was faced with a complete shutdown for a term of years in order to permit the industry to rehabilitate itself.

The situation in Oregon, Warren declared, was due to the active interest taken by the state in the feeding and hatching of salmon and the protection of the young fry until they have reached an age sufficient to make them self reliant.

Feeding of fish is past the experimental stage in Oregon, according to R. B. Clanton, master fish warden, who contends that the pack on the Columbia river, which has been holding its own for the last seven years, can be doubled with sufficient funds to extend the feeding ponds and increase the propagation of fish.

Reliance upon natural propagation could only result in disaster to the industry in this state, as it has in Washington and other coast states, he declared.

Representatives of the Florence Crittenton Refuge home appeared before the committee in behalf of their budget of \$11,600 for the biennium.

The committee voted to report on Representative Lee's promotion project adversely. The bill provided for an appropriation of \$45,000 for promotion purposes.

The committee met once or twice and finally refused to go further and adjourned without taking any action whatever, even though various individuals were present at the meeting with charges ready to file and testimony all ready to introduce.

Five Speakers Laud, Five Oppose Staples Educational Bill

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—Argument for and against the Staples educational bill was heard at an open meeting in the house Monday night. Representative Huber, chairman of the Multnomah delegation, presiding. A delegation of 100 teachers was present.

Ten speakers, five arguing the merits of the bill and five contending it, appeared in turn. Those supporting the measure were: R. L. Sabin, Mrs. A. M. Webster, Charles A. Hart, Miss Grace DeGraff and Frank L. Shull. Those opposing it were: Miss Jessie Richardson, Miss Anna Larabee, William F. Woodward, Mrs. Jessie Richardson and Mrs. Harry Beal Torrey.

HOUSE BILLS

House Bills Introduced

H. B. 267, by Bennett—Relating to condemnation of lands for loggers' ways, roads or ways or removal of timber.

H. B. 268, by Belknap—Amending section 3536, Oregon Laws, relating to salaries of Benton county officials.

H. B. 269, by Gallagher—Providing \$1000 yearly for two years for premiums for Malheur county fair.

H. B. 270, by Overturn—Relating to the acquisition of lands for loggers' ways, roads or ways or removal of timber.

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New Fish Measures Make Appearance Monday in House

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—Several bills pertaining to the fishing industry were introduced in the house Monday and went to second reading. House bill 268, by the Lane county delegation, authorizes an appropriation of \$10,000 for completion and maintenance of a fish hatchery on the upper Willamette river, near Oak Ridge, Lane county.

Another by Representative George W. Hyatt of Union and Walla counties, appropriates \$10,000 for a system of feeding ponds for salmon on the Willamette river and its tributaries.

A bill by Representatives Overturn, Burdick, Wright, Egbert and Roberts provides \$15,000 for fish ladders and for removing obstructions in the Deschutes river, and a bill by Representative William M. Stone of Clackamas county requires that all persons taking salmon eggs from the Willamette river or tributaries south of Oregon City shall liberate in this river at least 50 per cent of the fish eggs hatched.

SENATE KILLS BILL To Relieve Burden Of Needy Taxpayer

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—The senate, just before adjourning last night, reconsidered senate bill No. 78, by Upton, which had been recalled from the house after having passed the senate Saturday, and killed it. The bill provided for attorney's fees in the case of foreclosure certificates of delinquency issued by the state of Oregon.

The bill had passed the senate, but was brought back by Senator Hume, who moved for its recall and reconsideration. The measure would put an additional burden upon the taxpayer who by misfortune was unable to pay his taxes, and would in many instances result in the loss of his property.

SENATE BILLS

Bills Passed in Senate

S. B. 189, by committee on revision of laws—Defining qualifications of persons in making wills and bequests.

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PORT COMMISSION BILLS PASSED IN SENATE PROGRAM

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—With the sides greased by the soothing oil of compromise and nothing but a few flashes of the departed storm to tell of the conflict that has been raging for the past three legislative weeks the Port of Portland bills went through the senate yesterday with none to oppose other than Senators Thomas and Hume.

All of the bitter fight that had been expected flattened out before the negotiations of the past two or three days, and when the bills came up before the committee of the whole senate there was no conflict, nothing but an ominous calm and apparent nonchalance which told of agreement but not necessarily of satisfaction.

BILLS ARE ADOPTED

The senate, according to the agreements made between the contending factions adopted the program bills with the compromise amendments agreed upon.

Under these bills the Port of Portland, providing the house accepts the bills as passed by the senate, will consist of J. L. Mahoney, W. L. Thompson, Henry J. Corbett, all newly elected members, and George H. Kelly, Phil Metcalf, Frank L. Warren, J. D. Kenworthy, H. A. Sargent and Andrew R. Porter.

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It is also provided in the bills as passed by the senate that if the consolidation be effected between the public dock commission and the Port of Portland the members of the consolidated commission shall be the members of the port commission just named.

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The program as amended provides the sum of \$250,000 for the improvement of the North Portland harbor, and specifies that the money shall be expended in the improvement of the harbor.

The text of the Volstead act will be worked over so that its provisions will be capable of administration and enforcement by the law-enforcement machinery of the state, and when this is done the McFarland bill will be replaced by the amended bill.

Stringent 'Blue Sky' Law Bill Launched In Olympia Session

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—To protect the investing public against widespread fraud schemes, a stringent "blue sky" law was introduced in the senate today.

The bill is aimed at the regulation of the organization, promotion and sale of securities in the state. It creates the office of commissioner of securities, with full authority to investigate the affairs of all companies offering stock for sale here.

Before stock is placed on the market it will be necessary for the company, under the terms of the bill, to file a statement showing the amount of the capital stock to be issued, the location of the properties, the amount of development work.

The commissioner of securities will be empowered to cancel the license of any company which fails to live up to the regulations imposed by the law.

A public hearing on the proposed bill will be held Thursday evening in the senate chambers.

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BONE DRY STATUTE REPEAL PROPOSED

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—With more than the constitutional majority of both houses and senate said to be polled and in favor of the substitution of the terms and substance of the Volstead act for the present Oregon bone dry law, Representative McFarland of Multnomah has introduced a bill in the house repealing all of the Oregon prohibition statutes.

This marks the first step in the move to put the Volstead act of the federal government on the statute books of Oregon instead of the existing law. It is explained by Representative McFarland that he threw his bill into the hopper in its present form, which merely provides for the repeal of the Oregon statutes in order to get it within the limitation of yesterday, which marked the time when house bills may be introduced except through the legislative committee or by unanimous consent.

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UNITED FRONT IN HIGHWAY PLAN IS BELIEVED ASSURED

State House, Salem, Or., Feb. 1.—Gradually the road program is being shaped up and made ready to be written into statutory form by the joint roads and highways committees.

The difference between the governor's office and the highway commission over the repeal of the quarter mill road levy act seems in a fair way of amicable arrangement now being negotiated. Under the bill as finally drafted that act would be repealed, but would be so amended that the money coming into the treasury from it would be applied for a two year period to institutional needs, with the definite provision for the reconstruction of the boys' training school.

At the expiration of the biennium the millage would then be available for the highway fund.

AMENDMENT NECESSARY

Should the agreement be reached, the bill now in the hands of the highway committee will be so amended as to accomplish the twenty-year diversion of road funds and at the same time make sure that the money will go back to the highway commission at the expiration of that time.

Financing plans are also taking shape and it is now apparent that the committee will provide for a bond issue which will run to the 4 per cent limit of the constitution.

It will undoubtedly be provided in the bonding bill as finally drafted that the highway commission shall have the power to reissue bonds up to the constitutional limitation as rapidly as retirements are made in the future, and until such time as the legislature may restrict the authority in the future.

As the law now stands the legislature must authorize the issuance of bonds by the highway commission in specific sums. This has been done at each session of the legislature since the institution of the highway program by the legislature of 1917. There now remains a gap, in round numbers of \$5,000,000, between the total of authorized road bonds and the 4 per cent boundary of the constitution.

The joint committees will meet tonight to take up for definite consideration the recommendations of the sub-committees which have been working on the bonding bill, as well as the license and gasoline tax measures.

It does not seem probable at the present time that the legislature will increase the one mill market road tax as has been urged since the beginning of the session.

Governor at Desk After Operation

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—Governor Olcott came back at the executive office after an enforced absence of nearly a week as a result of a minor operation to which he submitted last Tuesday, and which has confined him to his bed at his home since that time.

Convict Labor Issue

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—The house this morning heard a resolution passed by local No. 4 of the International Union of Timber Workers, testing against the state entering convict labor in competition with free labor by establishing of a box factory at the state penitentiary.

The Southeast Portland Civic club sent to the house a resolution it has adopted, asking the legislature to provide for a more equal distribution of taxation.

Bill Would Allow Lawyer \$6250 Fee In State Land Case

State House, Salem, Jan. 31.—A comfortable fee of \$6250 will be paid to C. B. McDaniel for work as attorney and for expenses in the suit of the state against the Pacific Livestock company in the circuit court of Harney county from November of 1914 to November 1919, if a bill introduced by Representative P. J. Gallagher in the house this morning becomes a law. The bill forth that the reason for this compensation is the fact that the company has secured the payment from the state of \$125,000 and provision for approximately 10,000 acres of Oregon lands shall be sold off in small tracts to actual settlers.

Measure Is Aimed at Platting of Realty That Is Encumbered

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—Regulation for the platting and sale of land outside the corporate limits of cities and towns is provided for in a bill introduced by Representative Ivan McDaniel of Marion county.

It provides that public officials, including city or county officials, shall be held responsible for any platting of land for sale or conveyance which is not in accordance with the provisions of the law. The bill also provides that the platting of land for sale or conveyance shall be held responsible for any platting of land for sale or conveyance which is not in accordance with the provisions of the law.

\$50,000 Sought for Topographical Map Work Completion

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—An appropriation of \$50,000 is provided for a bill introduced Monday by Representative McDaniel of Marion county, for the purpose of more fully investigating surface and underground waters of Oregon and the state of a topographical map of the state.

The bill authorizes the state engineer to enter into an agreement with the director of the United States geological survey such as will insure the investigation and mapping of the state, and provides that the data obtained shall be made available to the public as quickly as practicable.

Bill Would Increase Bank Capital Stock

State House, Salem, Feb. 1.—A minimum capital of banks and companies of cities of 50,000 or more in Oregon would be increased to \$100,000 to \$250,000 under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator Joseph of Multnomah county.

This requirement, however, would not apply to existing institutions or institutions which were located at least 10 miles distant from the central post office.

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