

LARGE ISSUES TO BE FOUGHT OUT IN FINALS AT SALEM

Legislators Enter Upon Last Week Of Session; Big Highway Problems Are Still Unsolved.

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way as far as the present session is concerned.

HIGHWAY BILLS PENDING

But the major highway bills are as yet unacted upon by either house and the Roosevelt highway bill is drifting toward the end, gripped by the sleeping sickness of the senate committee. Various measures affecting the highway program and about which the lobby is now swirling, are waiting for action by the committee and some of the members are waiting for a chance to appear before the committee under the highway commission and the highway program.

Soldiers' bonus legislation has not yet made the circuit to the governor's office; the street vacation bill, of particular interest to Portland, has not been passed upon by the house; the question of a special election to fill the vacancy of a senator, road bonds and various other matters, has not been determined, and things are generally at loose ends waiting for the big drive of the last week.

THE BATTLE OF THE BILLS

Probably the bitterest bill yet remaining for the legislature to swallow, or refuse, is the teachers' tenure bill. The measure has torn the Multnomah delegation into fragments and factions, disrupted the judicial calm of the senate, and still stands as an unsolved problem for solution during the week. With enough votes pledged to pass it in the senate, the desertion of Senators Gill and La Follett at the last moment and the consequent switch of Senator Upton who had promised his vote to the Staples bill contingent upon his being the deciding ballot, the failure of the measure on final passage just before adjournment Saturday afternoon has left an open sore for the senate to heal Monday, when it reaches the floor. Messer has announced that he would attempt to reconsider the vote by which the bill failed some time during the Monday afternoon session, so that a repetition of the battle of Saturday afternoon is assured.

The most extensive field of contention yet remaining in the session seems to spread about the consideration of the various highway bills, some of which have been introduced and some of which are yet to be presented. Most of the purely administrative measures recommended by the highway commission or by the highway committees have found their places upon the calendar, and some of them have passed from the house to the senate.

The big "code" bill, embodying the rules of the road and the license schedule, is in the house for the final consideration there. What its fate will be is uncertain, though there is but little doubt of its passage in some form. It departs radically from the present license theory, abandoning the horsepower standard for that of weight alone, and carrying a schedule on that basis which is expected to produce approximately \$500,000 more in revenue a year than the present schedule.

TRUCKS GIVE PROBLEM

It provides also for stricter regulation of the weight of trucks and their speed upon the highways, and undoubtedly is due for attempted amendments when it comes upon the floor.

The big bonding bill has not yet made its appearance, nor has the measure come bearing an increase of a cent apportion on the gasoline tax. The committee are expected to yield them up to the house during the first two days of the week and there is not much opposition heard to them.

There is a difference of opinion regarding the size of the bond issue to be authorized, however, some contending for the limit under the constitution, approximately \$3,000,000, and others for a \$5,000,000 issue. This question will be threshed out by the committee and their decision put on the floor of the assembly for indorsement.

LOBBYISTS ARE BUSY

There are some measures now before the house and senate, having to do with highway construction that are bringing the lobbyists to the capitol, in the interests of the contractors, and of the surety companies.

House bill 213, put in at the behest of the highway commission, has brought the surety companies into the fray, and in their fight they are said to have the active support of various big banking influences. The bill provides, in brief, that the highway commission shall have the power to withhold up to 20 per cent of the contract price of any highway project, pending its completion and acceptance, and continuing until the danger of labor or material famine has passed.

The bill also provides that personal bonds may be given by the contractors in place of the surety bonds now required by law, and this phase of the measure has stirred the house into hostility. Contractors are arrayed against the provision which gives the commission power to retain 20 per cent of the contract price, and, altogether, the bill is going to be compelled to run the gauntlet of a hostile and powerful lobby before it can get to the stage of enactment.

BOWERMAN-DENNIS BILLS

Then there are the Bowerman-Dennis bills, extending the time in which claims may be presented against the commission from two to four years, giving the contractors the right to sue the commission, divorcing the attorney general from his control over the attorney for the commission and providing that the commission may pay up to 75 per cent of the contract price on a job before acceptance.

None of these bills is favored by the highway commission. But all are being backed generally by the contractors' lobby with Bowerman at its head.

During the early part of the week a public hearing will be held by the Multnomah delegation at which proponents and opponents of the Kubil street vacation bill will be given an opportunity to present their cases.

This is the measure designed to give the city council the power to vacate

various streets in North Portland needed for the furtherance of the consolidated terminal.

Because of its far reaching scope and jurisdiction and the fact that it, in effect, amends the Zeigler amendment to the Portland charter, the bill will be scanned closely by the delegation before it is reported back to the legislature, and all sides will be given an opportunity to be heard upon it.

And then there is that bill of the gods, the ways and means committee, which has been grinding slowly but steadily during all the long nights of the session. Faced with an apparent lapse of \$2,500,000 between the demands made upon the legislature and the money available under the 5 per cent limitation of the constitution, the committee has been having a strenuous time of it. The institutional appropriation bills have been decided upon tentatively, and the middle of the week will see the greater portion of its money bills in the house and ready for consideration, passage and transfer to the senate.

BUSINESS IS CLOGGED

As a general proposition the legislature is clogged and jammed with unfinished business. At the rate it has been going so far there would be small hope of its being able to finish its work by the end of the week. As things stand it will require action, by committee or by the house, at the rate of nearly 100 bills a day if the calendar is to be cleaned and the adjournment made on Sunday.

But from now on is the time when talk grows short, when committees encourage their tomahawks and bills die in committee or start on the long journey by the short and speedy route of indefinite postponement. The session will be a series of sessions which will pull the session out of the hole it has dug for itself and sweep the decks by churning a week from now. It has been done many times before, and it will this time, if the boys do not insist on talking too long and too often.

LEGALIZATION OF COOPERATIVE IDEA PURPOSE OF BILL

Measure Designed to Foster Associations Engaged in Marketing and Production Work.

State House, Salem, Feb. 12.—Associations organized under the provisions of the cooperative marketing act cannot be regarded as combinations in unlawful restraint of trade or an unlawful monopoly or an attempt arbitrarily to lessen competition or fix prices, according to amendments to the act as presented by the senate committee on agriculture and forestry in senate bill 284.

The bill provides that "it is the public policy of the state of Oregon to encourage the production of great products and to stabilize marketing conditions through the elimination of speculation and to bring about a lower cost of living through the establishment of more efficient systems of distribution."

LEGALIZE COMBINATIONS

"To this end," the bill continues, "it is and shall be lawful for persons who have associated themselves under the act to unite or consolidate their business activities by means of contracts or agreements between the members and their associations or through the provisions of their articles of association or by-laws.

"Such contracts may require members to transact the business embracing all or any specified parts of their products or specified commodities exclusively with or through the association upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the members of the association."

DAMAGES PROVIDED FOR

The by-laws and marketing contract may fix as liquidated damages specific sums to be paid by the member to the association upon the breach by him of any provision of the contract, and may provide that the member shall pay all costs, premiums for bonds, expenses and fees in case any action is brought upon the contract by the association.

In the event of a breach or threatened breach of a marketing contract by a member, the association shall be entitled to an injunction to prevent further breach of the contract, and pending the adjudication of the differences between the member and the association the association shall be entitled in a proper case to a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction against the member.

MEMBERSHIP DEFINED

Membership in a cooperative marketing association organized under the provisions of this act shall be conditioned upon compliance with the rules, regulations and purposes of the association, and the signature of a person to the articles of association, the by-laws, the membership agreement or a member's marketing contract with the association shall be construed to mean that such person has accepted the rules, regulations and purposes of the association and has become a member of the association.

Associations organized under this act by contract with any other corporation, person or association in this or any other state for the preserving, drying, processing, canning, storage, handling, shipping, utilizing, manufacturing, marketing, financing, reselling of the prod-

ucts handled by the association or the products thereof, and may organize, form, operate, own, control, have an interest in, own stock of or be a member of any other corporation or association, with or without capital stock, which is or is to be engaged in the doing of any of these things.

CONVENTION PLAN IS DODGED BY OLD GUARDS

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eliminated from office aspiration unless he stood foursquare on a party principle.

"When an individual comes before the public he is known about him. The man that advertises most, and has the most money gets the office. But if a man stands squarely on a party principle everyone knows where he is at. Principle should be above the man always," Gano said.

The chairman also declared that a more progressive campaign of educating the public was necessary and that the convention would aid in this respect.

Following the opening remarks by Gano a resolution was read to the delegates proposing restoration of the primary convention.

From numerous delegates came words of approval. In almost every instance they said they were members of the "old guard," anxious to see stern party lines reestablished and the principal brought paramount to the men.

J. B. Huntington was one of the men wholly approving the proposition of re-establishing the primary convention. He made many pertinent remarks, concluding by saying:

"If the pre-primary convention came

into existence it would remove the high offices from the auction block. I think it is \$125,000,000 the Republicans want to pay the expenses of campaign work."

LEWIS OBJECTS

"It is suspicious that we meet on the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Would a man like Lincoln have agreed to such a vast expenditure of money to obtain office?"

Huntington was followed by D. C. Lewis, who said that although he was a member of the "old guard" he could not remember that the "old guard system" was anything near the acme of perfection. He called attention to just how the legislature under the "old guard" system would meet for 40 days and not even become organized.

Lewis was of the opinion that the resolution should be redrafted and submitted at the next meeting, and moved that a committee of five be appointed to redraft the measure. He expressed the hope that something more than just passage of the resolution could be accomplished.

The committee appointed to take up consideration of the resolution was L. E. Schmidt, Lee Loughlin, Mrs. William Carey Johnston, D. C. Lewis and Edward A. MacLean.

When Lewis expressed the hope that "something further could be accomplished" if brought forward the query whether this subject could not be brought before the legislature for passage, in view of the Republican control of the membership of the legislature.

One delegate rejoined that he did not think the legislature had any interest in a party convention.

Lewis again took the floor and said that Republican control did not exist. He queried the delegates as to what they thought would happen to a law proposing abolition of the direct primary if it were to come before the legislature. He said the Republicans were split and feared the "iniquitous newspapers."

MANY CLERGYMEN HERE THIS WEEK

Evangelists Will Conduct Campaigns Against Satan in The Auditorium.

Portland will be host during the coming week to a large group of clergymen. The Congregational "retreat" on Tuesday and Wednesday, will bring practically every clergyman of that faith in Oregon to the city, and also Dr. Herman F. Swartz of New York, executive secretary of the Congregational World Movement. The other attraction for ministers is the four weeks' revival campaign, which begins next Sunday at The Auditorium.

The majority of the Congregational ministers of the state have been given a part on the varied program in their retreat. Dr. Swartz will give a special address to the clergy on Wednesday afternoon, and to all Congregational folk on Wednesday night. Sessions will commence at 9 a. m. each day.

Evangelists U. E. Harding of Indianapolis and Bonn Fleming of Ashland, Ky., will be the preachers at the big revival in The Auditorium February 20 to March 5. The large choir will be directed by Professor B. A. Shank of Cincinnati, assisted by Mrs. Shank. Three special singing evangelists are

now in the city to help prepare for the revival by singing in the churches and at factory noon meetings. They also will remain here during the early part of the campaign.

Although the revival is being directed by the First Nazarene church, it will be participated in by all denominations, as it is the only large pre-Easter campaign in the city this year. The Auditorium was secured by the Rev. A. M. Bowers because he did not believe any church would be large enough to hold the crowds the evangelists are expected to draw. Meetings will be held every night except March 4, at 7:30 o'clock and every afternoon at 2:30 o'clock except Sunday, Monday and Saturday. Arrangements are being made to hold Sunday afternoon meetings.

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Last Rites Are Held For Robert C. Baker

Funeral services for Robert C. Baker, well known Portland druggist, who died at his home, 1252 East Davis street, February 9, were conducted by the Rev. O. W. Taylor, under the auspices of Oregon Commandery No. 1 of the Knights Templar, at the Plinley chapel, Friday afternoon, at 2:30. The body was placed in a mausoleum of the Portland crematorium, George K. Cassidy, J. C. Moore, R. W. Foster, C. H. Freer, C. O. Stiffler, O. H. Higgins, Arthur Myers and C. L. Maples acted as pallbearers. Baker is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Baker, and his mother.

Fares Are Reduced

Quincy, Mass., Feb. 12.—(U. N. S.)—The home rule committee of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce announced a 25 per cent reduction in the cost of rides from Quincy Square to East Weymouth and South Braintree, on the Quincy division of the Eastern Massachusetts elevated railroad.

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