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## HIGHWAY FACTS WILL COME OUT

### Roads and Highways Committee Calls Meeting for Thursday Night

At a tumultuous session at the noon hour yesterday the joint roads and highways committee of the senate and the house voted to call a public meeting Thursday night in the public hearing room of the state house to gather data relative to the cost of road construction. The move is based on allegations of some members of the legislature that costs have been as high as 40 per cent in excess of what they should be in Oregon. Over strenuous objection it was voted that the meeting should be under the auspices of the roads committees.

To restrict the meeting to actual facts on the subject of costs it was voted that all speakers, with the exception of members of the highway commission and of the legislature should be required to file with the chairman briefs covering their addresses, each brief to be filed before the person presenting it is recognized as a speaker. Chairman Dennis of the house committee presented a resolution covering this, explaining it would keep out undesirables and confine the meeting to as short a period as possible.

A public meeting was first proposed at a meeting of the Multnomah delegation last Thursday upon motion of Representative Eugene E. Smith. Subsequently sub-committees were appointed to confer with the two roads and highways committees.

Explaining the origin of the move Mr. Dennis said:

"Those asking for the public meeting allege that roads are costing in some cases as high as 40 per cent in excess of what they should cost. They claim they have no ulterior motive, but assert that if a ventilation of the ideas of those having data on road construction is not allowed the road program will be a failure. We asked them if they would be satisfied to have the men having the data to come before a joint committee meeting and in turn have the data turned over to the highway commission so they might prepare their defense. They said they would not be satisfied with this. They claim they want the public to be taken into full confidence. No member of either committee holds any brief for the highway commission. If we can get roads cheaper than we can get them now, let's do it. At the same time I do not want some outsider to come into this meeting and take up time with questions that are not valid and that will block progress. Personally I have an open mind on the subject of costs. But there are certain people who have this in mind and we must deal with them. There is no use trying to suppress them. I feel that if this meeting is to be held under the auspices of the two highways committees there should be such restrictions to prevent others than those whose presence is asked for coming into the meeting."

Mr. Dennis then presented his resolution which later was adopted with the amendment that speakers should be allowed the floor twice, but limited to 15 minutes for their first speeches instead of 30 as proposed by Mr. Dennis. Ten minutes will be allowed for second speeches. The highway engineer and the commission will be among those invited and the Multnomah delegation will be required to file the names of the several persons that Representative Smith asked for.

Senator Orton objected to requiring the filing of names on grounds that it would appear that the committees were attempting to hold their own too closely.

"But the names should be given the members of the commission so they may have some opportunity to prepare rebuttal," replied Dennis. "They probably will know what the speakers are going to present."

Senator Lachmund questioned a clause of the Dennis resolution authorizing the chairman of the public meeting to rule finally on all parliamentary questions without appeal. Dennis explained that this was to forestall indulgence in personalities.

"I don't see any need of a proceeding of this kind," said Senator Hurley. "The members of the legislature and of these committees

have nothing to do with the building of the roads. This seems to come from a class of men who have personal axes to grind and want to criticize the commission publicly. I don't think they are coming here for the good of the state. I think the commission has been building roads as cheaply as possible, and if this meeting is called it will look to the people of the state as if the roads and highways committees are doubtful of the integrity of the commission. We have had the commission before us once and those asking for another meeting had nothing to offer at that time. If it can be shown that the commission is not giving a dollar's worth of road for a dollar then the only thing to do is abolish the commission. But I have full confidence in the commission."

"If this meeting is called," said Senator Ritter, "we want it confined to expert testimony on the cost of paving. We want the engineer before us. He is the man to deal with. We do not want some agitator to give his personal opinion or some lawyer from Oregon City who doesn't know a thing about road building to tell us what he thinks about it."

Representative Graham wanted to know what the highway commission thinks about a meeting. Mr. Dennis produced a telegram from Commissioner W. L. Thompson saying the commission would be willing to appear and that the engineer has been instructed to prepare data on costs. Senator I. S. Smith said he would

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## HOWELL BILL NOT RECALLED

### Eberhard's Motion, Following Williams' Talk, Does Not Prevail

Notwithstanding a plea by Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Williams of Camp Lewis, former adjutant general for Oregon, yesterday that Senator Howell's bill authorizing the organization of home guard units to be known as Oregon Volunteer Guard, be not enacted into law, the senate refused to recall the bill for consideration. The upper house passed the bill last week and it is now pending action in the lower house.

Senator Eberhard moved to have the bill recalled. Senator Howell rose to its defense, claiming he had the approval of the attorney general for the measure holding that it is not in conflict with and will in no way interfere with the national guard. Senator Huston believed the argument of Colonel Williams that the measure would give the I. W. W. opportunity to organize into military units under it was well founded and spoke in favor of recalling the bill. Speaking of the national guard he said there is strong opposition to reorganizing it, particularly among members of men who were members, on grounds that they have not received proper treatment. Senator Pierce was opposed to recalling the bill.

Among bills introduced yesterday was one by the judiciary committee which is said to have especial application to conditions in Portland. It provides that 30 days instead of 10 be required of landlords in giving notice to tenants to vacate property. The bill was drafted at the request of City Attorney LaRoche of Portland.

The following senate bills were introduced yesterday:  
S. B. 81, by Farrell—To punish auto thieves.  
S. B. 82, by Thomas and Lachmund—Requiring county courts to advertise for bids for supplies and machinery costing more than \$500.  
S. B. 83, by Hurley—Defining

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## Settlement Commission the Third Is Before the House

The results of the labors of the unofficial land settlement commission appointed some months ago by Governor Withycombe, of which Whitney Boise of Portland was chairman made its appearance in the legislature yesterday morning through House Bill No. 193 introduced by Representative Sheldon. This is the third land settlement bill coming up.

The bill provides the appointment by the governor of a land settlement board of five members to serve without salary. The board is instructed to incorporate and it is planned that it shall conduct a general activity of putting soldiers, sailors, marines, honorably discharged from the service of the United States, and other qualified settlers upon productive pieces of land within the state of Oregon.

The proponents of the measure state that the two cardinal principles of their plans are that no man shall be put upon a piece of land until it is in such shape, respecting equipment, stock and cropping that the settler is put upon a money making basis at the start-off, and second that the commission's work shall be so handled as to be self-sustaining.

This is the first of the constructive measures resulting from the deliberations of the special reconstruction committee recently appointed by Speaker Jones. The bill carries an appropriation of \$250,000.

## Quarantine Lifted Next Wednesday at Hospital

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, said yesterday that the influenza quarantine will be lifted at that institution Wednesday of this week. For a time, however, the hospital will be open only to relatives of patients and general visiting by the public will be discouraged until there is a complete eradication of the malady. Only four cases remain at the institution.

## Would Have Commission Experiment in Paving

Representative Dean wishes to allow the highway commission to do some experimenting as to the respective values of pavements and today will introduce a bill in the house authorizing that commission to lay 15 miles of pavement, one-third of which would be of concrete, one-third which would be of wood block and one-third of bituminous materials.

## Anti-Injunction Labor Bill Comes Before House

To prevent the courts from enjoining strikes and to declare labor unions as lawful organizations are objects of a bill introduced by Representative Horne in the house yesterday. The measure is also in the nature of a pro-picketing bill.

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## Bill to Protect Dallas Water Supply Defeated

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 27.—Special to The Statesman)—Word was received in Dallas this week that the bill of Congressman W. C. Hawley, asking for the transfer of timber lands west of here to the Oregon and Siuslaw National forests for the benefit of this city that its water supply might be protected and the water shed have a greater area was defeated in the house of congress Tuesday.

A similar measure for the protection of the water-supplies of Corvallis and Oregon City also met the same fate. The situation as it now stands leaves the city's water supply in a precarious condition as there is an abundance of valuable timber on the land at the headwaters of Canyon creek from which the water is taken and that with the cutting of this timber the supply will be generally decreased. A movement is now on in the city council to endeavor to obtain water rights from Applegate and Rock house creek to replenish the diminishing supply.

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not attempt to stop the proposed public meeting, but that he had never seen results come from a meeting of that character.  
"Results always come from committee meetings," he said.

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