

SCHOOLS GAIN BY NEW LAWS

Department Of Education
Summarizes Enactments
Of Late Session

UNIT BILL IS IMPORTANT

Favorable Consideration Is
Given to Constructive
Program

Numerous bills affecting the state school system were passed by the legislature at its recent session. Doubtless the most important of these is the measure establishing the county unit of administration and assessment. One measure that was stoutly fought by the school interests was Senator Ryan's bill to eliminate the payment to the state of royalty on sand and gravel taken from the beds of navigable streams for use on public works. The bill was vetoed by the governor.

A summary of the enactments affecting the school system prepared by the department of education follows:

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Courtesy Faculty. House bill No. 215, by Sheldon, was passed with but five votes against it in the house and one in the senate. It requires quite a campaign of education during the entire 45 days in order for the legislature to fully understand the provisions of the bill. This measure is generally known as the county unit of administration and taxation. This act, as presented, makes the law not to become effective until it has been voted into a county by a majority vote of the electors of that county. The main provision of the bill is that the main provisions of the bill are to be voted upon in each county by the district boundary board. The looks are to be audited each year before August 1.

Salary Raised.

Senate bill No. 89, by Upton, amends the law so that the school district shall not have any pecuniary interest in the election of school houses furnishing supplies or any services render as money or work, except that the teacher, the clerk and the school superintendent. Neither the teacher nor school superintendent can, however, sell school supplies to the school children. During the year 1919, the teacher may be agent for the sale of school supplies to a school district, even if he is not employed as teacher.

Senate bill No. 167, by Bell, raises the salary of the superintendent of public instruction from \$6000 to \$4000 annually.

Senate bill No. 171, by the committee on education, authorizes the school board to turn over to the teacher, teacher to be known as home teachers. These home teachers are to work in the homes of the pupils, instructing children and assisting parents in teaching the English language, household duties, the preparation and use of food and clothing, and in the fundamental principles of the American system of government and the rights and duties of citizenship.

Per Capita Saved. Senate bill No. 200, by Upton, provides that the per capita county school tax levied by a county cannot be less than the amount of the average daily attendance in the county for the year 1919. Some of the counties of the state have not levied more than the minimum of \$10. Others have been as high as \$16 per capita. A minimum level of \$10 a tax in the year 1919 cannot now reduce that per capita

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Senate bill No. 273, by Ellerbeck, changes paragraph 2 of section 426 of the 1919 school law so that the school board in any high school districts composed of three or five school districts shall consist of five members elected at large from the union high school.

House Study Required. House bill No. 50, by Belknap, amends section 243, page 82 of the 1919 edition of Oregon school laws, changing the date of examination from last Wednesday in June back to the second Wednesday in June. The teachers' examination next June, therefore, will begin on Wednesday, June 8, 1921.

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