

SENATE PASSES TEXTBOOK BILL

Frequent Changes as Made by Commission Criticized in Arguments

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used in the schools would not be obsolete and out of date during so long a period. He was advised by Senator Fisher that this objection was eliminated through the receipt of supplemental pamphlet dealing with recent events.

"I consider 10 years too long a period for the adoption of textbooks," said Senator Miller. "This bill would put the instructors in a straight jacket for that period of time. Educational methods should not be crystallized. Important changes are made effective every night, and the schools should be allowed to progress. I believe the most important change in the future is that of providing free textbooks."

Textbook Trusts
Senator Eberhard declared that the prices of textbooks have increased materially during the past few years. "Something must be done," said Eberhard, "or the state will go into the business of printing its textbooks. The textbook trust has the parents by the neck under the present system."

"There is something glaringly wrong without present system of adopting textbooks," said Senator Upton. "The parents are struggling to keep up with the frequent changes of the textbooks. The educational fundamentals have not changed, and we should put the brakes on the operations of the textbook commission. The continual change of textbooks has added a great burden on the parents of large families. We would do the people of Oregon a valuable service in passing this bill."

Senator Eberhard's bill was read by Senator Dunn during his argument for the bill. "We are interested in educational fundamentals," said Senator Dunn, "and not with many of the new subjects offered by the textbook publishers from time to time."

Bill in Struggle
The people of Oregon are entitled to this law," said Senator Eddy. "If the people have been humbugged by educational leaders; it has been through the frequent changes in textbooks. We should get away from a lot of the fads and frills which add to the expenses of the taxpayers. The business of the teacher is to keep the pupils in touch with new ideas, but it is not necessary to purchase new textbooks every time one of these new ideas appear."

Senator Hall said he considered the bill a constructive piece of legislation, and urged its passage. "The process of education is nothing more or less than development of the potential possibilities contained in the mind of a child at birth. This can be accomplished under this bill. It is time that we cut loose from fads and frills."

Senator Schulmerich said that when he was a child the textbooks were handed down from one member of the family to another for many years. "If my parents had been compelled to purchase textbooks every two years," said Schulmerich, "it would have ruined us financially for the family purse."

License Fee For Smelt Fishers Provided
The senate passed a bill by the Multnomah county delegation providing a license fee of 50 cents for persons catching smelt in the Sandy river. The catch is limited to 25 pounds and the fish cannot be used for fertilizer. Senator Corbett said the bill would preserve the smelt and provide for the improvement of the river. "Smelt have no protection under the existing laws," said Corbett, "and they are taken out of the river by the tons. The purpose of the bill is to prevent waste."

Senator Bennett objected to the bill because it imposes a license fee of 50 cents on persons catching smelt. "Poor people catch smelt for food," said Bennett, "and they should not be taxed. The purpose of this bill could be attained through a tax levied on the commercial fishermen." Bennett said the commercial fishermen were not taxed at the present time.

Senator Moser replied that the commercial fishermen already pay a poundage tax. "Since this senate has voted to preserve the rights of the pinocchio player we should preserve the rights of persons who wish to fish for smelt," said Senator Eddy. Senator Butt said he believed the bill would have accomplished the same purpose had the license fee of 50 cents been eliminated."

The senate also approved a bill by the committee on elections and privileges providing that vacancies in nominees between the primary and general elections may be filled by the party committee-men. Senator Kiddie said that both the republican and democratic leaders favored this bill.

CHAMPDEG BUILDING PLANS VOTED DOWN

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Yon Memorial, was withdrawn from the ways and means committee. It will be introduced in the senate minus the appropriation item.

Facts "Not Worth Remembering" about the Legislature

1. If all the legislators who talk too much during debates were laid end to end—it would be a good thing.
2. Richard Skwoit Syring, head of the news service of the Oregon Voter, is now recognized as a state or national authority on "household hints."
3. Governor Patterson is convinced that the spirit of Santa Claus is hovering over the state house. Presents he has received during this session are as follows:
 - 1 set office furniture, value \$10,000.00
 - 1 cast iron headpiece, value 7.95
 - 1 silk shirt, value 4.80
 - 1 box apples, value 2.00
 - 3 squashes, 1 large cake, pair knitted mittens, various other small presents, total 6.50
4. It requires 4200 steps per day, a total of 15 round trips to deliver messages between the house and senate and vice-versa according to statistics furnished by Miss Katherine Addick, house-senate messenger. Estimating each step at 30 inches, this young lady covers some 126,000 inches, or 10,500 feet, or just under two miles each day. The suggestion that the state furnish this dame with roller skates, or a bicycle has been vetoed by the governor on the grounds of economy, who declares that at present the messenger pays for her own shoe leather, while if she used a vehicle she would be entitled to extra compensation at the rate of 10 cents a mile. This would net 20 cents a day, or a total of eight dollars for a regular session, with another \$1 for the extra time this session will take.
5. These statistics have been carefully compiled, checked and rechecked and are absolutely accurate:
 - Number of salary bills on which Representative LaFollette of Washington county voted "aye" 1
 - Number of salary bills which actually carry increases in pay on which LaFollette voted "aye" 0
 - Number of salary bills on which LaFollette will vote "aye" during the balance of the session 0
 - Percentage of salary bills LaFollette has voted for that will actually increase salaries 0
 - Percentage of salary bills LaFollette will vote for that will actually increase salaries 0
 - Percentage of salary bills LaFollette will vote AGAINST that increase salaries 100.

*This bill merely changed method of payment of officer, and DID NOT carry any increase.

FACTS and GOSSIP

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for each of the press representatives, said story will be enlarged to include a word as to the quality of the nuts, and the generosity of the said donor. The newspaper people feel that they are at least worth more than one-sixth as much as a representative—so, Mr. Nut Man, do your stuff!

Ray Conway, known far and wide as an exponent of the great outdoors, and at present connected with the State Automobile association, was about the statehouse Wednesday, watching here and there for roads and highways legislation.

The Howard hard tire bill, H. B. 514, came up for final passage in the house today, and the doom of the solid tired trucks was concerned. All of them will have to clear off the highways by January 1, 1931, and in the meantime, they can carry but 18,000 pounds, instead of 20,000 as in the past.

Portland will henceforth elect its port commissioners, instead of leaving this to the legislature. If H. B. 407, introduced and championed by Representative Bynon goes on through after passing the house. The measure provides for election of these officials by popular vote. Little opposition was shown for the bill.

The nursery industry of the state is henceforth to be regulated, if house bill 484, introduced by Representative Settlemier passes the senate and the governor. The measure, passed by the house Wednesday, provides legislation for such regulation. It is understood that it is wanted by nearly all of the nurserymen, in the interests of a better and more standardized production.

The weary rural mail delivery man is entitled to a rebate on his gasoline tax, thinks both the senate and house, and so S. B. 69 allowing him this saving went through the house Wednesday. The act will save some \$6,000 annually for these carriers, it is stated. One reason for not asking them to keep on paying the tax is that 75 per cent of their travel takes place over county roads, it was pointed out.

Some real "fireworks" were expected today when S. B. 51 came up in the house for action. This bill will make it unlawful for any one under 18 years of age to own a "hot" firearm. Opposition developed, and the measure was quickly put over until some minor points could be worked out.

BUDGET LEADER IS GIVEN LARGE VOTE

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odds, but he never wavered in the face of certain defeat. He took the floor and flayed out right and left, even the governor coming within the scope of his caustic remarks. "Lobbying" and all that this term implies was used as a battle cry by the Multnomah combiner, and on this ground he attacked Governor Patterson, declaring that the chief executive had himself "lobbied" against the bill.

In addition to combining the duties of the state budgeteer and the state purchasing department into one, Mr. Kubi would have a "state efficiency director" whose duties it would be to see that the work now properly handled by both departments was properly done. He claimed that there was really no occasion for employing a budget director at \$6,000 a year, who could do all his work for the biennium in three months, and pointed out other ways in which he thought savings could be effected.

Opponents of the Kubi measure and supporters of the present plan came to the defense of the budget department. There is plenty of work there for this director during the next two years, and the department has hardly seen a change to itself, they declared. So even Mr. LaFollette wanted it to have his chance.

OFFICER KILLS MAN IN FIGHT

Five Shots From Big Revolver Marks End of Sensational Chase

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Five shots from a .45 calibre revolver in the hands of Walter Swartz as Constable John Swan of Del Rey grappled with him, ended a two hour hunt this afternoon for two men who earlier had robbed the First National bank of Del Rey of \$221.

The climax of the hunt came when Swan, Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Collins and H. W. Hollingsworth, E. H. McLean of Del Rey and two representatives of the Republican approached Swartz' ranch near Cloria.

As machines neared the ranch, Fred T. Reina, Swartz' accomplice in the robbery, was seen in the vineyard about 20 feet from the garage door. Swartz appeared in the garage door as the cars stopped in the driveway and when Constable Swan stepped toward him, Swartz pulled a revolver from his coat pocket. As he pulled the gun Swan made a dive for him, grappling with him and throwing him back inside the garage. Five times Swartz shot, one bullet puncturing the rib of Constable Swan's hat less than half an inch from his head, two kicking up dust in the floor of the garage and two going through the roof.

In the meantime, Deputy Sheriff Hollingsworth had covered Reina with a shotgun and Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Collins went into the garage to aid Swan, Swartz then surrendered.

In the pocket of Swartz' coat was found \$350 of the loot. Reina at first denied any knowledge of the robbery but after being questioned pointed out a suit of clothes in the garage in which was found \$441, leaving only \$30 unaccounted for. Both men admitted to being in the robbery, although Reina was sullen and at first refused to give his name.

The robbery occurred about 2:45 this afternoon when Swartz and Reina walked into the Del Rey bank from the Second street entrance. Swartz approached one window and Reina went to the other. Swartz demanded of Frank Hamm, assistant cashier who was at the window, "Give us what you have got." Hamm replied that they did not have much money and handed over what was on the counter. Swartz then ordered Hamm and Miss Nannie Rasmussen the bookkeeper, to sit a d against the wall and the two men walked out.

Three Marriage Licenses Taken Out Wednesday

Three marriage licenses were taken out Wednesday to break the spell of 11 days in which none were issued. The long stretch without a marriage in Salem is believed to set a record in the history of the county clerk's office.

Z. J. Clark took out a license to marry Nora W. Lewis of 22 North Church street. His home is in Arlington. Both gave themselves as legal and marriage as the second.

W. G. Comin, 39, and Edna May Dryer, 28, both of Portland, received certificates from the county clerk for his second and her first matrimonial venture.

Raymond Wittles and Daisy Malmer, stated their first venture on the matrimonial sea Wednesday. They gave their ages as 26 and 21 respectively.

CORPSE DISCOVERED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The body of an unidentified man was found on a log raft in Oregon slough today.

New Statesman, Capitol Theatre Invite Kiddies To See Tarzan Picture

It's coming, kids! Tarzan himself, not exactly in person, but on the screen, will make his appearance in Salem Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. "Tarzan the Mighty" is the name of the picture. He is mighty, too. Through the courtesy of the New Statesman and the Capitol theatre this gripping, thrilling masterpiece of the screen will be presented especially for the benefit of all the boys and girls who can crowd into the Capitol—and it will hold a lot of them.

GIRL WHO BATTLED CONVICT IS MODEST

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many hours before; in fact, it couldn't have been guessed from the business like way in which she waited upon the visitors.

"I didn't mind it while it was happening; I was standing near Mr. Lamb and the prisoner, and when the grapple began, it just seemed like I had to get in on the front row. Yes, I got awfully nervous after it was all over. But it'll be something to tell the grandchildren about." Miss Cornell, clad in a plain black skirt and a tight fitting red jersey pullover, laughed a bit when accused of looking strong; she really wasn't, she said, despite her appearance. She is probably five feet three and sturdily—not stockily built.

Sure she had more to say; there is much to tell after such events. She told how Walter Fisher was the first convict to enter the office at whose appearance she felt distrust. She had a feeling trouble was coming before he left.

"But I tell you, I valued my own life too much not to get busy when I saw that man going for the gun. Really, I don't feel any different today than I always do, despite all the excitement." And we believed her.

Today - Friday - Saturday

"Oh, Daddy, we both love Con! What shall we do?"

SEE HEAR

THE LITTLE WILDCAT

AUDREY FERRIS
JAMES MURRAY
ROBERT EDESON
GEORGE FAWCETT

—TOMORROW—
JAMES CRUZE
Production
"THE RED MARK"
Mat. 25c—Eve. 40c

OREGON LAST TIMES TODAY

Tom

HIS WONDER HORSE
TONY ANG COWBOY

STARTS FRIDAY

PARATONE TALKIES

COUNCIL GROUP HAS WATER DISCUSSION

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construction of an adequate filtration plant, members of the committee said, despite the fact that the company is now experimenting with wells. This experiment probably will be continued to the extent that the wells, if found successful, may be used as an auxiliary supply.

Mr. Helwick mentioned that engineers of the water service company have been working on the entire problem, and have turned in reports which are encouraging as to the early improvement of the water supply.

The members of the special committee which conferred with the water company manager are Alderman Ralph Thompson, Hal D. Patton and H. H. Vandevort. The recommendations of Dr. Douglas included, in addition to a filtration plant, a change in the intake to some point farther up stream than the present one, eliminating the pipe line crossing the slough; chlorination of all water, rebuilding of the Fairmount hill reservoir and steps to insure cleanliness in the mains and the avoidance of connection with private supplies.

PROHIBIT MAN FIRED
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The suspension of Thomas Shannon, confidential agent and second in command to prohibition administrator Maurice Campbell in the New York district, was disclosed today.

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GAS PRICE WARFARE NOW FELT IN SALEM

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price of gasoline two cents to 12 1/2 cents per gallon. Retailers who hold 2-cent refund contracts were obtaining gasoline at 10 1/2 cents. The majority of filling stations were selling gasoline at 14 1/2 cents, while some had dropped to as low as 13 1/2 and 12 cents. The "independent" organizations were meeting the large oil companies in both the wholesale and retail price cuts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Automobile drivers were confronted with a bewildering condition here today when they had their gasoline tanks filled. Prices differed in many parts of the city and changed several times during the day.

The morning stations retailing General Petroleum products began selling at 13 cents a gallon, the wholesale price having been reduced to 11 cents. Soon other major companies had met the cut and price tags changed.

Portland To Back Highway on Coast

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Emphatic indorsement of the present plan for completion of the Roosevelt highway was voiced by the Portland chamber of commerce board of directors today.

DRINK WATER TO HELP WASH OUT KIDNEY POISON

If Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers You, Begin Talking Salts

When the kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with the mild, harmless salts which help to remove the body's urinous waste and stimulate them to their normal activity.

The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of good water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts. Take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days, and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grape and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they are no longer a source of irritation; this often relieving bladder weakness.

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