

BILLS FEWER THIS SESSION

Senate Making Satisfactory Progress, President Marks Asserts

The state senate hurried through another short session yesterday and adjourned by mid-afternoon with unusually few bills introduced and with the president all regarding the introduction of the administration power bills continuing.

President Willard Marks stated at the conclusion of the session that, contrary to general belief, there had been a considerable amount of legislation introduced and referred to committees and the senate, he said, was making steady progress on its 40-day job.

Senator Marks said he had made an informal canvass of all senators and found that the assembly less legislation than that of former sessions, was expected this year, many of the senators having no bills to introduce.

Pension Favored
For City Employees

The outstanding event in the senate chambers was a hearing held after adjournment by the Multnomah county delegation when Frank Irvin, head of the Portland traffic department, and Chief Grenfell of the Portland fire department, made strong appeals for support of a bill which would make available for firemen's and policemen's pension funds, one half of two and one-quarter per cent of insurance premiums paid in the city of Portland and turned over to the state.

It was estimated that approximately \$200,000 would be realized annually if the proposed law. It was explained by Captain Irvin that the money derived under the proposed act would be apportioned between the firemen's and policemen's pension funds on the basis of the number of men employed in each department. There are now 520 firemen and 406 policemen in Portland.

Chief Grenfell pointed out that the firemen's pension fund was not in a satisfactory condition, and that any surplus of money accumulated under its present method of operation probably would be exhausted within a period of five or six years. Figures showed that 62 members of the fire department were not eligible to receive the pension, but have elected to remain in the service. A similar condition was said to exist in connection with the policemen's pension fund. In order to obtain the pension firemen and policemen must have served for a period of 20 years. The retirement age is 50 years.

Aid in Probation Work is Sought

Judge Gilbert of the Multnomah county court of domestic relations, appeared before the delegation in the interest of a bill that would authorize the employment of a number of additional probation officers and revise the salary schedule. Judge Gilbert declared that approximately 1800 cases of delinquency were referred to his court annually, but that he was restricted to the employment of six probation officers at this time. He suggested that this number of probation officers be doubled, with each employee handling a minimum of 40 cases. The bill proposed by Judge Gilbert fixes the maximum monthly salary of probation officers at \$250. The maximum monthly salary for the chief probation officer was specified at \$425. Judge Gilbert declared that while the maximum salaries might appear excessive, they would not be paid unless warranted by merit. He suggested that the original salary of probation officers be fixed at \$135 a month with an increase of \$10 per month during each succeeding year.

A proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Portland city club which would make it possible to consolidate the Portland and Multnomah county governments, was referred to a committee composed of Senators Bennett and Crawford and Representatives Bronaugh, Gill and McCourt.

HOUSE BILLS YESTERDAY

- HB 47—By Chincock—To amend code relative to unknown heirs of deceased persons and unknown defendants in suits or sections relating to real property.
- HB 48—By Howard—To amend code to provide instructions by court in jury cases be reduced to writing for delivery to jury.
- HB 49—By Howard—To amend code governing voters at road district meetings, making any legal voter eligible.
- HB 50—By MacPherson—To create county board of directors.
- HB 51—By McPhillips—To amend code relating to county high school tuition to exclude transportation item in determining cost of education.
- HB 52—By Chincock, J. H. Scott, Allister and Senator Bennett—Amending code relating to highways within cities.
- HB 53—By Chincock, J. H. Scott, McAllister and Billingsley—Relating to levy and distribution of road funds.
- HB 54—By Chincock, J. H. Scott, McAllister—Providing means whereby municipal corporations may determine adverse claims to real property and providing method of service and summons.
- HB 55—By Chincock, J. H. Scott and McAllister—Exempting cities from payment of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes.
- HB 56—By Chincock, J. H. Scott, McAllister—Providing for vacation of streets, etc. in incorporated cities.

U. OF O. ARTIST'S PAINTING WINS



"Portrait of Elizabeth Trumbo," an oil painting by Michael Mueller, professor of painting at the University of Oregon, has won national praise for its creator, when it was exhibited at the Art Institute of Seattle.

Legislative Sidelights

Oregon's 36th Legislative Session Brings Interesting Personages to Salem

PROBABLY one of the most talked members of the press the last few days has been Wayne Pettit who has served in numerous senate sessions as reporter for The Oregonian. Pettit's complaint is that there is not enough doing. He's a hound for work and is never happier—although he may complain volubly—than when he has 14 bills to write about, two hot sessions to cover and a half-dozen special committee hearings thrown in for good measure.

Os West's speech at Kiwanis yesterday attracted attention, as West evidently expected it would. The ex-governor was congratulated for his remarks by A. E. Clark who said he took The Statesman yesterday morning and clipped West's "success formula" for his scrap book. West "broke down" yesterday and admitted that occasionally he found people who were not entirely motivated by the almighty dollar and added that these people made life worth living.

James McBall pounds the typewriter for the Portland Telegram at the session. Fourteen years ago he worked on the Capital Journal in this city and in the interim has done time on most of the papers in San Francisco including several now extinct. McBall thinks New Orleans, New York, San Francisco and Chicago are the real cities of the United States; all others failed in the complete prerequisites of city "it."

J. A. Wright of Sparta, Baker county, a member of the Oregon state legislature 36 years ago, spent Wednesday in Salem as a guest of Senator Strayer. Mr. Wright's father at one time served as minister to Germany and held other public offices of trust. Among the cherished documents of Mr. Wright is one signed by Andrew Jackson on January 22, 1866.

When the house convened Wednesday morning Speaker Loneragan noted that no minister was present to offer prayer. Since the rules require that each session be opened by an invocation to the Almighty, a page was dispatched to invite Colonel Mer-

H. B. No. 57—Chincock, J. H. E. Scott and McAllister—Permitting in advance for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment, erecting municipal buildings, garbage or sewage disposal plants.

H. B. No. 58—Chincock, J. H. E. Scott and McAllister—Relating to payment and collection of installments under Bancroft act.

H. B. No. 59—Chincock, J. H. E. Scott and McAllister—Amending code relating to purchase of land on tax sales.

H. B. No. 60—Chincock, J. H. E. Scott and McAllister—Amending code relating to annexation and extension of boundaries of cities.

H. B. No. 61—Chincock, J. H. E. Scott and McAllister—Providing for passage of ordinances by cities without necessity of publication in full in instances now required by charter and authorizing cities to adopt statutes of state by reference.

H. B. No. 62—Chincock, J. H. E. Scott and McAllister—Providing for state building code.

H. B. No. 63—Chincock, J. H. E. Scott and McAllister—Relating to additional method for cities to foreclose delinquent liens.

HB 64—By joint house and senate ways and means committee—Appropriate \$53,000 for additional wing at state penitentiary.

HB 65—By Angell, Howard, Snell, Chidgren and Senators Jones, Woodward and Bailey—To appropriate \$25,000 for survey of Columbia river for navigation.

HB 66—By Lewis, Keasey and Gordon—To amend code relating to Port of Portland contracts.

HB 67—By joint house ways and means committee—To provide for payment of deficiency claims allowed by deficiency board.

HB 68—By Wills—To amend code relating to county clerks.

DEFICIENCY BILL ENTERED

Measure to Make up Funds Allowed by Emergency Board now in House

The first big appropriation bill to be introduced in the house during the 36th session of the legislature reached the hopper yesterday. It provides for appropriations to meet the outlays of the emergency board of more than \$470,000. The appropriations of the 1929 budget allowed by the legislature were deemed insufficient and the outlays were agreed to by the emergency board. The bill is to be sponsored by the ways and means committees in each house.

The various outlays called for in the bill are salaries by the board of vocational education \$12,026.71; capital outlays in connection with state board of vocational education \$311.59; salaries in connection with the capitol, state office and supreme court buildings and grounds \$11,024.84; general operating and maintenance expenses in connection with the capitol, state office and supreme court buildings and grounds \$1045.28; capital outlays for same buildings \$928.86; salaries and general expenses by the judges of circuit courts and any unpaid traveling claims \$39,693.37; interest coupons on district interest bonds \$29,331.90; general operating expenses in connection with functions of the supreme court \$3773.82; payment of salaries at eastern Oregon state tuberculosis hospital \$3791.51; general expenses of the hospital, \$14,101.71; support of homeless children and indigent orphans under 16 years, \$31,066.64; for orphans between 16 and 17 years cared for in benevolent institutions \$2942.71; extension division of O. A. C. for two marketing specialists \$5924.82; O. A. C. experiment station and cooperative investigations in Wasco and Harney counties, \$11,121.32; payment of penitentiary flax accounts, \$250,655.56; cost of transporting convicts, \$340.09; operating expenses of penitentiary \$30,166.88; expenses of office of state engineer \$2972.67; capital outlay engineer's office \$221.50; salaries of state reclamation commission \$3950.07; general expenses in connection with the department \$5311.84; expenses of state printing board, including matters of a public nature, \$4470.22; arrest and return of fugitives of justice \$2246.85; salaries of state board of forestry \$1527.66; operating expenses of the same department, \$3435.47; salaries of state board of horticulture \$681.46 and for the general expenses of the board, \$922.10.

Members of the senate to come to the house and offer the prayer. The colonel graciously responded. One of the prayers the colonel offered a number of years ago was printed and copies distributed to the legislators.

Yesterday there was stretched across the gap between the rails separating the senate and house floor proper from the gallery, a heavy plush cord and here deputy sergeant-at-arms are stationed. No one unless a member of the session, an employee of a legislator or of some committee, or a member of the press can gain ready entrance now to the main floors. Spectators must keep their place outside the pale and the same rule holds regarding lobbyists.

So short have been the sessions of both houses that any semblance of a debate immediately brings a crowd. The senate was in session for about an hour yesterday afternoon and while there was no debate of importance conducted, the spectators' benches were filled and the walls were lined with spectators.

George Love of Eugene, one time business man there and former president of the "40 and 3" society of veterans has been a frequent visitor to both houses throughout the week.

NON-PARTY BENCH BILL SUBMITTED

A group of eight bills drafted by the legislative committees of the Oregon State Bar Association and the Multnomah County Bar Association were dropped into the senate hopper Wednesday. The most important of these bills provides for a non-partisan judiciary similar to that now effective in the state of Washington. Other bills in this group follow:

Prohibiting trust companies and others from engaging in the practice of law and from advertising to perform legal services.

Authorizing and directing trial judges to instruct juries in writing before final arguments.

Empowering the chief justice of the state supreme court to assign judges from one district to another.

Creation of a code commission to be selected by the state supreme court and authorizing \$500 annually for his services.

Conferring upon the trial court the right to waive any rule of evidence when convinced upon inquiry that any issue in the case is not asserted in good faith.

Appointment of a committee to study the manner of selecting judges.

Constitutional amendment permitting accused in criminal cases to waive trial by jury, except in cases where the penalty is life imprisonment or capital punishment.

Providing for voluntary retirement of circuit and supreme court judges on full pay, at the age of 70 years, after 15 years of continuous service. Enlarging personnel of Oregon judicial council to include five judges, five lawyers and five laymen.

LEGAL PROCEDURE CHANGES FAVORED

Numerous changes in court and legal procedure as well as provision for voluntary retirement of judges on full pay at the age of 70 years is provided for in a senate bill soon to be introduced by Senator James Crawford of Portland. Crawford, who for a number of years had a clerical position with the supreme court, utilizes his observations there in making up some of the proposed changes.

Included in the proposed amendments to existing procedure is one calling for a state judicial council of 15 members to replace the present one of five members, all judges. In the Crawford bill, five judges, five lawyers and five laymen, the latter to provide "a leavening influence" would make up the judicial council.

To be eligible to the retirement provisions, the judge must have served 15 years either as a justice of the supreme court or on the circuit bench or both. The retirement provision would also apply to the attorney-general.

HAS NEW IDEA FOR GAME COMMISSION

Averill Still Pursues old Hope of Getting Fish Out of Politics

A state game board "out of politics" is still the ideal of Ed Averill of Portland, despite the fact that Averill, as one-time game commissioner, knows all the pitfalls of such supposedly vain hope. Suggesting his idea to Ex-Governor Os West yesterday, Averill met with the cheery rejoinder that he had "better plan to stay down all winter."

Averill's idea which he was discussing with leaders on state game legislation yesterday is to have the state game board constituted like the state forestry board in membership with all affiliated organizations to game work sponsoring one member of the commission.

Thus the State Game Protective association would have one member, the Isaac Walton League another, the grange or some representation of land holders another while the interests of timber owners would probably be represented by another member on the board. The governor would be the ex-officio head of the board.

Averill feels that such a representation on the board would eliminate much of the log-rolling and petty politics now existing. He points to the fact that the state forestry board has functioned for years in a harmonious manner. Its membership includes representatives from a number of state organizations interested in forestry.

MILK PRICE DROPS
SILVERTON, Jan. 20—The price of milk will be dropped to 10 cents a quart at Silvertown on February 1 according to reports here. The price of other quantities and the price of cream will be brought down accordingly the report added.

Noble O. Tarbell, 52-year-old bicycle rider, pedaled 14,768 miles in 1930.

Keizer Invites You to Its Pic Eating Contest

KEIZER, Jan. 21

There will be a pic social and picnic eating contest at the school house Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is requested to bring a pie—any kind of pie. Proceeds go toward community club projects.

CAR TURNS OVER PEOPLE UNHURT

NORTH HOWELL, Jan. 21—An automobile accident occurred Monday about noon on the market road between K. D. Coomler's place and the Russ farm. The closed car was being driven north and was occupied by the two Walker girls of Mt. Angel, one of whom was driving. Evidently the driver lost control of the car and it swerved into the ditch and turned completely over. Neither of the occupants was injured and they were taken to Mt. Angel by Andrew Russ.

IN PORTLAND HOSPITAL
MONMOUTH, Jan. 21—William Riddell who has been in poor health for several months, is in Portland this week accompanied by his daughter, Mabel. He is receiving treatment at a hospital and will remain for observation for some time. Leslie Riddell of Lingville, Texas, arrived yesterday to visit his father for 10 days. The elder Mr. Riddell who last October passed his 87th milestone, is a pioneer sheep and goat breeder of Polk county, having farmed near Monmouth for more than half a century.

ILLINOIS ELEVATORS handled 1,125,000 bushels of soy beans in 1930.

POLK COUNTY CLUB TO MEET

Varied Program Planned For Grange Meet at Brush College

BRUSH COLLEGE, January 21—Two hundred grange members and guests are expected to be present at Pomona grange to be held at Brush College Saturday, January 24.

Brush College and Oak Grove granges will be joint hostesses for the meeting which is to be held in the local schoolhouse. Mrs. A. E. Utley is chairman of the dinner committee.

The usual business session will be the order of the morning followed by a 12:00 o'clock dinner. The afternoon program which will be in charge of Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, Pomona and state grange lecturer will start at 1:30 o'clock.

The music for the program is to be provided by Mr. Rechman, dean of musical department of Monmouth normal and his assistants, the principal address will be given by Dr. McGruder with "Observations in Russia" as his subject; Oregon Normal will also furnish an elocutionist who will give readings. Reports by County Agent J. Ralph Beck on his work, County School Superintendent, Josiah Wills of the educational department and an interesting talk by Mrs. Ines Miller, of the rural schools department at Monmouth will be features of the program.

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