

AGRICULTURAL BILL OPPOSED BY CO-OP MEN

Farmers not Sufficiently Informed on Details, Opinion Voiced

Fear too Much Power to be Concentrated; no Vote on Cream Grading

After spending most of Wednesday afternoon in executive sessions devoted largely to discussion of legislative matters, the Oregon Cooperative council representing 31 farmers' associations and some 13 thousand members, voted to oppose passage at this time of Senate Bill No. 57 providing for creation of a state department of agriculture.

The action was taken, according to officers, not as the recommendation of a resolutions committee but from a motion from the floor. Earlier in the day the council had listened to Representative Heeler McPherson explain the provisions of the bill and had questioned him as to its possible effect.

All of Delegation Outline Opinions

The final vote was taken only after acting President Glenn Marsh had insisted that every member express an opinion. These opinions were nearly unanimous against such a bill at this time. The vote against the measure was followed by another vote to ask the state senate and the state farmers union to join in opposition to the bill.

Glenn B. Marsh, president of the Hood River Fruit Growers association was elected president of the council for the coming year, and C. W. Laughlin, secretary of the Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairy association, first vice president. Row W. Glatt, manager of the Woodburn Fruit Growers association was the only new man added to the officer's list, being named second vice president. George O. Catlin, Corvallis, was named secretary-treasurer.

Minor changes proposed for the present cooperative marketing law of the state were discussed by the council and a resolution was passed asking that the amendments be made to conform to late changes in cooperative organization practices and needs, be passed by the legislature.

No Decision Upon Cream Grading Bill

The council declined to take definite action on the proposed compulsory cream grading law, on the grounds that so few representatives of dairy cooperatives were present, so authorized C. W. Laughlin of Astoria to carry the matter to the state convention of the Oregon Buttermakers' association in Corvallis and there represent the council as he thought best, leaving that body to take final action on measure.

Most of the discussion on the proposed department of agriculture bill centered around the alleged danger of its becoming a gigantic political machine and around the fact that the changes proposed are too drastic to make under present unsettled conditions in agriculture.

Other members feared that the proposal had not arisen from farming interests in the state and that farmers could not be expected to become familiar with its provisions on such short notice.

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Lee Centennial Resolution Gets House Approval

Preliminary work for a Jason Lee centennial celebration in Salem in 1934, was done by the house yesterday when it passed house joint resolution No. 4 authorizing the use of the state grounds for the celebration. Salem is expected to raise a fund of \$75,000 with the understanding that any buildings erected on the grounds be of a substantial nature, harmonizing with the other buildings on the grounds and suitable, if built, to become the permanent property of the fair board. The bill was sponsored by the Marion county delegation.

License Fee for Chain Stores is Idea of Watkins

A license measure for all chain stores operating in Oregon will probably be introduced in the house within the next few days, Elton Watkins of Portland, a former congressman, said yesterday while at the capitol. His bill provides that chain stores shall pay the secretary of state a fee of \$100 per store each year. Any organization owning two or more stores in the state would be considered a chain.

Penalties of from \$50 to \$1,000 are provided for violation of the act. Retail gasoline stations, taxed under other statutes, would be exempted.

Wreckage of Case Airplane Sighted; Pilot Not in View

Ship Seen in Wooded Area Near Washougal; Aviator Evidently Dead; Land Search Parties are Organized

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Searching parties were being organized at Portland, Vancouver, Wash., and Washougal, Wash., tonight to go into the forest covered hills north of Washougal where the airplane flown by Walter E. Case, missing air mail pilot, was sighted today.

Al Davis, pilot on the Portland-Pasco air mail flight, sighted the plane while en route to Pasco today. He returned to Portland, turned his ship over to another pilot and with two observers flew back to the place he had sighted the plane. Returning here he reported the plane had been identified definitely as that in which Case disappeared last Thursday.

Davis reported that he and his companions flew over the plane several times at an altitude of 500 feet, but that they could see no signs of life. Varney officials said they believed Case had died in the crash.

One party of searchers from Vancouver planned to go into the hills tonight, believing they could approach within 12 miles of the place the plane is lying. Other parties will not leave until tomorrow.

Case left Portland early last Thursday morning, bound for Pasco with 150 pounds of mail. Heavy weather turned him back at Camas, Wash., but when he returned to Portland he apparently decided to attempt it once more and flew away to the east without landing. Attempts to trace his course proved futile and nothing was known of his fate until Davis sighted his plane today.

BATTLESHIP OREGON CAUSE FOR RUMPUUS

Portland Hasn't Kept Faith Galloway Asserts at Ways-Means Meet

Officials of the city of Portland received a scolding at the joint ways and means committee meeting here Wednesday night, when it was announced by Senator Woodward that neither the municipality nor the Port of Portland had kept faith with the state in connection with the maintenance of the battleship Oregon.

Senator Woodward alleged that the city officials had promised repeatedly to provide a new anchorage for the battleship together with water and light without cost to the state. None of these promises has been kept, Senator Woodward said. The charges by Senator Woodward were made during consideration of a request for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the current biennium.

Representatives of various veterans organizations in attendance at the meeting said they were assured by Mayor Baker Wednesday that the battleship would be shifted without delay from its present moorage at the foot of Broadway street to a spot near the Morrison bridge at the foot of Belmont street.

"What we want is action on the part of Mayor Baker," declared Woodward, "and not idle promises."

Appropriation Is Laid on Table

The appropriation was laid on the table pending receipt of information from the city of Portland as to whether previous contracts on the part of the municipality will be carried out.

T. E. Kay, state treasurer, in connection with being quizzed regarding his budget, was asked whether the abolishment of the state emergency board would have any detrimental effect on the conduct of the state business. Kay replied that in case the emergency board was abolished the state should provide an emergency fund of not less than \$150,000.

The attorney general was questioned at some length with relation to fees paid for legal services outside of his office.

FLIER DROWNS IN PORTLAND HARBOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Portland harbor patrol was dragging the Columbia river here tonight in an effort to recover the body of Fred W. Sauer, 25, who was believed to have drowned today when his airplane plunged into the river.

Marion Boney, 21, of Wapato, Wash., who was piloting the plane with Sauer, escaped with minor injuries. He climbed from the plane after it struck the water and was rescued by canoeists.

Fred Devine, a diver, was called, but he reported that the plane was upside down and he could do nothing more than attach ropes by means of which the ship could be raised. This was done and when the plane was drawn up it was found that Sauer had succeeded in disengaging his safety belt and had climbed from the plane. Friends said he was unable to swim and it was believed his body was carried away by the current.

Tex Rankin, president of the Rankin school of flying where Sauer was an instructor, said the plane was not damaged, indicating that it had been landed flat on its back and turned over after it struck.

Howard Woman Fails to Pick Out Assailant

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Charges of vagrancy were filed today against Edward F. Hinch, arrested and questioned Tuesday in connection with asserted attacks upon Mrs. E. W. Howard, state's witness in the Bowles murder case.

Hinch denied any knowledge of two attacks upon Mrs. Howard and, Mrs. Howard, brought to the county jail today, was unable to pick her assailant out of the line-up in which Hinch was placed.

Lumber and Box Mill Starts Up

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Protuy Lumber and Box company mill at Warrenton resumed operations today after having been shut down for seven weeks. New equipment was installed recently. The mill will employ 150 men when in full operation.

Elevator Kills Three in Mine

CALUMET, Mich., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Three shaft employees of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company were killed instantly today when struck by descending elevator at the 5200 foot level of the copper mine.

San Diego Hot

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 28.—(AP)—With the thermometer registering 81 degrees early this afternoon, the temperature today was the fifth highest ever recorded here in January since the local weather bureau was established in 1872.

The Legislative Calendar

HOUSE TODAY
Third reading house bills Nos. 5, 20, 42, 49, 52, 69.
Third reading house joint memorial No. 5 and senate bills Nos. 23, 24, 41.
Third reading senate joint memorial No. 3.
Most of bills of smaller import and no strong opposition expected to pass.

SENATE TODAY
Third reading senate bills Nos. 20, 22, 26, 65.
All save one of bills make minor amendments to existing Oregon code.

SENATE YESTERDAY
Passed senate bill No. 1

THIRTY MINERS BELIEVED DEAD DUE TO BLASTS

Five Bodies Found, 25 in Shaft; Hope Given up Because of Poison

Would Have Killed 115 had Explosion Occurred few Minutes Earlier

LINTON, Ind., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Thirty miners were believed killed late today when an explosion wrecked the west entry of the Little Betty shaft mine near here.

More than six hours after the blast, five bodies had been carried to the surface, two miners were in a Linton hospital, one critically injured, and 25 others lay in the depths of the mine, hope for their survival abandoned by rescue workers. Mine officials said poisonous black damp followed the blast and that the men would be found dead.

The explosion was generally attributed to ignition of 600 pounds of blasting powder which was carried into the mine for the shot firers. Later, however, reports were current that the blast was caused by gas. Debris filled the entries, hampering rescue work as well as investigation of the cause.

Had the explosion occurred 10 minutes earlier, most of the 115 men on the day force at the mine might have been trapped.

BUTLER'S SPEECH YET UNEXPLAINED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Smedley D. Butler's speech which aroused Premier Mussolini's wrath was still unexplained officially tonight.

Secretary Adams was awaiting an answer to his request that the marine officer give his version of an address in Philadelphia on January 19, which resulted in a formal protest to the state department.

Reports of the incident persisted during the day but none of them was confirmed.

Another well known name was connected with it when a speech that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., made in Reno, not long ago, was recalled.

Members of the Reno Rotary club and journalism students at the University of Nevada said Vanderbilt related a story in which he made the Italian premier's automobile run over a child.

Major General Butler's speech also was reported as containing a reference to that story, Butler being quoted as giving as authority for his statement an American friend who was said to have been riding with the premier.

Judge Evans is Said Slated for Customs Office

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Word was received from Washington today that Walter Howard Evans, presiding judge of the Multnomah circuit court, has been nominated by President Hoover as judge of the United States customs court at New York City.

If the appointment is confirmed it will be the first time an appointment has been made to that court from the Pacific coast. The position carries an annual salary of \$10,000 and is for 10 years.

"I would be proud and happy if the confirmation comes," said Judge Evans, "but I would be sorry to leave Oregon and 25 years of friendship."

Mellon Opposes Cash Bonus for War's Veterans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Secretary Mellon told the senate finance committee today that proposals for cashing the bonus certificates of World War veterans are without "economic merit" and instead of improving conditions would "deepen" the world depression.

Mellon was closely questioned as he predicted a treasury deficit of \$375,000,000 and warned the cash conversion plan would not only have "serious consequences" on public credit, but would "greatly disturb world equilibrium."

Municipal Bond Tax Bill Filed

Senator Fisher introduced a bill yesterday which would give incorporated towns and cities authority to levy a tax for the maintenance of a bond.

Van Loan Wanted

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The arrest of H. H. Van Loan, short story and scenario writer, was ordered today on a charge of failing to provide for his 18-year-old daughter.

Union Men to Resume Jobs At Theatres

Operators at the Capitol and Esplanore theatres announced last night they would back their jobs today concluding a temporary settlement of their labor difficulties with the theatre management. The operators ceased work Sunday.

Arbitration has been agreed to by the operators and the theatres, the decision on the arbitration to be handed down by February 10 when the agreement starting today ends.

The announcement that the theatre matter had been patched up for the next two weeks, came in that from the executive board of the operators' union here.

LUPER MATTER IS PUT UP TO JUDGE

"John Doe" Question From Grand Jury Refers to Handling of Funds

The Marion county grand jury, in a "John Doe" presentment submitted Wednesday, asked Judge McMahan to advise the jury whether John Doe, state engineer from January 1, 1927, to December 1, 1929, violated the state laws in connection with handling the funds of his department.

The presentment followed instructions given the grand jury by Judge McMahan in which he asked that the jury conduct an investigation of the affairs of the state engineering department under the administration of Rhea Luper. Luper was alleged to have retained possession of approximately \$4000 of interest earned on irrigation funds under his jurisdiction. Luper admitted the irregularities to the state reclamation commission and later submitted his resignation which was accepted.

O'Leary Charged in 2 Indictments

The grand jury also returned indictments charging Richard O'Leary, former Salem restaurant owner, with larceny by bailee and obtaining money by means of a worthless check.

O'Leary left Salem suddenly less than a year ago, and later was arrested in Los Angeles. Another true bill charge: J. W. Stanford with forgery. He was alleged to have sent a threatening letter to the Bank of Stuyvesant.

Not true bills were returned in indictment against Dennis Seely, charged with assault and battery; Herbert E. Stafford, accused of forgery, and Alvin Krueger, charged with non-support.

Persons gathered in the circuit court room to hear the grand jury make this partial report, one of a number expected before it ends its present labors, witnessed an oral file between Judge McMahan and District Attorney John Carson. This came when McMahan, upon question from the jury, told the jury that payment of \$75 a month to Deputy District Attorney Fargo from the prohibition fund in addition to the \$100 a month from the county's general fund, was illegal and void.

Upon this statement from McMahan the district attorney stood on his feet and said he thought the move was instigated by the judge, but done to reflect on Carson and not his deputy.

After a brief exchange of ideas, the judge told the district attorney to sit down. Whereupon Mr. Carson declared he would not sit down and that he had not been guilty of breach of etiquette in the court and that as long as he is an officer of the court he will stand in the court.

The district attorney asked the jury to take notice that the court had directed payment of the additional salary to the deputy district attorney. He said an order of the court to this effect was put on the file five years ago.

Judge McMahan maintained that the county court has no jurisdiction over the prohibition fund and that it is placed in charge of the district attorney and sheriff.

Albania Quake Fatal to Four

KORITZ, Albania, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Four persons were known to have been killed and others were injured in the area surrounding the city by a series of earthquakes which began at 7 a. m. today and continued for several minutes.

Two hundred buildings, including churches, were destroyed, and communications were disrupted.

Memorial Asks Veteran's Bonus

Senator Hall yesterday introduced a memorial urging the passage of a bill now pending before congress providing for the immediate payment at full face value of so-called adjusted compensation certificates issued to veterans of the late war.

ROGUE CLOSURE BILL APPROVED IN THE SENATE

Ballot Stands 17 to 13 as Lengthy Argument is Terminated

Habitual "no" Vote Held Big Factor in Defeat At November Polls

Closing of the Rogue river to all commercial fishing when nets are used, was approved in the senate yesterday afternoon by a vote of 17 to 13 after a warm debate lasting more than two hours. The senators approved by their vote, Senate Bill No. 1 introduced by Senator Miller and by Representative Chinnock, Day and Doust, the measure now going to the house for its consideration.

The vote follows:
For — Bennett, Billingsley, Booth, Carson, Crawford, Dunn, Eberhard, Eddy, Kiddie, Kuck, Miller, Moser, Schulerich, Staples, Upton, Wheeler and Woodward.
Against — Bailey, Brown, Burke, Dunne, Fisher, Franciscovich, Hall, Johnson, Jones, Mann, Spaulding, Strayer and Mark.
The vote of the senate marks the latest phase in a controversy which has extended for two decades. At the last election in November, a constitutional measure closing the Rogue, was defeated by a 500 majority.

Regular "No" Vote Said Grand Factor

Senator Miller, in a lengthy argument in favor of the measure, declared that the introduction of the bill at this session of the legislature was justified even though the constitutional amendment which would have accomplished the same end, was defeated at the recent November election.

"I want to impress upon this senate," said Senator Miller, "that the 'no' vote at the general election played an important part in the defeat of the constitutional amendment closing the Rogue river to commercial fishing. Figures compiled by authentic sources indicate that the 'no' vote in November exceeded 20,000 ballots, while the amendment was defeated by only 2800 votes.

"The federal bureau of fisheries is interested in preserving the Rogue river both for the sportsmen and the commercial fishing industry. Had the vote at the November election been favorable to closing the stream to commercial fishing \$35,000 would have been expended by the government in the establishment of fishing basins and other improvements. There is no question but that the longer the nets remain in the Rogue, the sooner the fish life will be extinct. We are hastening the day when the Rogue will become as desolate as the Sacramento and other streams to the south.

Administration Of Relief Fund Causes Dispute

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—A threat that congress would find its own relief agencies came today in answer to a flat refusal by the Red Cross to administer the \$25,000,000 relief fund proposed in the senate.

Democratic leader Robinson told the senate congress would find its own agencies for distribution of such funds as it felt should be used in the emergency "if the Red Cross refuses to measure up to the proper standard."

Seeks to Limit College Terms

Under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator Bailey yesterday the senate will consider in committee of the whole instead of a small standing committee, as proposed by the government.

This time the liberals lined up with the government instead of abstaining and the result was 306 against 244 or a margin of 62 for the prime minister's forces.

Bill for Consolidating Health Work is Favored

The public health association went on record as favoring the bill and authorizing the acting president, Mrs. John Ballantine of Silverton, to appoint a committee to confer with the Marion county legislators to ask that the solons back the bill.

About 40 persons were present at the meeting yesterday, including folks from Mill City, Silverton, Aumsville, Woodburn, Aumsville, Mt. Angel and Salem.

Mrs. Ballantine named Mrs. V. A. Douglas of Salem, Mrs. W. W. Allen of Mill City and Mrs. John Curtis of Silverton on the committee to nominate association officers for the next year. The committee will report at the May meeting.

Routine reports, and accounting on the tuberculosis seal sale, occupied the rest of the meeting yesterday.

Wet and Dry Issue Is Argued Heatedly Before Committee

Resolution for Vote on Oregon law Being Attacked

Majority of Speakers Oppose Referendum As Uncalled for

"Drought relief" for Oregonians was made the center of the most heated committee hearing of the legislative session yesterday when both before and after noon, the house resolutions committee heard "dry" and "wet" discuss the Manning resolution which provides for a statewide referendum on the Oregon constitutional prohibition of the sale of manufactured liquor.

No vote followed the hearings which may be continued next week but an informal canvass of its members against approval of Representative Manning's resolution and three of the members favoring it. On the committee are: John Manning, author of the bill and chairman of the committee and Representatives DeLay, Taylor, Schupp, Chinnock, Andrews and Snell.

Entire Prohibition Issue Dredged Into

While the debate was supposed to hinge on the merits of the proposed referendum, the entire matter of prohibition, its merits and its faults, was given extensive airing. The "dry" leading in the number of witnesses presented and the ardor of their case.

The hearing started Wednesday morning, but lack of time prevented organization for an orderly hearing. After a half hour of mass argument, "boos" and heckling the morning meeting was adjourned until afternoon. Opponents of the measure, led by L. F. Putnam, Portland, of the First Presbyterian church, were given close attention, but cries of "time up" and other cries interrupted several speakers for the resolution. The proponents were not organized, but individuals spoke in favor of passage of the resolution.

Delegations opposing the resolution were present from Portland, Corvallis, Albany and Salem. The W. C. T. U., Parent-Teachers Association, Federation of Women's clubs, ministers, business women and laymen were present to combat the legislative move.

Oppose Submitting Question to Voters

Putnam, in introduction of the opposition, stated it was their purpose to indicate a definite feeling against submitting the matter to voters. He said that individuals originate with the people and not from the legislature. C. C. Hulitt, state master of the Grange, voiced the stand of that organization for prohibition and against putting the matter up to the people at this time.

Rex Dallas, pastor of the First Christian church of Albany, spoke for the Albany delegation. He declared Albany was the first town in the state to adopt local option and that the city was opposed to the measure.

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LABOR GOVERNMENT REMAINS IN POWER

LONDON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald's labor government fought off two conservative attacks late tonight with the aid of the liberal party and thus remains in office, whereas defeat probably would have meant its immediate resignation.

Both victories were on motions offered by Stanley Baldwin, leader of the conservatives and former premier, against the hotly-contested trades dispute bill.

The first vote was on a motion on second reading and this, with most of the liberals abstaining, brought a vote of 277 against 250, or a margin of 27 for the labor government.

No sooner had this result been announced than Baldwin again jumped up, offering a motion that the bill should be considered in committee of the whole instead of a small standing committee, as proposed by the government.

This time the liberals lined up with the government instead of abstaining and the result was 306 against 244 or a margin of 62 for the prime minister's forces.

Police and Fire Pension Matter Is Before Group

The Multnomah delegation is to decide today whether it will join with Portland firemen and policemen in backing their request for allotment of \$200,000 annually for pension funds from insurance fund tax receipts. The delegation is to meet in executive session and it is expected that all other business pending before the Multnomah group will be prepared for legislative action.

In the meeting yesterday, Captain Frank Irvine of the police department, and Horace Macklin, Portland insurance man, both talked, the latter advocating that the fire and police proposals be refused and a system similar to that operating in teachers be substituted.

Solons Working For State Good Marks Asserts

Praise for the character of members of the legislature was given Wednesday before Rotarians when President William Marks of the state senate, gave an informal address pointing out some of his reactions as a legislator.

Senator Marks expressed the view that most of the men were working towards the welfare of their community and of their state. The senator urged the Rotarians to forget the "inferiority complex" with which Oregon is bothered and to appreciate and to work for their state.