

Motor Vehicle License Bills are Introduced in House

TIGHTEN UP ON REQUIREMENTS

Test for Driving Ability and Other Safeguards to Public Proposed

Four measures, designed to tighten the motor vehicle license laws, were introduced into the house Thursday as the 13th day of the Oregon legislative session opened. The bills were those urged by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss to clamp down on careless driving on state highways, and provide for drivers' examinations, restricted licenses and suspensions.

Included also in the ten bills introduced was the one requiring a \$200 annual license for chain and branch stores. Members of the lower house passed five house measures, one senate bill and two Oregon resolutions as the session progressed; whether the houses have the rights or the desire to keep the seats free for people, 21 years and older, is a much more mooted question.

J. C. Compton, contractor, (accent on the second syllable despite common placing of it on the first) halls from M. Minnerville but is president of the Portland association of contractors. His operations carry him into five states in the west. He was here yesterday relative to a bill his group wishes passed making bidders on state jobs meet certain pre-qualifications. The bill was passed through both houses in 1929 but was vetoed by the late Governor Patterson. Compton says the majority of states have such a law, which prohibits its contractors who are not qualified by experience or finance, from bidding on jobs. The proposed law, says Compton, would not prohibit a single bid from any contractor who was qualified to undertake a project.

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Celia Gavin, attorney from The Dalles and once candidate for congress, was a visitor at the capitol yesterday.

The evidence of the acceptance of these three young men in such close order, according to the secretary of the Williams-ette university, is proof of the consistent turning out by Dr. Brown of young men who make good.

The success of these young men, add the administrators, is proof of the facilities for teaching in both faculty and equipment for the physics department.

Legislative Sidelights

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

Senators wasted no time yesterday in voting on the resolution asking congress for a cash payment of soldiers' adopted compensation. They hurried through to roll call and no senator voted against it. Obviously, the senators wanted to be right politically and inasmuch as congress was the Oregon legislature, faced the problem of digging up the billions of dollars needed, the senators appeared unconcerned with an economic consequence of their vote.

Undoubtedly the prohibition debate in the house yesterday was the highlight of the present session. Observers crowded all vacant spaces in the gallery to hear the debate and the majority of senators flattered into vacant chairs next to their home friends, as the forenoon continued.

Bruce Dennis, Klamath Falls publisher, was a legislative visitor yesterday. For a number of years he was a senator from eastern Oregon. Dennis commented on the fact that one speedily loses his contacts and notes that many new faces were to be found in both houses. He admitted some statewide attention a few years ago by a ballot measure providing that Oregon should provide in her constitution that no income tax could be enacted. The measure failed before the people. Just now Mr. Dennis is asking the federal road board to permit him a wage length to use in a broadcasting station at Klamath.

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WOODWARD HEARD AT CLUB LUNCHEON

Travel Expense of State Officials Criticized By Senator

In a speech full of humor but charged with some pertinent remarks on the legislature and legislators, Senator William F. Woodward of Portland drew from the Lions club yesterday noon a round of spontaneous applause.

Senator Woodward pointed to the stupendous sum, something above \$1,200,000, which the state institutions expended the past year on travel and travel expenses. But every item is staunchly defended by someone when it is brought into question before the committee, he said.

Woodward is particularly interested in educational legislation. A number of his educational bills, submitted as a private citizen in 1923, are now in effect despite the fact that some were first placed in the waste basket.

At this session he is especially interested in two more educational measures, which he says he believes will come through. They are the free textbook bill and the bill to remove the tax-paying clause from privileges of voting on school matters of importance.

"It is the public schools alone that now make the dollar serve as the test of citizenship," the 67-year-old senator declared with some heat.

Woodward took a poke at the manner in which Portland is living up to its pre-reception promises of caring for the battleship Oregon. He declared "neither the city of Portland nor the port of Portland had kept faith on promises to give the battleship a decent place on the river. So a different arrangement will have to be made before he is willing to vote for anything like the \$15,000 appropriation which is being asked for maintenance of the ship. Of the appropriation sought, \$10,000 will be taken up with salaries for four officials on the boat and three persons who do the work, the senator said.

Judge George Rossman of the supreme court and member of the Lions club, introduced the senator.

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PROHIBITION MATTER ARGUED AGAIN

Resolutions Committee of House Brings Report Against Measure

Mutually agreeing that further resolution committee hearings on the Manning resolution to refer Oregon's prohibition constitution provisions to a popular vote, were useless, members of the committee voted 5 to 2 here Thursday morning to report that the resolution did not pass. Representative Manning and Representative DeLap agreed on a minority report that the bill pass. Committee members voting to kill the resolution were Representatives Andrews, Chincock, Schapp, Snell and Taylor.

The vote following two hearings held here yesterday when a resolution to refer Oregon's prohibition constitution provisions to a popular vote in Oregon for the first time in 14 years.

In the discussions in committee, representatives opposed to passage of the resolution declared the measure was to be used solely as propaganda by the "wets"; that Oregon was weakening in her stance on prohibition and enforcement. They declared that any move to change should come by the people through the initiative. Several representatives declared that in their districts prohibition was being enforced and that their constituents were very much opposed to any change in the existing law.

Chairman Manning repeatedly stated that the prohibition cause had been a blow to industry, that enforcement was at the lowest possible ebb and that the people of Oregon and the United States would vote down prohibition if they could be protected by the walls of a ballot booth.

Representative Manning urged, as the committee session opened, that the public hearings cease and the resolution be immediately acted upon by the committee. "The Washington legislature is having a similar resolution presented," he said. "We could argue here forever. The W. C. T. U. has a big organization just to watch the legislature and we can't get as many business men here to present the side of the property holders."

Representative Chincock got the debate formally started by moving that the committee report the resolution do not pass. His motion was seconded by Representative Andrews.

Manning started the discussion on the committee motion by declaring that "everyone knows prohibition hasn't done any good. Anyone with a speck of sense will admit it."

Representative Andrews declared he was not opposed to a vote on prohibition if the people initiated the move. He said he was unopposed to opposing to having the legislature submit the matter, knowing that the "wets" would use that fact to declare the Oregon legislature is opposed to prohibition.

"You know, Mr. Manning, that our position would not be described as one in which our sole interest was to let the people have the vote," said Andrews. "I don't want any false propaganda in this matter."

Representative Taylor raised the question if the repeal of state prohibition in Oregon would not still leave prohibition existing through federal statute. He said he thought the state should strengthen, rather than weaken federal enforcement.

"We'd leave it up to the federal government for a while," replied Manning. "I'll vote with you fellows if you can strengthen prohibition," said Manning. "But you can't do it. The people of Oregon are tired of this noble experiment and will vote it down."

Representative Chincock declared the people of his district were opposed to any change. "There's nothing deplorable in the situation in Josephine county," he said. "I sincerely believe conditions are better than ever

Probe of State Officials' Travel Expense Ordered

Every effort will be made by the 1931 legislature to adopt some plan whereby the expense accounts of state officials and employees can be standardized with a substantial saving to the taxpayers.

This was indicated here Thursday when the senate approved a resolution offered by Senator Johnson directing the secretary of state to prepare a report showing the expense accounts of the various state institutions and departments involving transportation, meals and lodgings. The statement would cover a six-month period. Senator Burke explained that the resolution was of more than ordinary importance for the reason that a total of \$1,113,000 had to be expended for transportation, meals and lodgings during the past biennium.

Of the total amount expended through these three sources \$657,379 was for traveling, \$182,561 for automobile expenses and \$274,210 for meals and lodging. Traveling expenses incurred by the several institutions of higher learning totaled \$350,496 during the past two years. Similar expenses of the state game commission aggregated \$115,960. The state board of forestry contracted traveling expenses of \$35,500, while a total of \$9000 was spent by the state fire marshal's department.

Another important resolution adopted by the senate makes it the duty of the secretary of state to summon officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for a conference in connection with telephone rates. Provision also is made in the resolution for the creation of a committee to be composed of three members of the senate, three members of the house and three citizens to be appointed by the governor.

The resolution, as originally introduced by Senator Bennett, carried an appropriation of \$1000 and opened the way for investigation of the entire telephone rate structure. This appropriation was eliminated from the resolution by a senate committee. Senator Upton objected to the original resolution on the ground that it would be necessary for the committee to go before the telephone company officials instead of the telephone company officials going before the legislature. Senator Bennett said the purpose of his resolution was to obtain a voluntary reduction in telephone rates without costly investigations and litigation. The appropriation of \$1000 was inserted in the resolution as an emergency, Bennett explained.

The senate also approved a resolution introduced by Representative Mott and others authorizing the directors of the Willamette university to use the state fairgrounds in connection with the centennial celebration of the arrival of missionaries in the Oregon country. The celebration will be held in 1934. Any buildings erected in connection with the celebration would revert to the state.

SENATE BILLS YESTERDAY

The following bills were introduced in the senate Thursday:

S. B. 104, by Upton—Exempting passenger buses operated exclusively within cities, from special tax imposed on common carriers.

S. B. 105, by Upton—Exempting certain classes of motor vehicles from special tax.

S. B. 106, by Jones et al.—Relating to the licensing of morticians, and possession, transportation, treatment and disposition of the dead.

S. B. 107, by Upton and Spaulding—Authorizing the state of Oregon to cooperate with the federal government in construction of permanent memorial building at Champanee.

S. B. 108, by Burke—Relating to incorporation of highway improvement districts.

S. B. 109, by Dunne—Requiring persons, societies and organizations soliciting funds to report.

S. B. 110, by Burke—Relating to adulterated foods.

TELEPHONE RATES PROBE APPROVED

Senate Passes Resolution Allowing Fairgrounds Use for Centennial

Senator J. E. Bennett's joint resolution providing that a move for telephone rate reduction be made by a special committee of nine, calling officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company into conference, was adopted Thursday by the senate without opposition. It provides for a committee of three appointed by the president of the senate, three appointed by the speaker of the house and three by the governor. If the house adopts the resolution without delay the conference will take place at once and the committee will report back to this session of the legislature.

The senate approved the house joint resolution authorizing the use of the state fair grounds for a centennial celebration in 1934 commemorating the arrival of the missionaries in the Oregon country. The centennial organization proposes to build at least one building on the fair grounds, without cost to the state, to become the property of the state after the centennial.

Soldiers' Bonuses Memorial Passed
A senate joint memorial introduced by Senators Hall, Upton and Bailey, calling upon congress to provide legislation for payment of adjusted compensation certificates held by ex-service men was adopted.

Eggs imported from China are the target of a house joint memorial, adopted by the senate, calling upon the United States tariff commission to increase the tariff on dried egg products.

By adopting an adverse committee report the senate killed by indefinite postponement a bill introduced by Senator Dunne and Representative Bronaugh's bill to regulate the sale of veronal and other similar drugs.

Meetings of the senate interim committee on executive appointments are provided for in a bill by Senator Eberhard which passed the senate. The Eberhard bill is a curative measure authorizing the committee on executive appointments to meet

HEARING PLANNED ON CRAWFORD BILL

State-wide interest that has been aroused in the bill introduced by Senators Crawford and Bailey, providing that all moneys collected by state departments and agencies be placed in the general state fund and dispersed by specific legislative appropriation, caused Senator Moser, chairman of the judiciary committee, to set a public hearing on the bill for Tuesday night, February 3. The hearing will be in the senate chamber.

The bill affects all the self-sustaining departments, including some of the largest in the state government, such as the fish and game, corporation, insurance, industrial accident departments, and possibly the state highway department. There is some doubt as to whether it includes the highway department. Senator Upton, member of the judiciary committee, insists that it be included without doubt.

Seek to Unite Labor Activity

C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, yesterday was instructed by the ways and means committee to prepare for the legislature some plan whereby a number of state labor activities, can be joined with his department.

The ways and means committee had in mind the state bureau of inspection of child labor and industrial welfare commission.

COUGHS

Rub on throat; place some on tongue and swallow as it melts.



VICKS VAPORUB

OVER 15 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

STEALS FIVE CENT CAKE; JAIL LOOMS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—(AP)—The theft of a five-cent cake may mean a jail sentence for 19-year-old Clarence Westfall. Clarence stood watching a bakery wagon drive and eating his wares here. The smell of the fresh cakes was tantalizing to his hunger-wracked stomach.

The driver went inside a store and temptation won. Clarence grabbed a cake and ran. "I was hungry," he told police after the driver caught him and called the officers. "My father has tuberculosis and is a county ward. My mother can't work and no one will give me a job where I can make enough to support her. My brothers and I are always hungry."

Police who investigated corroborated his story and would have liked to set him free. But the driver, who had a record for a while Clarence's hunger at least will be appeased by jail fare.

GEORGE LONGMIRE DIES AT AGE OF 66

George William Longmire, 66, died yesterday afternoon in a local hospital where he had been under special care since last August. He came to Salem from Illinois some 20 years ago and engaged in farming. About six years ago he retired from active farm work. He was a member of the local chapter of Woodmen of the World.

One daughter and one son, W. W. Longmire of Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. E. Christoffer-son of Salem, and five grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Terwilliger funeral home, with Rev. H. C. Stover officiating. Interment will be in City View cemetery.

Urge Increased Tariff on Eggs

Approval was given in the senate yesterday to a memorial offered by Representative Childers urging congress to increase the tariff on dried eggs imported into the United States from China. The argument advanced was that a \$10,000,000 industry in the state of Oregon was menaced by these importations which increased steadily, it was declared, in recent years.

QUISENBERRY KILLED

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 29—(AP)—J. B. Quisenberry was killed near here tonight when his car left the Old Oregon Trail highway during a fog and plunged over a 50-foot embankment. He was about 44 years old.

HOLLENBERG GETS FELLOWSHIP OFFER

The second announcement telegram in less than a week came to Willamette university Thursday bringing the news of another accepted student for a teaching fellowship at New York university.

These most recent announcements concern the Arthur Hollenberg. Both Hollenberg and Raymond Waddell have received teaching fellowships for the physics department of the eastern institution.

These young men are both products of Dr. E. T. Brown who is head of the local university's physics department. In 1929, Dr. Brown sent Curtis Reid, a graduate of that year, to New York university under the same circumstances.

The information was received here that Hollenberg's standing was highest of a list of 40 candidates for the leading educational institutions throughout the United States.



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