

BASIC SCIENCE BILL DEFEATED

Drugless Healers win out In Fight Against new Medical Control

By the narrow margin of a 16 to 14 vote, the so-called "basic science" bill was defeated in the senate yesterday. The minority report recommending that the bill do not pass was carried shortly before noon. The vote marked the end of a fight which began in the opening days of the session and which has been carried through several committee hearings and on to the floor of the senate.

"This bill effects every person connected with drugless healing," declared Senator Staples who led the fight for adoption of the minority report. "It is the entering wedge whereby the medical profession hoped to continue a closed corporation protected only by a diploma. The demand for this law comes from a group of so-called specialists in the city of Portland. Why don't the medical profession enact a few laws for the regulation of their own members? Will we allow this pampered group of physicians educated at the expense of taxpayers to put a lot of good men out of business?"

Charges Exaggerated
The medical profession has maintained a large and expensive lobby at the capitol since early in the legislative session. If this bill is passed it will be the beginning of the end of all scientific healing. What about the fee-splitting in the medical profession? There are now 22,000 towns in the United States that have no physicians because of the rigid restrictions of the medical group. If you want to make it impossible for the young men and women of this state to practice an honorable profession such as drugless healing, pass this bill. I appeal to you in the name of humanity to defeat this vicious measure."

Senator Booth, co-author of the bill, denied statements in the press that he had ever attacked the Christian Scientists.

"My principal supporter during the recent campaign is a member of the Christian church," said Senator Booth.

"All that we propose to do in this proposed law is place the drugless healer on a scientific basis. I know nothing of fee-splitting as charged by Senator Staples."

Osteopaths not Taking any Side
Senator Booth read a telegram from a member of the board of osteopathic examiners to the effect that the practitioners of that group had remained neutral, and had made no opposition to the bill.

"We accepted what we thought were compromise amendments offered by the drugless healers," said Senator Booth, "but I find that we have the same opposition today as when the bill was introduced early in the session."

Senator Crawford declared that he was opposed to the bill for the reason that it created another regulatory board. "The present statutes accomplish what would be achieved through the passage of this bill," said Senator Crawford. "We are reg-

ularized to death and this bill will create another super board. I am opposed to further unnecessary regulation."

The vote was: Adoption minority report—Bailey, Bennett, Brown, Burke, Crawford, Eberhard, Francisco, Johnson, Kiddle, Mann, Moser, Schulmerich, Spaulding, Staples, Strayer, Wheeler.

Against minority report—Billingsley, Booth, Carner, Dunn, Eddy, Fisher, Hall, Jones, Kuck, Miller, Upton, Dunne, Woodward and President Marks.

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Legislative Sidelights

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

REPRESENTATIVES of three leading Oregon newspapers and the Oregon Voter are seated in the senate in front of the reading and bill clerks, facing the audience. They enjoy a better position to hear addresses than members of the fourth estate in the British parliament. There the press is seated in a gallery overlooking the house. It was to this gallery that Burke addressed his now classic statement in which he referred to the lords, the commoners and the bishops, and then pointing to the press, termed it "the fourth estate." Burke added that more power was given to the fourth estate than to the other three.

In Burke's days the press wrote in long-hand. The practice continued through the bulk of the 19th century. Reporters who heard Lincoln's epic "house divided against itself" speech forgot to take notes, so enthralled were they by the force of the speaker's logic and rhetoric. Nowadays reporters take a few notes and except for Fred Toose, Sr., the typewriter is their pen. In fact many take notes or write stories during the progress of debate on noiseless typewriters. Few reporters are good typists; most use the "Hunt and Peck" system but invariably the men are fast writers, numbers of filers employed considered.

James Mott almost pushed his bill through the house providing a statewide vote on a constitutional prohibition of direct taxes for raising state revenue. Mott has the voice and the gesture of an orator of the first water and probably ranks with Speaker Frank Longnecker as the man most likely to catch the ear of the lower house.

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MOTT RESOLUTION BARELY DEFEATED

Move to Prohibit Property Tax for State Funds Loses 32 to 28

Representative James Mott's house resolution which would have permitted the people of Oregon to prohibit by constitutional amendment the levying of direct taxes for state support, lost 32 to 28 in the lower house yesterday afternoon but Mott's leadership nearly pulled the measure through. Observers before the debate had thought the bill was surely doomed to defeat.

Mott opened the argument by vigorous protest against the direct tax as obsolete and unfair. He said relief came all too slowly and urged his measure as a direct, necessary safeguard to the people who under such constitutional safeguard, would be able to blame only themselves for taxes levied since the direct taxes would all be city, district or county ones.

Uncertainty in Opposition Fies
Opposition to Mott's resolution centered on the unstable attitude of the people in voting new tax measures with which to carry on state government. Representatives Angell, Hamilton and Norton all pointed out that the public's mind has been flinched in the matter of the income tax and similar new forms of revenue raising.

Representative Angell held that the problem of the direct tax was not rural alone since farm property bore only 38 per cent of the assessment and city owned property bore 35 per cent. Oregon is now \$3,000,000 behind in its state budget; to abolish the direct tax might readily find the state in debt \$11,000,000 in the next biennium, he declared.

Representative Tompkins, defending the Mott resolution, pointed to the wave of unrest among farmers, cited various "uprisings" in Oregon and other states against high property taxes and said it was high time new sources of revenue be depended upon exclusively for state finance.

Speakers at the legislative sessions are prone to think all in confusion and to pack off home convinced the state is wasting its time having a legislative session. As a matter of fact, the senate and house both are governed by extensive and inflexible rules and both houses have a set order of business. Apparent confusion is a surface one only, as one group of business follows another in pre-arranged order. Here is the schedule which President Marks adheres to daily as he pounds the gavel in the senate chamber:

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Consolidation Bill is Passed

By a decisive majority the lower house late yesterday afternoon passed a measure enabling the city government of Portland and the government of Multnomah county to be consolidated if the citizens of those areas so desire. The bill passed yesterday is simply an enabling act. Little opposition developed to the measure which now goes to the senate for final consideration.

Senator Dunne's bill relating to the regulation of barbers was saved from indefinite postponement in the senate Wednesday by a vote of 16 to 13. It later was made a special order of business for today.

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INSTITUTIONS PAY BILLS REFERRED

Three bills, under which the state would be authorized to collect from relatives and estates, a reasonable amount for the maintenance of persons confined in the state hospitals, feeble minded home, state tuberculosis hospitals and training schools for boys and girls, were referred yesterday to the senate judiciary committee after a 4 1/2 hour hearing.

The maximum charge for patients in the state hospitals was fixed at \$20 a month, while the charge for tubercular wards was computed at \$15 a week. For the maintenance of inmates of the boys and girls' schools the charge is \$25 a month.

In cases where relatives are unable to pay, no charge will be made. It was estimated that these proposed laws will return to the state \$200,000 annually.

The bills were referred at the request of Senator Moser, who suggested several amendments.

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Five Measures Are Postponed And Withdrawn

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S. B. 103, by Booth and Upton, Relating to qualifications of drugless healers. S. B. 231, by judiciary committee, Relating to registration of air craft. S. B. 100, by Bailey, Relating to state aid for blind students at state institutions of higher learning. H. B. 31, by Lawrence, To provide for education of children committed to child caring institutions. S. B. 250, by Dunne, To create department of osteopathy at University of Oregon.

Adams Highway Aid is Favored
The senate yesterday adopted a house resolution by Representative Andrews and Senator Dunne, urging congress to appropriate funds for the completion of the Mount Adams highway. Senator Dunne explained that the proposed road was interstate in character and was desired by the people of Portland.

Parley on River Laws is Favored
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