

# House Adopts Bill Providing Old Age Pension Funds

## EMPLOYERS TO PAY CENT DAY

With Employes to Give Like Amount; No Direct Tax Will Be Levied

Funds for the operation of the old-age pension bill were tentatively provided by the house Wednesday when it adopted the essential features of Representative Olen's proposal. This calls for the daily payment to a state old-age pension of one cent by every employer for every employee in his establishment and a one-cent daily payment to the fund by each employe.

This money will be collected through the state industrial accident commission which will distribute the monthly collections to each county on the ratio its number of approved old-age pension claimants bear to the total of such approved claimants in the state. H. B. 116 specifically provides that no direct tax can be levied to carry the old-age pension. Thus the funds raised by employer-employee assessment will be used exclusively until some additional indirect taxation is provided.

The measure carried in the house, 42 to 18, with two members voting absent.

**Fight Against**  
Leading the fight against the bill were Representatives Paget, Snedecor and Walker. Each held the method of financing unjust and certain to raise a great protest in the state. Walker pointed out that the state had just approved \$3,000,000 for relief. Representative Nichols pleaded against a direct property tax for old age pensions but approved the Olen plan.

Representative Hilton wished the clause relating to prohibiting a levy on property for old-age pensions stricken out but he was not sustained.

**McAlear's Bill Lost**  
Passage of the Olen bill virtually assures defeat of Representative McAlear's bill. He proposed at the start of the session that the old-age pension law be held up to January 1, 1936 to permit tax collecting agencies to finance the proposal. Representative Walker was unsuccessful in an attempt to get the McAlear bill advanced to a vote ahead of Olen's proposal.

Ryan estimated that the two-cent daily payment would raise \$45,000 a month for disbursement to the counties.

## 10-Juror Scheme Of Dickson Gets Favor of Senate

The senate yesterday approved a resolution by Senator Dickson, providing that the concurrence of 10 jurors in criminal cases, other than those carrying capital punishment, shall be sufficient to find a verdict of guilty.

Dickson declared that the approval of this proposed constitutional amendment would expedite court procedure and save the taxpayers a large amount of money annually. The proposed amendment also received the support of Senators Woodward, Lee and Hess. Senator Francisovich spoke against the resolution.

It now requires concurrence of the 12 jurors to find a verdict of guilty in all criminal cases.

**A Home Owned Theater**  
**HOLLYWOOD**  
Tonight is Dime Night **10c**  
John Barrymore in "Reunion in Vienna" with Diana Wynyard  
Coming Friday - Saturday **MARION DAVES** in "Peg O' My Heart"

## Back to Wind Up Cuban Job



Samuel Leibowitz, New York attorney, chief defense counsel for the seven negroes in the celebrated Scottsboro case, pictured (center) as he left court at Decatur, Ala., flanked by two husky bodyguards. The men were assigned to guard the lawyer by presiding Judge W. W. Callahan after threats had been made against Leibowitz.

## MEIER SIGNS BILL FOR TOLL BRIDGES

Signature by Governor Meier Wednesday morning of H. B. 78 providing for five bridges on the coast highway financed by a PWA advance, in turn pledged by tolls from the bridges, is expected to mark the final legislative step essential to obtain the \$5,100,000 grant which is needed.

Attorney J. M. Devers of the state highway department immediately drew yesterday the formal resolution needing approval by the commission which will ask the PWA for the bridges under the terms of the new bill. The resolution will probably be passed by the commission at its meeting today in Portland.

Proponents of the bridges will ask the commission to deputize Devers to go east to see that the application for the bridge moneys is pushed through the PWA organization.

## Lang Attacks PGC Franchise Bill, Committee Meet

Opposition to Senator Zimmerman's bill providing for repeal of the franchise of the Portland Gas & Coke company was voiced by John Lang, vice-president of the company, and a number of other persons who appeared before the senate judiciary committee yesterday. The franchise originally was granted to Henry D. Green but later was assigned to the gas and coke corporation.

Lang declared that there was no reason for the repeal of the franchise for the reason that its provisions had been strictly adhered to by the company officials. Action on the bill was postponed until today.

## Power Bill Up for Hearing This Morn

Senate bill No. 43, by Zimmerman, providing for the creation of a state power commission in connection with the proposed state power development program, will be considered at 10:30 a. m. today under the head of special order of business. The commission would be prevented from issuing or selling bonds unless authorized to do so by the voters.

## MEIER URGES PRIVILEGE TAX

Asks Solons to Vote One Per Cent on Sales for Relief of Schools

In a direct message to both houses Wednesday afternoon, Governor Julius L. Meier pleaded for enactment of a one per cent privilege tax on sales of tangible property, funds to go for the relief of elementary school children in Oregon. He termed the school situation an emergency one and estimated the proposed tax would raise \$3,000,000.

Striking out at opponents of the measure, the governor termed the master of the state grant and the head of the state federation of labor "obstructionists." "While they are always prolific with objections to all solutions, presented, neither has any remedy for this or any of the other serious problems confronting the state," the governor's message read.

His message continued: "In my opinion neither of these officials reflects the sentiment of the rank and file of their organizations with respect to this legislation as an emergency aid for our public elementary schools. In my judgment laboring men and farmers are as vitally concerned in seeing our schools kept open as any other citizen of the state." "In fact, since the proposal of the measure, grant organizations have expressed themselves in favor of the bill as an emergency aid for our schools, and so have several labor leaders.

"Next to the home, our schools exert the greatest influence on the character of our citizenship. Consequently the most important business of the state is the training and education of our children, and education should be available to every child.

"I am, therefore, renewing my recommendation for the enactment of appropriate emergency legislation to meet the crisis with which our schools are faced, and in doing so I am pleading the cause of approximately 200,000 school children and approximately 7,500 teachers, who are looking to you for aid in this crisis."

## Home Rule Repeal Resolution Goes With Senate Oke

A resolution by Senator Upton providing for repeal of the home rule amendment to the state constitution received favorable consideration of the senate yesterday.

Upton declared that it was necessary to refer this resolution to the voters provided the people of Oregon desired uniform state-wide regulation of the liquor traffic. Senator Staples said that regardless of any liquor control legislation enacted by the legislature he was opposed to repeal of the home rule amendment.

## Abrams-Paulus Bill Applies to School Levies

The Abrams-Paulus bill to stiffen tax collection in the state, applies only to taxes levied for elementary and high schools. All other taxes on real property, proponents of the bill said yesterday, including taxes for higher education, would not be subject to the bill's provisions. On school taxes affected, a 12 per cent annual interest charge and a three per cent penalty would become effective after March, 1934. The authors of the measure think it would be helpful in the relief of elementary school districts.

## Gas Fund Won't Go for Schools

By indefinite postponement the house Wednesday morning refused to divert two cents from each five now collected on gasoline for the elementary school fund. The measure, proposed by Representative John Johnson, was supported in principle by the grants and by organized labor. No committee members spoke for the bill. State highway associations opposed the measure vigorously.



Judge Earl Day is the serious-minded, courteous gentleman seen about the lobbies this week. Earlier this year he was just another representative. When Judge Earl Day went berserk in Jackson county and landed at the end of State street in Salem, Day was appointed to the vacancy by Governor Meier. He is interested in adjusting Jackson county's finances to permit taking up the huge budget deficit occasioned by the Banks-Fehl, et al, trials. Incidentally, Frank Lonergan, who defended Banks at Eugene, insists his client should have been freed. He can tell the story of the trial most dramatically.

W. G. Hare of Hillsboro is an ex-senator who was prominent in the days of Joseph, Norblad, Mosser, Klepper, et al. Erect, forceful, he has a bullfrog voice which echoes in every nook of the senate chamber. Hare exhibited his good sense when he resigned from the state board of higher education before his appointment was confirmed; he saw a political fight ensuing and went about the eventful of his legal ways at Washington county. Hare is close to the present administration and undoubtedly assisted in the appointment of Senator Ireland who can be depended upon to consult Hare on major senate votes. Hare is a tillikum of longstanding with Henry Hansen.

Members generally chuckled and were pleased over Governor Meier's direct attack on Grange Master Gill and Labor Leader Osborn. These solemn owls sit in at many a committee meeting. When the committee members are about agreed on a bill, Gill and Osborn are asked for an opinion. Solemnly but bluntly and persistently they say "no" and so potent is their voice committee members, recalling the slaughter of the sales tax, hesitate to oppose them. Nevertheless they dislike this "little group of willful men" controlling their actions from the third house.

Of course Gill and Osborn liked the attack; it got them in the headlines and increased their political and organization status being singled out in the message. So the merry round of politics continues!

## HOUSE VOTES BRIST OF SMALL MATTERS

The house hurried through its calendar Wednesday morning, passing a number of comparatively unimportant bills. Included were changes in the law for certification of teachers, changes in the income tax and intangibles tax laws, a measure authorizing the state board of higher education to transfer real property, a measure to permit county courts in certain instances to reduce assessments, a redefinition of utilities in Oregon.

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## Return to Land Bill is Passed Over Meier 'No'

The Lee-Beckman "back to the land" bill, passed at the regular 1933 session but vetoed by Governor Meier, became law yesterday after the house Tuesday had overridden the veto. The bill had been on the table since the earlier days of the session when it came from the senate with the latter's approval. The bill gives assistance to persons who wish to go to state-owned land and there to try to earn a sustenance. An appropriation of \$7500 is provided for a commission which will operate the plan.

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The senate unemployment committee amended the bill authorizing a state building program by including \$75,000 for remodeling of the senate and house chambers and \$20,000 for Camp Clatsop. The program calls for a total expenditure of \$1,400,000.

## The Call Board

- EL SINORE
  - Today - William Powell in "Kennel Murder Case."
  - Friday - Katherine Hepburn in "Morning Glory."
- CAPITOL
  - Tonight only - Philharmonic and Symphony orchestra concert.
  - Friday - Jack Holt in "Master of Men."
- GRAND
  - Today - Russ Columbo in "Broadway Thru a Keyhole."
  - Friday - Double bill - Jean Parker in "What Price Innocence" and Tim McCoy in "Police Car 17."
- HOLLYWOOD
  - Today - John Barrymore in "Reunion in Vienna."
  - Friday - Marion Davies in "Peg O' My Heart."
  - Saturday - Midnight matinee 11:15 p. m. Buddy Rogers in "Best of Enemies."
- STATE
  - Today - Spencer Tracy in "Sky Devils."
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## Dunne Introduces Gasoline Control

Senator Dunne Wednesday introduced a bill providing that when prices for first structure gasoline exceeds 13 cents a gallon it shall become a public utility and be sold by the state and its political subdivisions at cost, plus a handling charge. Dunne said such a plan was proposed in the state of Washington and in other sections of the United States.

## Authority on Farm Chemistry Stricken

AMHERST, Mass., Dec. 6. (AP) - Death came suddenly today to Dr. Roscoe Wilfred Thatcher, 61-year-old retired president of Massachusetts State college and authority on farm chemistry, under whose administration that institution made a number of important strides.

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