Martin Eyes Appointments; Hood May Get Budget Duties

SPENCER, FRY MAY GET JOBS

McMahan and O'Reilly are for Liquor Commission Is Gossips' Guess

Faced with the necessity of filling certain key positions in his administrative staff, Governor Charles H. Martin was known yesterday to be making ready to make certain appointments. The executive office said no announcement was ready but confirmation of the report that a director of the budget would shortly be named was received.

D. O. Hood, Portland bond dealer, is slated for the budget post, reliable sources reported. It was explained that he would hold the position for only two months, helping the governor through the session and acting as liaison worker between the executive and the joint committees on ways and means. Hood was friendly with the Meier administration, advising with the former governor on municipal bond matters and on the sales tax proposal made to the second special session in 1933. Hood supported Martin in the campaign last fall and has been around the capital since the session opened.

Frank Spencer of Portland, prominent for years there in the wholesale grocery business, conferred with the governor late yesterday and reports were revived that Spencer would be picked state liquor stores or as secretary of the state board of control and state purchasing agent. Spencer was active in Governor Martin's campaign. He was talked as state liquor administrator early in 1934.

Democratic leaders said that Arthur McMahan of Albany, prominent lawyer there and active in the Martin campaign, would be named to succeed E. E. Brodie on the state liquor commission, a post vacated when Brodie resigned. McMahan would probably win the chairmanship of the committee. Rumor at the capital had it that Alex Barry was on the way out as a member of the state liquor commission and that a Portland man might be named. Drake C. O'Reilly, president of the Diamond O Navigation company in Portland, is being talked as a successor to Barry.

Dan Fry of Salem is being talked constantly as a successor to William Einzig, secretary of the board of control and state purchasing agent. Einzig's resignation is before the governor and he will not stay beyond the next few days.

An appointment to the board of pilot commissioners is expected shortly as Governor Martin must name a successor to A. A. Langkilde of Astoria who resigned when he found his business connections made him ineligible for service.

Governor Martin yesterday said the bulk of state appointments would be held up until the work of the session was at an end.

Seeks State Aid In NRA Checkups

Seeking participation of Oregon in a uniform system of NRA compliance, D. L. Boland, federal counsellor for the western division of NRA, called yesterday on President Harry Corbett and Speaker John E. Cooter. Boland outlined legislation he anticipated the federal government would ask Oregon to pass. He called briefly on Governor Martin before leaving for the south. He makes his headquarters in San Francisco.

HOWARD LATOURETTE, Multnomah county's much-talked about democratic house member, is a member of the law firm of Latourette & Latourette of Portland, a close friend of John Beckman, lawyer member of the '33 house, and a former representative of the hotel men in the third house. Latourette made many up-state members bitterly angry early this week when he apparently corralled two of the best committee chairmanships; this tide of bad feeling receded a bit when Hill of Lane took Latourette's place on the alcoholic control committee. Latourette is a competent fellow, knowing much more about house procedure than most of his colleagues.

Ed Miller, manager of the Oregon Coast highway association, was at the session yesterday, contacting friends concerning the coast bridges which he is interested in seeing made toll-free. The spear-head for free tolls, however, will come through the Oregon State Motor association which has long been on record against any toll charges on any bridges in the state. Miller's newest project is the sponsoring of a state department of conservation and development. As a member of the governor's brain's trust he has had the favorable consideration of that group for his program. Six separate divisions would be set up in the new grouping; under the fifth division would come "biological" resources which would include all fish and game. Miller's idea is that commercial and sports fish should be handled by one bureau chief with an advisory committee, not an administrative commission, in charge. His program, once introduced into the session, is certain to encounter rough seas.

The anti-county unit forces are rallying at the statehouse. They are not the best-dressed members of the lobby. Rather they are farmers primarily, men who have long taken an active interest in farmers' union work, in grange programs and in community club activities. They feel very strongly on the school matter and almost to a man want no legislation which will take the "little red schoolhouse" from under their control. Their constituents have already been notified that a county unit plan is before the session and once the bill comes up before the house committee for debate, you can expect an attendance of opponents to the bill which will fill any chamber in which the hearing is to be held.

The new governor is working constantly at his job. He is down to his office by 9 o'clock in the morning, stays on through the day and is away at night just before 6 in order to be home for dinner. The first day after inauguration Governor Martin lunched at the first floor counter in the statehouse; of late he has partaken of a salad or a sandwich in his private offices, usually visiting with some of his intimates during the lunch period.

The newness of the lower house crops out daily. To expedite procedure, roll-call on the motion to suspend the rules has customarily been sketchily taken, only the first few names and the last one on the list of 60 members being called. Thursday two members got to their feet to inquire why they were omitted from the check. Not once in a hundred times is the house in opposition to suspending its rules; any member is protected in the fact that he can demand the full roll call any time he desires.

Here and there: The house was careful that the vote on boosting stenographer's pay was not recorded. . . . the 30-and-under club meets in the basement cafeteria for luncheon. . . Mrs. Walter Fisher, the senator's wife and secretary, writes an excellent news column for her home town paper. . . Senator Allan Bynon has been ill for three days and unable to attend. . . . Editor Haight gave God and his Wednesday speech credit for the snow. . . downtown hotels report their rooms practically all taken. . .

Limeric on Adeline Will Yield Ducats

Sweet Adeline strolled with her beau
Till after nine sounded, and so,
Her dad yelled "I'll trounce him,
By golly! And bounce him!"

Okay, you limerickists. Now you can see Irene Dunne in "Sweet Adeline" simply by proving your ability to add a line to the above limerick.

If you can write one of the five best last lines submitted to the Sweet Adeline contest editor of The Statesman before six o'clock tomorrow night, you will be invited to bring an escort and be the guest of this newspaper at the local premiere of Warner Bros.' film version of the great Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein II operetta, which opens at the Elsinore theatre on Sunday.

Yesterday's contest brought out many replies. In fact the judges are finding difficulty in sorting out the winners.

Here's a tip to contestants. The last line must make sense, and it should not only rhyme with the first line, but should contain the same number of syllables.

The final limerick contest will be published tomorrow.

The Call Board . . .

GRAND
Today—May Robson in "Mills of the Gods".
Saturday — "Helldorado" with Richard Arlen.

ELSINORE
Today—George Raft in "Limehouse Blues".

CAPITOL
Today — Zane Grey's "Home on the Range" with Randolph Scott.

STATE
Today Only—All short subject program.
Saturday Only—Zane Grey's 'Wagon Wheels' with Randolph Scott.

HOLLYWOOD
Today—Double bill, Tom Tyler in "Mystery Ranch" and Warner Oland in "Charlie Chan in London."

BURY HATCHET; COOTER UPHELD

Vote of Confidence Given Unanimously in House After Boivin Talk

All was peace and quiet yesterday in the lower house at the capitol—at least on the surface—Representative Harry Boivin beginning the morning session with a brotherly love talk in which he urged his 59 colleagues to forget the differences of the first three day and to join in a program of cooperative work.

Obviously a planned move, Boivin's talk was concluded with a motion for a vote of confidence in Speaker John E. Cooter which the house unanimously gave.

Touched, Cooter replied to the vote of his members by declaring that his actions on committee appointments had all been "sincere" and that mistakes he had made were of the "the head rather than the heart."

Thus for the moment, a rising tide of dissension was checked in the lower assembly—a conflict which cropped out in protest against committee assignments and which held the house in a stalemate the first three days.

After an extremely slow start, the house of representatives was under way with greater speed Thursday afternoon, a total of 28 bills having been introduced when adjournment was taken.

"I am against adjourning the house early this week," Speaker Cooter told the members. "I want to avoid the last-minute rush on important measures." Cooter said he was willing to keep the house busy until Saturday night.

Twelve of the bills which dropped into the house yesterday were introduced by Representatives Belvin and Hosch at the request of the League of Oregon Cities. Several of the measures related to improvements in the method of collecting street liens as well as other tax procedure affecting cities.

One bill, introduced by Representatives Caufield and Hughes authorizes the county courts of the 36 counties in Oregon to adjust delinquent and unpaid taxes.

Representative Erwin's two bills dropped in the hopper—one provides for the non-partisan nomination and election of district attorneys; the other changes the dates for primary elections from the third Friday in May to the first Friday after the first Monday in September.

The house passed its first bill yesterday — an appropriation of $25,000 to apply to the expenses of the current session.

Free Telephone Service Sought

Free telephone service for all members of the house is sought by Representative Haight in a resolution introduced Thursday morning. Haight pointed out that telephone booths on the floor of the house are all for "nickel" payments. He told the assembly he though legislators should telephone on official business and be paid out of house expense.

VESSELS COLLIDE

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The steamer Eureka and the coaster Point San Pedro were in collision about 3 o'clock this afternoon in the estuary here, with considerable damage to the bow of the Eureka.

Senate Proposes Abolition Of House; Bill Doubles Pay Per Day But Limits Amount

The state senate struck out yesterday at its colleague across the dome when it received a bill prepared by Senators Hazlitt and Chinnock calling for abolition of the house of representatives with all legislative authority vested in an assembly composed of 30 members selected from the same districts from which senators now come. The bill, if sent through both houses and passed by the governor, provides for a popular vote on the proposal.

Salaries of members in the single assembly would be $6 daily with a limitation of $360 for the entire session.

Aside from receiving nine new measures which were hurried to committee and receiving back favorable reports on bills heretofore referred, the senate spent a quiet day, adjourning early in the afternoon and facing the prospect that adjournment for the week will be taken late today or by Friday noon.

Senator Spaulding introduced a bill which if made into law would permit tax collectors to accept installment taxpayments at any time and in any amount.

Senator Burke introduced a measure he sponsored in the 1933 session providing that the office of state budget director be abolished and his duties made a portion of the work of the secretary of the state board of control.

Under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator Hazlett fixtures, equipment and supplies of a cooperative association used to supply water to members would be exempt from taxation.

TAXPAYER RELIEF BILL INTRODUCED

A plan whereby delinquent taxpayers could work out their back payments by doing road work, was proposed yesterday to the legislature in a bill introduced by Representative Oleen of Columbia county. Oleen also introduced a measure which would allow additional time in which to pay taxes past due for 1930 and prior years.

In a resolution introduced in the house Thursday, Oleen Called for the issuance of $2,000,000 annually in state highway bonds to match federal funds, the moneys going to reconstruct roads used for commercial lines in the state. Oleen's resolution designates that the moneys received from the bond sales be used on the Pacific highway, the Columbia river highway and The Dalles-California highway.

Senate Confirms Board Selection

The senate Thursday afternoon, with only two dissenting votes, confirmed the appointment of Beatrice Walton Sackett as a member of the state board of higher education. She was appointed by Governor Meier. The motion for confirmation was made by Senator Strayer. Senators Dickenson and Stringer voted against confirmation.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY

The senate revision of laws committee Thursday reported out favorably two bills introduced on the first day of the legislative session. One of these bills, by Hazlett, would permit the admission in evidence of any document of the United States government. The other bill, by Strayer, provides for the appointment of judges protempore in the circuit courts.

STENOGRAPHERS TO BE PAID $5 DAILY

Ignoring the plea of many members for economy, the house voted $5 a day pay to its stenographers yesterday morning on an amendment proposed by Norblad of Clatsop county. The rate is $1 a day more than paid in the regular and special sessions of 1933 and will cost the state $60 additional daily while the legislature is in session.

Committee clerks will be paid $6 a day with extra pay for overtime. Stenographers will work without any extra pay for night services.

A grouping of duties for committee clerks was announced by the house rules committee, 25 clerks being held sufficient to do all the committee jobs in the lower assembly.

County Unit Bill Argument Slated

A public hearing on the administration's county unit school bill was called yesterday for next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock before the house education committee of which Representative Magruder is chairman. The hearing will be in the house of representatives. A crowd is expected as the measure is highly controversial.

PLANNING BILL IS QUESTIONED

Ways and Means Group May Rewrite Some Clauses; "Too Much Power"

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its approval of the bill, the first of the governor's program to be acted upon, and the house adopted the report. The planning commission bill was then sent to the house committee on ways and means since a $40,000 appropriation is called for.

Adoption of the measure is expected before the week closes in the house, since Governor Martin is eager to name the new commission and to put it to work on the relief proplem the state faces.

Snedecor indicated the preliminary planning group Governor Martin named after his election had already paved the way for considerable legislation yet to be introduced by the governor. This legislation will include:

Changes in the state marketing law.

Legislative provisions to tie-in Oregon with AAA.

Forest conservation legislation.

Enabling legislation to tie-in with the federal housing program.

Legislation to coordinate present taxation measures.

WATER IS SHUT OFF

WRANGELL, Alaska, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The town council shut off Wrangell's water supply today when it found but 4 feet of water in the reservoir. Inhabitants had left taps running to prevent pipes freezing during the current cold spell.

Syndicalism Law Hearing Planned

A public hearing on Oregon's syndicalism law, the repeal of which is sought by Senator Peter Zimmerman, was set yesterday for next Wednesday night in the senate chambers. The senate committee on revision of laws will hear the discussion of the proposed repeal. Senator Franciscovich is chairman of the committee.

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