

INITIAL POWER MEASURE FILED

Twelve Million Bond Issue Proposed in Bill Put In House Hopper

A bill which would set up a state power authority, empowered to issue up to \$12,000,000 in bonds for construction of utility lines in the state, dropped into the house hopper yesterday and constituted the first measure introduced in the session, which would put the state definitely into the electrical distribution business.

The bill is patterned closely after the so-called Lewis bill of the 1933 session which passed the house, after the grant bill was cast aside, only to die in the senate.

The measure introduced Friday provides for an initial appropriation of \$10,000. Then the commission is empowered to issue \$50,000 in general obligation bonds for investigation. Later the commission, which would consist of three members, is granted authority to issue up to \$12,000,000 in bonds with which to build transmission lines.

The bill in general scope is patterned after the original state highway commission bill which authorized \$4,000,000 in highway bonds and were authorized and the expenditure of funds was entrusted to a highway commission.

After the initial authorization of \$12,000,000 in bonds was expended, the commission, upon a vote of the people, could issue up to \$40,000,000 in bonds.

The grant is prepared to introduce a similar bill early next week, State Master Ray Gill said yesterday. The grant bill, however, will submit any bond issue to direct vote of the people.

Mickey Mouse Club Notes

M.M.C. Today is the last time you'll be able to clip the coupon out of the Statesman to get your photograph taken free at Kenel-Bills in the Oregon bldg. Please have them taken some time during next week so we can get them on display immediately.

M.M.C. The call for new talent brot in loads of it, but keep on coming—everyone will get a chance—Jimmy "Sunshine" Martin is now in sunny California working in a dramatic school—we're surely missing him—"Scotty," the stooge is in Eugene attending the university—Norman "Blimey" Sumner is "trying" to obtain some of the higher education in Corvallis—Harold "George" Jepson is working (did I say working) in a grocery store right here in Salem—"Boots" Grant is taking it easy—putting forth all his mental effort on music—that ought to answer T. E.'s questions about some of the old "gags"—yes! Marie is still with us although her studying in a local beauty college takes most of her time—Fredde Carmichael and Eldon Foster have their musical talents in authority of the "Rats" orchestra—Clarence Wenger was the first piano player of the club, and well remembers when we had a scanty 300 members—now it totals nearly 4000—Jeanette Arent is under study to Clarence, Curt Williams was the first member of the "gang"—C. H. Talmage is the club's staunchest supporter—Murray Wade, Jr., is the mascot—"Uncle" Chuck Bier is also assistant manager of Warner Bros. Theatres in Salem—initiation at school this week (hence: an writing this sitting on a pillow and an egg in one hand)—the club received more than 400 letters in 1934—SO NOW WHAT.

M.M.C. Look! Valentines—valentines make them yourself and send them in to the Mickey Mouse secretary and you may win one of the many prizes—Contest closes, Feb. 9th.

M.M.C. Reaching a higher pinnacle in "going over with the crowd," the program last Saturday night with great applause. Filling in were Mary Jane Brabes, Margie Borgvik, Leona Burright, Ada Jean Lama, Ted, Ramona, and Edna Ward, Ralph Branch, Ralph Wager, Bob Lorenz, Jack Wallace, Glenna Burright, Mary Jane Kestly, Charlotte Bahle, Fatty Wager, Faye Watson, Dorothy Parsons, Peggy Meyers, Corina Haskins, Dean Arent, Alva Rafferty, and Curt Williams.

M.M.C. Plenty of fun in the office at one—chapter eleven of "Tailspin Tommy"—Ken Maynard in "Fiddling Buckaroo"—and the last bit, "Pursuit of Happiness"—with Charlie Ruggles, and Mary Boland—it rolls in fun.

M.M.C. Make it a Saturday habit—at one.

So Long, Zolite.

DANE DIES POOR LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The estate of the late Carl Dane, once valued in thousands of dollars when he was a star in silent pictures, was formally disposed of today. It was worth \$197.

MAIL PILOT KILLED PITTSBURGH, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A westbound mail plane crashed just after leaving the city-county airport here early today, killing the pilot, Floyd Church, 33, of Newark, N. J.

Too Late to Classify JAN. SALE new and used furniture at Swaps, 414 E. Corn St. Ph. 6414. CASH or trade for used furniture, tools, machinery, etc. Swaps, 414 E. Commercial St. Ph. 6414.



Under the Dome

A DEMOCRAT who comes from the country where only demagogues are born is R. E. Turner of Virginia, more recently of Dallas, Mr. Turner temporarily forsook the school superintendency in his home town last year to seek and win the democratic nomination for congress in this district. The redoubtable "Jim" Motz was much for Mr. Turner in the finals, notwithstanding the latter's espousal of the New Deal and all its works. So Mr. Turner is back at Dallas, cheery, gracious and gentlemanly, as is his custom. Yesterday he visited the session where he feels more at home than in former years when his party kinsmen were not in control.

Seen at the session: Frank Hilton of Portland who was as loquacious as any member of the 1935 house... he was unsuccessful last year in seeking the republican nomination for district attorney in Portland... Manche Langley of Portland, attorney and prominent democrat, who checks over all house bills before introduction to see that they are properly drawn... Horace E. Walter of Corvallis and Portland, who made a hard fight to win election as democratic candidate for secretary of state... he says his real estate and insurance business is good, political-timeouts notwithstanding... Miss Harrison Long, state librarian, busy as usual... Miss Long's department having had more demands for books than in good times... her work in developing reading courses for ambitious adults, temporarily unemployed, has attracted national attention... Genial Dean Walker who knows the legislative procedure and will be very valuable as head of the senate committee on ways and means... Ray Conway, energetic manager of the Oregon State Motor association, under the dome for the first time this session... Conway has been generally praised throughout the state.

Whenever a legislative session comes, expect in due time the appearance of Louise Palmer Weber, a legislator in profession, "legislating" in the third house is her avocation. Let a bill dealing with foods or as in last session, one dealing with drinks, come up in a public hearing and there Mrs. W. E. Miller will be found. She speaks with force and decision. She can be humorous but she also can be cutting, as Tom Sweeney of Portland found out yesterday. In the milk bill hearing he ventured a wisecrack in Mrs. Weber's direction only to be met by a retort which rocked the audience with mirth and embarrassed Mr. Sweeney. Consistently, incidentally, is not Mrs.

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SEeks EXEMPTION FOR SMALL DAIRY

"The one-cow dairy" would be exempt from provisions of the state milk control act, a bill introduced yesterday in the senate by Senator Peter Zimmerman, passes. Twelve new measures were introduced in the upper house during the day, bringing the total of measures before that body to 88.

Senator Wallace introduced two bills which would prohibit nomination of candidates for public office who are members of any political party or group which advocates the overthrow of government by force.

The majority of the new bills called for clarification of existing statutes.

Eating Cake and Keeping It Too, Opposed in Bill

Aimed at officeholders who seek promotion while hanging onto the jobs to which they were elected, a bill introduced yesterday in the house by Representative Erwin of Multnomah county would prohibit any person seeking elective office until he had resigned from the position to which he was elected. Erwin's measure was understood to be an outgrowth of complaints made in Multnomah county last year when Circuit Judge Ekwall sought election to congress while retaining his position on the bench.

A perennial bill—one which prohibits any person from voting on a special tax or the issuance of bonds by any political sub-division unless the voter be a taxpayer, made its appearance in the house yesterday. The measure was sponsored by the lower committee on assessments and taxation.

WAVES OF TAX FROWNED UPON

Jefferson County Plea Held Courting Bad Precedent Some Senators Avert

Waiving of state taxes for the last half of 1934 and for the entire year of 1935 for Jefferson county struck snags yesterday in the senate when the bill introduced by Senator Wallace came up for final passage. Originally reported out favorably by the joint ways and means committee, the bill was sent back after the senate debate, for further committee consideration.

Senator Wallace made an impassioned plea for support of the measure. He declared that the residents of Jefferson county had experienced two crop failures during the past few years and that their tax delinquencies now aggregated more than \$250,000.

Senator Burke opposed the bill on the ground that it would establish a dangerous precedent. He declared that the large corporations were partly responsible for the present plight of the farmers of this state.

Senator Walker said he had receded to show that five counties in Oregon were in a similar tax delinquency percentages than Jefferson.

The bill also was opposed by Senators Hess and Goss.

Goss said the proposed legislation would open the door to other counties and the senate would find itself in hot water.

Oratory also flowed in connection with consideration of a bill by Senator Wheeler giving the state board of higher education authority to accept, acquire and sell real and personal property.

Senator Wheeler declared that this measure was introduced at the request of the board of higher education and applied only to properties in possession of the higher educational institutions.

Burke branded this bill as vicious and declared that it would allow the board of higher education to engage in the real estate business.

The senate passed a bill by Senator Haskins which exempted from taxation all improvements owned by mutual or cooperative associations and used exclusively to supply water to its members without profit.

Corbett Urges Senate to Act

The upper house in the legislature is progressing as rapidly as customary in a session, Harry Corbett, senate president, announced yesterday after that organization adjourned. In order to conclude its deliberations on time, however, the senate must function more rapidly through its committee work, Corbett indicated. He said there had been a dearth of major legislation introduced thus far. Corbett said he would urge committees to get bills out next week for third reading.

Election Change Hearing Planned

Set as a special order of house business for 2:30 p. m. Monday is House Bill 7 which provides for changing the date of primary elections from May to the first Friday after the first Monday in September. The bill is being opposed by groups which favor independent candidacies, it being contended that the late primary would work against men who sought office outside the party folds.

Measure Passed Over Meier Veto

The house yesterday passed without opposition Senate Bill 74 from the 1933 session, a measure vetoed by Governor Julius L. Meier. The measure provides for registering transfers of corporate stock and for issuance of new certificates in case of loss of original stock certificates. The measure passed the house earlier in the week without opposition.

GET GAS TALK An illustrated lecture showing how gasoline is made and why it is made this way was presented to the Salem Ad club yesterday noon by W. S. Lee, in the sales promotion department of Standard Oil at Portland.

Teachers' Tenure Measure Draws General Fire; Will Have Substitute Says West

Introduction of a substitute bill for the teachers' tenure measure now before the house, is scheduled for next week, Oswald West told citizens who attended a hearing on the measure last night at the statehouse. The bill, introduced by Representative Wallace at the suggestion of West, has evoked so much comment and criticism, West said he had already received 50 suggested amendments.

The viewpoint stressed at last night's hearing was one of the welfare of the child in the school, which representatives of a number of Portland women's organizations said should be paramount to the viewpoint of any school board or teacher.

In the proposed law, for which a substitute will be introduced, provision is made for a hearing before a commission board before a teacher is removed. The existing tenure law provides that a teacher may be released and then demand a hearing.

Most of the speakers indicated that they preferred school board hearings with a further provision that children be prohibited from giving testimony unless they were directly connected with the case.

Complaints against teachers, under the new bill, would be filed with the school board by the superintendent.

Several teachers said they desired to withhold comment upon the amendment until the new bill mentioned by Mr. West was introduced.

Louise Palmer Weber declared that it was a pity that the school teachers did not have more courage.

She added that too much responsibility was placed on the teachers and too little on the parents.

Other speakers at last night's hearing were Ben Osborne, executive secretary of the state federation of labor, and Arthur Churchill of Portland.

MAROONED FLOOD VICTIMS REACHED

Levees broke below here bringing succor to a 20-mile area, including Tulelake which has been in the grip of the rampaging flood waters since Monday night.

The Red Cross estimated the number of persons forced to evacuate their homes at 18,000. Officials declined to fix a death figure, but many believed it would exceed the 25 known deaths.

F. H. Anderson, Illinois Central trainmaster who has surveyed the entire area, said tonight that "it is impossible to hazard a guess as to the number of lives lost throughout the area."

Anderson described the situation as "much worse than the devastating floods of 1927 and 1932."

HOOD Will Begin Routine Work of New Job Monday

D. O. Hood, newly named state budget director, will start regular work here Monday, he announced late yesterday at the capital. "I have been so busy this week getting lined up here I haven't as yet been assigned an office," Hood commented.

He reaffirmed a previously announced policy of standing for an extremely economical state budget for 1935-1936. He said such a budget would be necessary in order to meet Governor Martin's program of levying no new taxes on Oregon citizens.

THE CALL Board...

GRAND Today—Will Rogers in "The County Chairman." ELINORE Today—"Pursuit of Happiness" with Charles Ruggles and Mary Boland. CAPITOL Today—Double bill, Ramon Novarro in "The Night is Young," and "The Notorious Gentleman" with Charles Bickford. STATE Today—"Ridin' Gents," a western, and "The Line-Up" with William Gargan. HOLLYWOOD Today—"Wheels of Destiny" with Ken Maynard and "Whom the Gods Destroy" with Walter Connolly.

PLANNING BILL PASSES HOUSE

Only Five "No" Votes But Angell Causes Stir by Seeking Changes

(Continued from page 1) burg sided with Angell, saying the bill should be referred to committee so provision for arbitrary removal of board's trust members by the governor could be included in the bill.

Motion to Refer Is Accorded 14 Votes Angell won 14 votes for his motion to refer, but the democratic majority and eight republicans who joined with them were intent on pushing the bill through final passage.

Only Representative Bull, Jones, Knight, Staples and Thomas voted against the measure on the final vote. Three representatives were absent.

The planning bill provides for a \$50,000 appropriation. In addition all assets of the present reconstruction advisory board for the state are to be turned over to the new board. These assets amount to \$5000 in cash and \$10,000 in notes from the City of Portland.

Aside from receiving a flock of new bills and conducting routine committee hearings, the house made little progress yesterday on its list of bills introduced the first ten days of the session.

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YOUTH'S EXTORTION ATTEMPT FIZZLES

(Continued from page 1) delivered; otherwise the anonymous writer threatened that the theatre would go "boom." Krebs formerly attended Salem high school. He said last night that he was "framed" and had to quit school when he was a junior. In recent weeks he has been working for his father who lives in West Salem.

Police said young Krebs had no charges heretofore filed against him. They said cases where he had passed checks without sufficient funds had been reported to them but the checks had been made good with no charges filed, they stated.

Krebs signed an extended confession shortly before midnight. He pleaded with officers not to disclose his name. He said no one whatsoever knew of his plan because he "didn't trust anyone."

He said he had determined on the Grand theatre by chance, knowing the proprietors only casually.

The note delivered to the Schmidt home was received by Mrs. Schmidt and her son, Loring, who is assistant manager of the Grand theatre, during the absence of Mr. Schmidt, sr. Frightened by the threats of damage to the theatre in the note, Mrs. Schmidt did not turn the message over to her husband until Thursday morning. He promptly communicated with police.

They set up a careful surveillance over the theatre property, meanwhile making telephone connections to spot the taxi when it came Friday night. Hewitt, the taxi driver, said he was not notified to call at the theatre until a few minutes before he came up. Not until police closed in on the new bill and conducting routine committee hearings, the house made little progress yesterday on its list of bills introduced the first ten days of the session.

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UNIDENTIFIED MAN INJURED; MAY DIE

An elderly unidentified man, early this morning was given little chance of recovery at a local hospital, following an accident at 11 p. m. Friday on the Pacific highway at Hubbard when he was struck by a car driven by William M. McDowell, 3146 35th street, Salem.

State police were unable to identify the victim of the accident last night from any papers found upon him. They reported that the man, between 70 and 75 years old, was crossing the highway waiting for a garage at Hubbard. He was walking with a cane.

McDowell was driving north on the highway in a sedan car.

ELGINORE LAST DAY

MICKEY MOUSE TODAY AT 1 P. M. Ken Maynard in "Fiddlin' Buckaroo" Serial—"Tailspin Tommy" with Charles Bickford.

Bundling—"THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" FRANCIS LEIDERER JOAN BENNETT

Starts Sunday - Midnite Show Tonite WITH EVERY BREATH I TAKE LOVE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER IT'S JUNE IN JANUARY

A rollicking comedy-romance set to music that does things to you

Here is my Heart with the singing sweethearts of "She Loves Me Not"

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STATE THEATRE TODAY ONLY! DOUBLE BILL "THE LINE-UP" with WM. GARGAN MARION NIXON "RIDIN' GENTS" with Bud and Ben—the Cowboy Comedians

Sunday - Monday PREVIEW TONIGHT—11:15

BELLE OF THE NINETIES Take in the Big Midnight Show Tonight—11:15 p.m.—10c The Golden West is Doing Em Wrong in Dixie!

WILL ROGERS in THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN with EVELYN VENABLE LOUISE DRESSER MICKEY ROONEY BERTON CHURCHILL

Buster KEATON in "Palooka From Pafnuch" CARTOON "Sons of Bitch" Kews

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