Angell, Erwin Clash in House Over Supporting Martin

OBSTRUCTION PROTEST ROILS

Erwin Speaks "Damn Lies," Charges Angell; Speaker Silences Feud

Open warfare broke out on the floor of the house here this afternoon between Representative Angell, republican, and Representative Erwin, democrat, both from Multnomah county, when Angell, rising to a point of personal privilege, characterized statements of Erwin about Angell as a "damn lie."

"I resent this aspersion on my record," declared Angell, reading from a newspaper report in which Erwin declared Angell was obstructing Governor Martin's program as the only republican elected from Multnomah county.

Angell White-Faced

White-faced, Angell proceeded to tell the house that he was not a "conscientious objector to every policy of the governor," but had "approached the legislative job before him on its merits, treating each measure without political prejudice."

"I resent the member from Multnomah directing his remarks about me to another member," declared Angell. "I object to his stating that 'you expected him to object to any constructive proposals.'

"He knows that it is not true when he speaks of me as a conscientious objector and says I will go down in the history of this session as being an obstructionist.

"By his remarks Representative Erwin is constantly seeking to cast reflections on me. I demand, Madame Speaker, that he desist."

Personal Privilege Asked

Erwin, flushed and angry, jumped to his feet to demand the floor on personal privilege.

"This man knows he has only one arm or he wouldn't dare call me a liar," cried Erwin. "I'm willing to leave it to my colleagues if the tactics of this man from Multnomah county have not been destructive.

"His suggestions are always destructive," Erwin added. "He opposes measures which this session should enact because of his political antagonism to the present administration."

H. Martin in Chair

Angell, who sits only one desk from Erwin, demanded that the sergeants-at-arms move Erwin from the floor of the house. Two sergeants-at-arms promptly moved to the desks of the two members, as Representative Hannah Martin, occupying the speakers' chair for the moment, rapped for order.

Representative Dickson, seeking to relieve the tension of the house which had looked on aghast as the feud between the two representatives flared into the bitter exchanges, jumped up to move the previous question. Representative Martin put the motion, refusing to recognize either Erwin or Angell further on the question of personal privilege.

"Politics" Charge Hurled

Earlier in the afternoon, Angell had attacked the September primary law sponsored by Erwin and had accused the latter of "playing politics" throughout the session. In Erwin's rebuttal he scored Angell as an "objector" to every constructive measure proposed by the governor.

The word battle between the two representatives arose a few moments later when Angell proposed a minor amendment on the floor to a fish bill. In and aside to Representative Wallace, Erwin referred again to Angell's "obstructionist" tactics which brought Angell to his feet with his point of personal privilege.

Extending State AAA for 2 Years Okehed by Senate

The senate yesterday afternoon approved a bill by the agricultural committee extending for a period of two years the present state agricultural adjustment act relating to the enforcement of marketing agreements and codes.

Senator McCornack said this bill was desired by virtually all of the agricultural interests and had received the indorsement of the federal government. He said the new measure would strengthen the present agricultural adjustment act.

Under the new bill the codes and marketing agreements would be enforced by the state rather than the federal courts.

DENY COURT POWERS

The senate yesterday afternoon defeated a house bill by Representative Alber giving the supreme court power to prescribe by general rules the procedure in all courts in the state of Oregon. Senator Strayer attacked the bill on the ground that it would establish a dangerous precedent and give the supreme court autocratic powers.

Record For Pigdom

MARKET DRAYTON, England —(AP)—A litter of 25, believed to be a new world's record in pigdom, was farrowed here.

Bits: All through the night the work of cleaning the disorderly senate and house chambers proceeds and any janitor can tell you about the rush of legislative work by observing the papers, cigar butts, which accumulate. . floors in each of the chambers need recovering as the battleship linoleum, in the senate particularly, is so worn down, it first must be gone over with a brush and later cleaned with a broom. . . Lowell Paget of Portland is to play the role of speaker in the third house session next Monday. . . Paget is a good sport despite his disappointment in not only losing the speakership which he sought so ardently last summer, but also losing the seat in the house from Multnomah county. . . Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chapman are expert bridge players as well as accurate reporters and commentators on legislative activity. . . . . **third house watchers came rushing to the house yesterday when word of the Angell-Erwin fracas got noised about. . .** the fight was the hottest of any this session and the two men would probably have been at each other physically if sergeants-at-arms had not intervened. . . Senator Hazlett is a student of legislative procedure and refers in committee to his readings. . . Mrs. Lee is never flustered, at least outwardly. . . a speaker of the house may eject a member for improper procedure or if he wishes he may fine or imprison the member. . . the sergeant-at-arms is the enforcer of the speaker's decrees. . . Mrs. Martin wore a red dress yesterday which may have had something to do with the controversy between the gentlemen from Multnomah county. . . Judge Graham from Malheur ran for the republican nomination in the second district last spring but Senator Upton readily defeated him. . . . Graham, here for the judges' meeting, is a great reader of books. . . . B. F. Irvine, staunch Martin man, left the editorial precincts long enough Wednesday to have an extended conference here with the governor. . . Mr. Irvine is taking the lead in seeking a $60,000 appropriation for a fireproof building for the blind school here. . . committees in both houses are down to serious work these days and the reports are flowing out. . . a considerable number call for indefinite postponement of the bills. . . . Elmer Goudy has headed the state relief organization as executive secretary since Raymond Wilcox resigned. . . Wilcox would not tolerate the political thrusts made at his administration by democratic malcontents. . . the mortgage loan men in Portland are keeping the lobbies patroled by opponents of legislation savoring of a moratorium. . . nearest bills to such legislation are several enactments calling for upset prices when mortgages are foreclosed. . . . . **1400 verified signers to petitions for Representative Merriam's recall in Lane county have been filed with the secretary of state here. . . .** 2900 voters must sign such petitions before the recall can be invoked. . . no one expects the tobacco tax to carry either house. . . similar proposals have been up each session for the past ten years. . . . some of the tax proponents claim their only interest is revenue: others want the bill as a check on the rapid growth of cigarette's use in the nation. . . the lobby is laughing a bit over General Martin's blanket request for $20,000 for investigations in the next biennium. . . democratic members of the ways and means committee four years ago yelped when Governor Meier asked the same amount. . . a considerable amount of such funds in the past have gone for special attorneys. . . Harry Gross, smart Portland attorney, made his first appearance at the session yesterday, coming with a group of unemployed men to appear before the house unemployment committee to advocate the immediate enactment of a social insurance program in the state.

PRIMARY VOTE DAY CHANGE IS PASSED

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gell of Multnomah county who declared the September primary proposal was made by "men with the money bags". "If the law is changed it will produce a 'short, snappy' campaign where the men with money will put things over," Angell declared.

"A hasty campaign is bad business," Angell said. "It doesn't give people a chance to determine whom they will elect."

Angell took violent issue with Erwin in the former's alleged statement that he was playing politics. "I'm not sitting here playing politics," cried Angell. "Erwin says he is; that's true; that's all he is doing."

Would Not Be Time For Pamphlet—Jones

Representative Jones of Marion county said he didn't think sufficient time for preparation of the voters' pamphlet was provided for in the time between the proposed new primary and the date of final election.

Representative Smurthwaite of Baker county said the people in his district were opposed to the change in the primary date because insufficient time was left for a man to make a campaign. "My people cannot have an airplane for their campaign; nor are the highways sufficiently good to permit a candidate to cover all the territory in two months," Smurthwaite averred.

Rejection by Voters Held Imminent

Representative Harrison of Linn county predicted defeat for the primary date change when the measure comes before the people.

Irked by Angell's remarks, Representative Erwin swoped down on his Multnomah county colleague in his closing argument.

"Angell will go down in the history of this session as the most consistent objector to every proposal of any man here," Erwin declared. "I expected this attitude from Angell and he hasn't disappointed me."

Erwin said the only opposition to the shorter time between the primary and the general election came from men like Ray Gill and Morton Tompkins who "set themselves up as the two men who voice the majority of the people in the state. Both these men were overwhelmingly defeated in their respective districts when they ran last year," Erwin observed.

"Two-thirds of the states in the nation hold their primaries in the fall," Erwin said in summary. "Governor Martin is for this measure. Candidates will not have to spend as much money. The bill is as fair for one candidate as for another.

Senate Adds to Stack of Bills, 300 by Friday

New bills continued to drop inot the senate hopper yesterday with indications that the 300 mark would be reached not later than tomorrow night.

Among the important bills introduced yesterday was one by Carney which would authorize semi-monthly pay days for the state of Oregon, its various departments, and all political subdivisions. Public officials and employes are now paid on a monthly basis.

Carney declared that similar legislation had been enacted in many other states.

Another bill, by Senator Dunn, would close the Rogue river and its tributaries to commercial fishing.

BANK MEMORIAL VOTED

The senate yesterday afternoon approved a joint memorial by Goss petitioning congress to enact legislation making it incumbent upon national branch banks to publish statements showing their assets, liabilities and other financial information. A law was enacted at the 1933 legislative session providing that state banks should publish these statements.

HOUSE AGAINST GASOLINE BILL

Separation of Wholesale and Retail Sales Quashed by 36-23 Vote

Legal outlawing of all price-fixing agreements in the sale of oil and gasoline and prohibition of any wholesale dealers engaging in retail sale of gasoline was voted down yesterday by the house of representatives after a prolonged debate. On final passage, House Bill 59, aimed at the alleged oil "monopoly," received 23 aye votes, 36 nay votes, with one member absent.

Representatives voting aye on the bill were: Alber, Angell, Barnes, Bull, Eckersley, Fatlanw, Frazer, Hosch, Hyde Johnson of Josephine, Kirkpatrick, Leach, Lynch, Martin, Munyan, Nelson, Norton, Oleen, Rankin, Ross, Scott, Smurthwaite.

Representative Homer Angell made a vigorous fight for the passage of the act. "Wholesale dealers in gasoline have an absolute monopoly in Oregon," Angell declared. "In Chicago motorists are paying as low as eight to nine cents for gasoline. Here on the west coast near the source of supply prices are more than double that sum."

"Every little man is paying tribute to the oil baron," Angell added. "Why should we sit supinely by and let the oil men make pensioners of this state?"

Price Fixing Unfair

Angell charged the Pacific coast agency agreement was unfair, that it constituted a monopoly, and that it allowed gas prices to be set far above production cost. He argued the state had the supreme power to regulate who could sell gasoline. Decision of the United States supreme court forbidding meat packers to act as retailers was cited by Angell as authority for the division of retail and wholesale selling proposed in House Bill 59.

Earl Hill said the proposal was just another measure to interfere with business. He said coast prices on gasoline were set by an NRA code with which Oregon was powerless to interfere.

Representative Fatland contended the oil business was the worst managed industry in the state and that "everyone knows a monopoly exists in gasoline sales."

"I don't like the oil companies. They are a monopoly. But I don't just want to stick 'em with a pin; I hope before I die to get at 'em by the roots," contended Representative Haight.

Chaos Foreseen

Representative Graham said that elimination of some regulation in the oil industry would result in chaos; that the independent dealer would be wiped out without some code existing to protect him.

Representative Oleen counselled a vote for the bill as a protest against the coalition of the oil retailers.

In closing the debate, Representative Ross averred that the state had sent out $7,000,000 more the last year than was necessary because of the combination in restraint of trade existing among the oil concerns. "These great corporations are giant octopuses taking the life blood of the state," Ross declared.

3 Years' Normal For Teachers is Approved, House

Teachers would be required to have a minimum of three years' normal school training before being permitted to instruct in Oregon's school system under the provisions of House Bill 274 which passed the lower assembly yesterday afternoon. The measure does not become fully operative until 1941. Representative Thomas of Polk county, speaking for the bill, said California now required four years' normal school training while Washington required three years' training. Oregon with only two years required, is one of the lowest states in requirements in the union. Thomas said he was favorable to increasing teachers' requirements to a place persons would not use teaching jobs as a stepping stone to other work.

COCKTAIL BILL DUE IN HOUSE

Committee's Report Divided 5 to 4 Against; Amend to Affect Portland

House Bill 296 — the so-called cocktail bill — is scheduled to come out of committee in the house this morning on a divided report.

Four of the committee members Wednesday afternoon signed a minority report that the bill pass as amended. Five committee members signed the majority report that the bill do not pass.

Under amendments proposed by Representative Latourette, sponsor of the "cocktail legislation," the liquor commission would only be empowered to permit agents to sell liquor by the glass in cities of 100,000 or more population. In counties of less than 100,000 population, on recommendation of the county court, the liquor commission could permit selling or liquor by the glass if it saw fit. License charges would be left with the commission with $250 prescribed as a minimum and $1000 as a maximum each year.

Gouley, Fuhrer, Oppose

Signers of the minority report of the house committee on alcoholic control include Latourette, Erwin, Caufield and Frazer. On the majority report for the killing of the "cocktail" bill, signers are Honeyman, Fatland, Fuhrer, Gouley and Chairman Earl Hill.

Decision of the committee to report the bill out was reached here Wednesday afternoon after a public hearing had been held several days ago on the "cocktail" measure. The house and senate committees are yet weighing the proposed amendments to the Knox act made by the old and the new state liquor commissions. These amendments, embraced in a bill introduced by Representative Honeyman, will be reported out before this week ends.

COMPULSORY FEE AT UNIVERSITY VOTED

Collection of a fee of $5 per term from all students attending Oregon's higher educational institutions would be compulsory under the provisions of a bill which received approval of the senate yesterday.

The measure was introduced by Senator Wheeler of Lane county and previously had received indorsement of the state board of higher education and the student body organization. "This bill only legalizes which has been done in the past," Wheeler explained.

Wheeler declared that all funds derived from this fee were used for student body activities.

The measure was opposed by Senator Zimmerman on the ground that many students now attending the higher educational institutions were without funds and could not afford to pay the additional obligation.

Senator Walker replied that the students and not the board of higher education had requested collection of the fee.

"If this levy is left optional the state of Oregon will be called upon to shoulder a lot of this student body expense," Walker continued. "We should pass this bill and give the students what they want."

Senator McKay charged that Richard Neuberger was responsible for the opposition that had developed against the measure. He referred to Neubergr as an upstart and theorist.

The charge also was made that Neuberger had sent a letter to Senator Wheeler in which he dared the Lane county senator to support the bill.

"This merely is a move by Neuberger and his friends to retard the work of this legislature," Wheeler declared.

"If Neuberger can injure me by publicity I serve notice here and now that I will be a candidate for governor at the next election."

The Call Board . . .

GRAND
Today — "Broadway Bill" with Warner Baxter.

ELSINORE
Today — "Society Doctor" with Chester Morris.
Friday—Myrna Loy in "Wings in the Dark" and color cartoon, "Discontented Canaries".

CAPITOL
Today — Zane Grey's "West of Pecos" with Richard Dix.

HOLLYWOOD
Today — Spencer Tracy in "Marie Galante".
Friday—Double bill, Bruce Cabot in "Men of the Night" and James Dunn in "365 Nights in Hollywood".

STATE
Today — Shirley Temple in "Now and Forever".
Saturday only—"The Night Alarm" with Bruce Cabot.

SMALL AND LARGE TRUCK MEN CLASH

Disturbance at Hearing Last Night Minor Compared to Clashes of 1933

Truck regulation which caused political convulsions in the state in 1933, produced only minor disturbances last night at the statehouse when house bills 55 and 309 were considered at a joint hearing of committees on roads and highways. There were some sharp clashes between the large common carriers and the small for hire carriers, the former backing H. B. 55 and the latter urging H. B. 309. The former is drafted to amend the existing law, but lowers millage taxes on truckers, and makes numerous modifications of present laws. H. B. 309 continues the millage basis on common carriers but all other carriers who are embraced under the designation "independent" carriers would pay a flat fee at the rate of 40 cents per hundred weight combined load.

Speakers supporting bill 55 were Ralph Staehli, attorney for Allied Truck Owners' association; Harry Cowgill, Dave Wilson and Mrs. Joyce Willys. Fred Williams of Salem, attorney for the small operators and Earl Chappel of Salem opposed the bill as being discriminatory on the for hire carriers. Williams branded it as vicious class legislation.

Speaking for bill 309 Tom Wood of Salem related the hardships of contract carriers, said the present law was not being enforced, and urged a change to simplify requirements.

Paul Ferrens, Portland attorney, asserted that No. 309 would destroy the common carrier, and produce unregulated competition. This he said would give an advantage to the big shippers who could force down rates; while the occasional or small shipper would have to pay higher rates.

V. S. French of Roseburg praised the present law, chapter 429, laws of 1933 as the best law and fairest ever put on the statute boks governing motor transportation.

Other individuals appeared speaking for special classes of operators: Log truckers and dump operators.

2 Couples Seek License to Wed

Two couples sought marriage licenses here yesterday.

C. E. Timme, carder, 2625 Maple avenue, obtained permission to wed Isabelle Oberby, linen mill worker, same address.

Clarence R. Badger, 22, farmer on route one, Dayton, applied to wed Winnifred Louis Davies, 19, housekeeper, Dayton.

STATE MONEY ASKED, JUDGES

Group Talks Luxury Tax; Sales Tax and Higher Property Levy Out

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"There is no question but that real property taxes are burdensome," agreed Judge Fred Fish of Lane county. "It is impossible for the state or county to raise this tax. But in Eugene I see the wrestling matches crowded every week and in football season the stadium is thronged. A very small tax would carry the old-age pension. Anybody who doesn't want to pay it can stay home."

Frank Shull, commissioner of Multnomah county said that in most states the state and not the county has to carry these loads.

"I think a tax on each radio set sold would be a good idea," offered Judge David Graham.

"I know someone would bring up that sales tax before we got through," chuckled the governor.

Judge Day Says Pensions Burden to Counties

"The counties should be relieved of the old age pensions," declared Judge Carl Day of Jackson county. "As it is the law is a farce. When their people come to us for money we don't give it to them as a pension but as a dole."

Resolutions of Judges Ask State Aid

At their meeting in the Marion county courthouse here Wednesday morning the judges and commissioners unanimously adopted resolutions urging the governor and the legislature to come to the aid of counties in their care of old-age pensioners and in providing for unemployable persons.

Estes Snedecor, legal adviser to the governor, commented on the counties' request for return of a portion of the state liquor revenue. He called attention to the fact that in addition to the unemployable there were the unemployed to consider.

D. O. Hood, state budget director, painted the serious problem that confronts the state. He read a report which shows that the estimated revenue of the state for the next biennium is $13,297,000 and the budget and excess appropriations $9,000,000. This would seem to leave a surplus of $4,000,000, but this quickly fades out when it is considered that the government alone expects the state to put up $6,000,000 for relief in the next 18 months.

E. R. Goudy, state relief administrator, said it was impossible to tell how to proceed until the federal government sets up its program. Work relief will cost double the amount of direct relief, he said. He expects to ask the federal government for $1,000,000 for March.

NEW BUILDINGS ARE ASKED FROM STATE

Appropriations and federal loans aggregating $808,000 were requested by groups of Oregon citizens before the joint ways and means committee last night.

The largest of these projects involved $600,000 for the establishment of a so-called reformatory for first criminal offenders. This bill was introduced by Representative Barnes.

Another bill by Representative Barnes urged an appropriation of $121,000 for the remodeling of the dining room and hospital at the state prison. Henry Meyers, ex-superintendent of the penitentiary, said he thought this work could be done for $50,000.

Oregon women's clubs, through their officials, urged an appropriation of $11,000 with which to preserve the McLoughlin memorial home at Oregon City. It was argued that this small appropriation would be used to repair the home, while the cost of maintenance and furnishings would be borne by various state-wide organizations.

Appeals also were made for an appropriation of $60,000 for the construction of a girls' dormitory at the state school for the blind. The argument was advanced that the the present building in which the girls were housed was a firetrap, and that the new structure was badly needed.

Principal addresses favoring this appropriation were made by B. F. Irvine, editor, and Wallace Bonesteele, director of the Salem chamber of commerce.

Dean Dillehunt of the Oregon Medical school sought an appropriation of $22,385 for the maintenance of a psychiatric clinic. He said the establishment of this clinic would relieve the state hospitals for the insane and at the same time aid many adults and children in making their way in the world.

Pilots Want No Changes Made in Airplane Statute

Aeronautical legislation in Oregon at the present time is adequate to meet all demands and there is no need for any changes in the existing laws, a group of Portland pilots told members of the house aeronautics committee Wednesday.

The pilots arrived in Salem in nine airplanes which landed at the local airport shortly before noon. "We will be satisfied to operate for the next two years under the present laws," they said.

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