

Propose Commission to Represent State in Valley Project

Senator McKay Asks \$25,000

Group Would Be Liaison Commission in Dealing With all Parties

Establishment of a "Willamette River Basin commission" of three members to cooperate with the federal government in matters pertaining to the Willamette valley project, is proposed in a bill introduced Monday afternoon by Senator Douglas McKay of Marion county. It carries an appropriation of \$25,000.

The commission, to be appointed by the governor, would be authorized to represent the state in all dealings with the federal government, municipal agencies, public and private corporations. It would also be authorized to acquire and convey to the federal government rights-of-way, easement and other property rights.

Bill Protects Pilot Board
Members of the state board of pilot commissioners could be removed only for incompetency or neglect of duty under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senators Isaac E. Staples and F. M. Francisovich.

Provision also is made in the bill that one of the three pilot commissioners shall come from each of the congressional districts. Not less than six nor more than eight pilots would be assigned to the Columbia River pilotage grounds.

A pilot seeking his first license would have to be under the age of 50 years.

Francisovich explained that the proposed amendments would restore the pilot board law to its form prior to the Julius L. Meier administration.

Under the present law members of the board of pilot commissioners serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Traffic Measures Asked
Automobiles and other similar conveyances would be required to stop at least 10 feet behind any streetcar, bus or other vehicle which has halted to allow passengers to alight, under a bill introduced by Senator L. W. Wiperman of Josephine.

The bill also provides that all motor vehicle operators shall dim their headlights at night.

Provisions of Wiperman's bill are in line with recommendations made recently by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Other traffic safety bills are to be introduced later in the session, senators announced.

Pension Memorial Change Is Asked

A resolution requesting congress to call a constitutional convention to consider an amendment to the constitution embodying the Townsend plan was introduced to supersede the Townsend memorial previously adopted by both houses.

Rep. Vernon Bull (D-LaGrande) one of the sponsors, said the adopted memorial was "the weakest possible document" and that resolutions from 22 states would make calling of a constitutional convention mandatory on congress.

He said backers of the initiative measure to memorialize congress approved at the November election disapproved the memorial adopted by the legislature.

Salary Increase Subject of Bill

The first salary increase bill of the current legislative session made its appearance in the senate Monday. It was introduced by Sen. Robert Duncan and Rep. E. W. Kimberling.

The bill would increase the compensation of the Harney county judge from \$1200 to \$2400 a year, the treasurer from \$1200 to \$1500 and the sheriff to \$2400 and traveling expenses. County commissioners would receive \$5 a day while employed in an official capacity.

Provision also was made under which the clerk, sheriff and assessor could employ a deputy at a salary not to exceed \$1200 a year.

Japanese Journal Blasts US Moves

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arms, then Japan must be ready to smash the American fleet.

"This is not the view of the army and navy but the determination of the Japanese people," Kōkumū Shimbun asserted.

The newspaper said that since Japan had abrogated the Washington naval treaty pledging respect for territorial integrity of China and maintenance of the open door for trade she was unable to protect fortification of Guam but "realized such fortification would menace Japan's mandated islands and naturally the Japanese are gravely concerned."

Dance Halls Eyed For Conformances

Sheriff A. C. Burk will report to the county court in the near future on an inspection made of dance halls throughout the county Saturday night to ascertain whether or not the court's new regulations were being observed. Chief Deputy Kenneth Randall announced yesterday.

"Most of the halls were found to be operating all right," Randall said.

Unexpected Riches in Their Back Yards



THE DAYS OF THE COAL RUSH on above site of Pittsburgh Housing Authority's first slum-clearing project was brief but highly satisfactory to the nearby residents. They grabbed shovels, bags, baskets, and dug some free winter coal. The housing authorities called the coal part of the famous "Pittsburgh vein," hadn't expected the outcropping on their land.

House Bills

INTRODUCED MONDAY

HB 10, by Turner—Eliminates from water rights certificates capture of water right at the end of 50 years.

HB 11, by Kimberling—Eliminates hospitals, infirmaries and expenditures for public health from the operation of the 5 per cent bond limitation.

HB 12, by Semon and Sen. Balentine—Amends Section 20-7107, Oregon Code, relates to stock running at large in Klamath county.

HB 13, by Hilton, et al—Amends Section 6-915, Oregon Code, provides that divorce decree carrying into effect agreement between parties as to alimony, can not be changed unless both parties agree.

HB 14, by Semon and Sen. Balentine—Makes it unlawful to permit livestock to run at large in portions of Klamath county.

HB 15, by Kimberling—Increases salaries of county officers of Grant county.

HB 16, by Fisher—Amends Section 56-2783, relates to organization of water districts.

HB 17, by Staples—Provides for levy of emergency assessment in union high school districts.

HB 18, by Semon and Sen. Balentine—Provides salary for employees and payment of claims for all livestock and poultry killed or injured by dogs.

HB 19, by Staples—Removes 3 per cent limitation from the amount at which the credit of the state or its agencies may be loaned.

HB 20, by Herman—Requires refund to school districts of motor vehicle fuel tax collected by the state from such districts.

HB 21, by Hempstead, Brady, Hilton and Sen. Kenin—Relates to election boards and their personnel in Multnomah county only; appears designed to eliminate supervisor of elections and to stabilize the tenure of election boards.

HB 22, by Farrell—Amending section 1-405, Oregon code, 1930, and section 1-406, Oregon code, 1935 supplement, relating to affidavit of prejudice.

HB 23, by French—Relating to salaries of county officers in Sherman county.

HB 24, by Hilton et al—Amending Sec. 51-1402 Oregon code, 1935 supplement, relating to landlords liens.

HB 25, by Farrell, et al—Amending Section 69-1420 and 69-1421, Oregon code, relating to intangibles income tax.

Game Committee's Okeh Given Bill

The senate game committee Monday reported favorably on a bill by Senator Lew Wallace, Multnomah county, requiring a permit from the state game commission to ship or transport game birds, non-game birds, fur-bearing animals and game fish.

This bill was said to have received the approval of the state game commission.

\$109,000 Is Seen For Fair Display

San Francisco Exhibition Commission Asking for \$37,000, Legislature

Oregon's exhibit at the San Francisco world's fair, slated to open in February, will represent an expenditure of at least \$109,000, provided the legislature approves the recommendation of a sub-committee of the joint ways and means committee.

The ways and means subcommittee and officials of the world's fair commission held a joint session Monday afternoon.

The commission had requested an appropriation of \$54,160 from the current legislature but this was reduced to \$37,000, or approximately \$109,000 less than recommended by ex-Governor Charles H. Martin in his 1939-40 state budget.

Other Money Certain
An additional \$20,000 appropriated by the 1937 legislature for the New York and San Francisco world's fairs also would be available to the commission.

Other funds assured in arranging the Oregon exhibit include \$15,000 appropriated by the state emergency board, \$1500 from the state cosmetic board, \$5000 from the state fish and game commission, \$700 from the Tillamook cheese industry and \$20,000 from the state highway commission.

The highway commission will direct the expenditures of its funds. It was reported that an additional \$20,000 may be appropriated by the highway department later which would make a total of \$40,000 from that source.

Parole Committee Bills Looked for

A number of bills sponsored by ex-Governor Charles H. Martin's special committee on paroles and probation, will be dumped into the legislative hopper today.

The most important of these bills would take the power of parole away from the governor and place it in the hands of a combined parole and probation commission. The three members of the commission would be appointed by the governor.

Another bill would give the commission authority to establish minimum sentences.

Provision is made in a third bill for the establishment of parolees' work camps which would be operated under state supervision.

KOAC Rehearing Appeal Under ICC Advisement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—(AP)—The communications commission took under advisement today an appeal by the Oregon State college radio station KOAC for a rehearing on its petition urging rejection of an application by station KOY, Phoenix, Ariz., for an increase in power.

Senate Bills

INTRODUCED MONDAY

SB 41, by Wallace—Amendment relating to night hunting and fishing.

SB 42, by Wallace—Relating to game rangers' regulations, providing that game rangers shall obtain permit, and costs and fines thereof.

SB 43, by Wallace—Amending elk hunting provisions.

SB 44, by Wallace—Fixing season on silver gray squirrels from September 1 to October 20 in Clackamas, Marion, Yamhill, Washington, Benton, Polk, Linn, Lane, Jackson, Douglas and Josephine and reducing the bag limit from 15 to 10.

SB 45, by agricultural committee—Amending game laws.

SB 46, by agricultural committee—Referring to standardization of products and containers.

SB 47, by agricultural committee—Referring to sections of agricultural code.

SB 48, by Best and others—Placing circuit court reporter of sixth judicial district, Umatilla and Morrow, on an annual salary in lieu of per diem. Umatilla to pay \$1500 and Morrow \$300.

SB 49, by Balentine—Providing there shall be no license charge for fishing for suckers in the Klamath and Link rivers and in Klamath lake.

SB 50, by Wiperman—Relating to the safety of operation of motor vehicles.

SB 51, by Balentine—Relating to settlement of insurance claims against fraternal benefit societies.

SB 52, by Staples—Relating to bar and river pilotage and declaring an emergency.

Confirm Lawrence As Port Member

The senate, by unanimous vote, Monday confirmed the appointment of Sylvester W. Lawrence as a member of the Port of Portland commission to succeed Edward Boyce, who resigned last week.

Lawrence's appointment was announced by Governor Charles A. Sprague Saturday.

Senator Ashby Dickson, democrat, said he desired to congratulate Governor Sprague on his selection.

Boyce informed Governor Sprague that he would not be able to serve on the commission longer because of his pending absence from Portland.

Road Body Hears Utilities Reports

The roads and highways committees of the house and senate Monday held their first joint meeting to hear a report of the state utility commission relative to proposed legislation for that department.

It was understood that the utility commission would ask quite a number of amendments to the existing laws. Many of these amendments were said to be unimportant.

Control Board Pick Hog Fuel

Product of Northwest to Heat Capitol Group Favored Over Oil

The state board of control, holding its first meeting since inauguration of Governor Charles A. Sprague, went on record Monday favoring installation of a hog-fuel burner in the new state heating plant now under construction here.

Officials of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association presented figures showing that burning of hog fuel would save the state approximately \$5000 a year, when compared with oil consumption. They said this saving would increase as new state building were erected.

No Fuel Shortage, Promise
A three-year contract was offered by the association officials to protect the state against a fuel shortage.

It was estimated that facilities for burning hog fuel would cost approximately \$25,000. Of this amount \$15,000 will be sought from the current legislature. The remaining \$10,000 probably will be obtained from left-over funds of the state capital reconstruction commission.

Favors Home Industry
Governor Sprague said it was important that northwest industries should receive encouragement.

A request of the state child welfare commission for an appropriation of approximately \$45,000 to cover a deficit accruing during the last three months of 1938, was referred to Dan J. Fry, secretary of the board. Following an investigation to determine if the commission's figures are correct, Fry will ask the ways and means committee for the appropriation.

Okeh New Flax Shed
The board authorized penitentiary officials to reconstruct one of three flax sheds which were destroyed here recently during a high wind. The two other sheds will be rebuilt later.

No action was taken in connection with a letter from Frank Durbin, asking the board to consider purchase of his 260-acre farm located four miles east of Salem and adjoining state property. Durbin indicated that he would sell the property at a sacrifice.

McCarthy Penalty Shift Is Sought

Senator Dickson's Bill to Oust Lethal Chamber, Death, Submitted

Rep. J. S. Greenwood announced Monday that he would introduce a bill later in the week to remove arbitrary load limits on freight traffic over Oregon highways and to allow increased loads when authorized by the state highway commission.

The bill would allow the highway commission to issue trucking permits up to 65,000 pounds. The maximum height of trucks would be 12½ feet and length 60 feet.

The commission would be prohibited from issuing permits for the increased limits where highway surfaces and clearances were inadequate, Greenwood said.

Under the present law the maximum load is 54,000 pounds. Height of trucks is restricted to 11 feet and the maximum length 50 feet.

Parents Appear Today
Dickson said he would introduce a proposed constitutional amendment today to abolish the death penalty in Oregon. In case this is approved by the legislature it would be referred to the voters at the next general election in 1940.

McCarthy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. McCarthy of Portland, will appear before Governor Charles A. Sprague this afternoon and ask that the death sentence be reduced to life imprisonment.

George Alexander, warden of the penitentiary, said McCarthy had expressed a desire to die rather than spend the remainder of his life in prison.

Output of Lumber Is up 21 per Cent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—(AP)—Lumber production in the week ended Jan. 7 increased 21 per cent over the previous week, but shipments were 8 per cent lower and orders 2 per cent smaller, the National Lumber Manufacturers association reported today. New orders were 0.3 per cent above those for the corresponding week last year.

Production in the week ending Jan. 7 was 150,876,000 feet of softwoods and hardwoods combined; shipments, 154,759,000, and booked orders, 155,397,000.

\$37,500 Won for Airline Damages

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 16—(AP)—Judgment of \$37,500 was awarded Mrs. Lorna Livermore against the Northwest Airlines in a superior court jury verdict which was returned today 43 hours after the case had gone to the jury.

Mrs. Livermore had sued the company for the death of her husband, Joe Livermore, a pilot, who was killed Dec. 15, 1938, while attempting a flight with mail from Missoula, Mont., to Spokane. She asked \$75,000.

Washington State Says 16,872 Left out of WPA

SEATTLE, Jan. 16—(AP)—State Administrator Don G. Abel wired federal officials today that there are 16,872 persons certified as employable and in need who cannot be hired by the works progress administration in Washington state for lack of funds.

For and Agin' Embargo on Arms



'LIFT EMBARGO against Spain' demonstrations, staged by a pro-Loyalist group in Washington, D. C., were led by Milton Wolff (left), a former international brigade commander, Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, and Mrs. Alice Liveright, once Pennsylvania welfare commissioner. Embargo prohibiting shipment of arms to any Spanish belligerents was put into force in May, 1937.



KEEP SPANISH EMBARGO, urged these speakers addressing a Washington meeting attended by several thousands of anti-Loyalists, or pro-Franco, sympathizers. Left to right: Martin Conboy, New York lawyer; the Rt. Rev. McGr. Fulton J. Sheen of Catholic university in Washington; Miss Aileen O'Brien of San Francisco. She served with Irish Red Cross in Spain for 18 months.

Bill Due Freeing Trucks of Limits

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Hearing Jan. 24 On Bakery Board

A public hearing to discuss senate bill No. 1, by Senators L. W. Wiperman and Rex Ellis, providing for repeal of the state bakery board, will be held before the committee on judiciary here Tuesday night, January 24.

Senator U. S. Balentine, in announcing the hearing, said opponents and proponents of the bill would be in attendance from all parts of the state.

Legislators have received hundreds of letters during the past few days in connection with the bakery board measure.

Expansion Asked, Social Security

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vide more adequate assistance to those in need."

(Under the social security act there are two forms of payments to the aged. There is an old age insurance system, under which workers and employers pay taxes and the worker receives a monthly pension when he reaches 65 and retires. There is also a system under which the federal government makes grants-in-aid to states for outright gifts to aged persons who are needy.)

As drawn in 1935 the act requires that old age insurance payments begin in 1942 and go to workers who have reached the age of 65 and have been employed during some part of the five preceding calendar years.

It fixed such payments monthly at one-half of one per cent of the total wages of the worker after December 31, with a minimum monthly payment of \$10. The argument has been advanced that this is insufficient for the proper maintenance of the recipient, especially if he has dependents. The advisory council on social security suggested some weeks ago that 50 per cent be added to the payment in the case of beneficiaries with one dependent.

Father Farley Called

PORTLAND, Jan. 16—(AP)—Father John Farley, CSC, former Portland university faculty member, died Saturday at Notre Dame university in Indiana. He was a famous Irish grid player in his student days at Notre Dame.

Confirmation Still Held up

Senate Votes, 16-14 for Special Committee to Consider Choice

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that the position was "lucrative" in the same manner as the milk control position, but Senator Lew Wallace of Portland, getting a laugh when he asserted that he "ought to know" about such matters, declared that was not the senate's responsibility; that if Smith were confirmed, he would have to resign the milk control position before taking the other.

The other highlight as the second week of the legislative session opened on a livelier tempo, was the message of Governor Charles A. Sprague to the assembly, advocating an amendment to the state unemployment compensation law which he said should influence the federal social security board to certify the law and continue the flow of \$6,000,000 annually in benefits to unemployed workers in the state.

The proposed amendment, not yet introduced, will re-define "suitable work" in the compensation law so as to make it plain that an unemployed worker would not have to take a job vacated by strike or lockout, which labor leaders have contended would be the case as a result of enactment of the picketing law by the voters last November.

"While the social security board has rendered no decision holding that Oregon (unemployment compensation) law is out of conformity with the federal (social security) law, it has through agents indicated that grave doubts exist over the sufficiency of the Oregon statute," the message said.

After declaring he believed the proposed amendment he was submitting would be adequate to remove this doubt, the governor took cognizance of opposition to the proposal by labor leaders by declaring that if "groups or citizens are disposed to interfere with the enactment of this simple remedial legislation or with its certification by the federal social security board, the responsibility will be on them and not on me for the denial of benefits to unemployed workers of Oregon."

School Expansion Levies Are Asked

Bills seeking to make possible levy of emergency assessments by union high school districts and repealing a 3 per cent limitation on credit of the state or its agencies were introduced Monday by Rep. V. B. Staples of Ontario.

Rep. Staples said the recent influx of population into Ontario, Nyssa and Vale made necessary some provision for emergency expansion of the school system.

Staples said the school situation in Nyssa, where development of the sugar beet industry has more than doubled the population in the last year, is in "very bad shape."

Repeal of the 3 per cent limitation would return the limit to the 5 per cent provided before 1927.

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IRON BARS DO A PRISON MAKE in Amsterdam, Holland, where these open-air exercise yards are the exercise yards for prisoners. The prison proper is at the left.