

Chairmen Plan To Speed Bills

Justice of Peace Fees System Elimination Seen New Dispute

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number of outside witnesses will be heard. There will be a hearing on pension bills Tuesday night.

The most controversial of the highway bills, the one permitting longer and heavier truck-trailer units, will hit the senate floor early in the week. The house has before it on Monday the Columbia river bridge measure, authorizing purchase or construction of bridges which would be toll-free sooner or later, and Rep. Lyle Thomas' bill which would earmark all income tax receipts over \$6,000,000 a year for public schools and old age pensions.

Measure Will Revise and Simplify Code

The proposed elimination of the fee basis of compensating justices of the peace will be included in a measure generally revising and simplifying the justice court code, which was being drafted on Saturday by Rep. Allan Carson (R-Marion). This feature of the bill will have the support of the statewide organization of justices of the peace, it has been indicated. Instead of keeping court fees, each justice would be paid a salary based upon population of the district, with a minimum of \$2 a month and a maximum of \$300 a month.

The score of the legislature's activities to date revealed that in the matter of bills introduced the session was about even with that of 1939, with 733 measures introduced as compared to 738 at the end of the fifth week two years ago. The status of these bills is shown by the following table:

	Senate	House
Bills introduced.....	265	468
Senate bills passed.....	98	37
House bills passed.....	48	143
Defeated or withdrawn.....	21	20
Bills signed by governor, 49;		
bills becoming law without signature, 1.		

That leaves some 450 bills yet to be considered by both houses, not especially an augury of early adjournment. On the other hand, the ways and means bottleneck of two years ago simply doesn't exist. That joint committee is ready to report on the highway bill, some 75 bills which will virtually wind up its work.

Serious Obstacle Seen in Budget of Balance

It has yet to make a decision, however, upon the issue of reducing working hours at the institutions, a proposal generally recognized as desirable except that it will cost the state about \$100,000. That is a serious obstacle inasmuch as the budget already promises to be about \$300,000 off balance because of the committee's decision that a tax commission administration funds must come out of the general fund. The deficit may however be merely a "paper" affair, offset by increased receipts from inheritance taxes and other sources.

While representatives relaxed on Saturday the senate labored through most of the forenoon, passing a number of bills including the one empowering the governor to create a state guard to serve while the national guard is in federal service. This is a house bill but will have to go back to that chamber because the senate amended it by providing that the authority should expire January 31, 1943. Those amendments, however, were not made, which was sought by labor spokesmen in the fear that a governor taking office in 1943 might use the guard improperly in connection with labor disputes.

On final passage the bill was opposed only by Sens. Howard C. Belton (R-Clackamas), George W. Dunn (R-Jackson) and W. H. Strayer (D-Baker). There was no debate.

The senate frowned upon Sen. Lew Wallace's bill authorizing precinct committeemen and committeewomen to nominate lists from which precinct election officials should be chosen. The vote was 14 to 11. Sen. Wallace said the bill would break the county clerks' "political machines" and give the committeemen and committeewomen something to do, but Sen. Benton said it would give these officials too much power.

The senate passed a measure increasing the maximum monthly interest rate on automobile loans from 2 to 3 per cent.

Savant, Wife Die in Fire

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15.—(P)—Dr. Frank C. Jordan, 75, nationally known astronomer and director of the Allegheny observatory at the University of Pittsburgh, and his wife, Harriet, 72, died in a fire in their north side home Saturday night.

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Where "Explosion" Expected



Nazi troops will move toward the Dardanelles and the Mediterranean along the routes indicated in the map (above), according to competent military observers. Hitler would move his men and armament to the (1) junction at Nis, then south toward Greece. The Germans in Rumania (2) and in Bulgaria would move southeast towards Istanbul. The further is said to have promised Bulgaria the Aegean port of (3) Dede Agach.

Ford Advocates "War to Death"

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they cannot fight any more, then maybe the little people will open their eyes. Then they can see that they have been the dupes of this international clique of greed—and we have its members in this country too—who have tricked them into war.

"Maybe then they will revolt and free themselves and save themselves from being led into destruction again as soon as they have rested and recovered for a generation or so.

"When both nations finally collapse into internal dissolution, then the United States can play the role for which it has the strength and ability. It can help them both make a just peace and help them to begin to build again."

Ford characterized any suggestion that the United States will be attacked if Germany wins the present war as "pure nonsense, a hoax with the sole purpose of getting us into war."

License Grant Is Urged on Council

JEFFERSON—Present at the meeting of the city council were Mayor Irvine Wright, Recorder J. H. Roland, Marshal O. E. Sherman, and Councilmen Frank Glaser, Delbert Murphy, W. D. Barnes and E. S. Gleason. J. G. Fontaine and D. M. Burnett were absent.

A number of business men were present and urged the council to grant a license for a pool, billiard and beer parlor here. No definite action was taken by the council at this meeting.

The offer made by W. E. Moses to furnish pipes and labor from the city limits to his residence near the south city limits, and the city to furnish a meter and water at the regular rates was accepted.

A. Wilson's request for city water to his residence on Third street was discussed and deferred until the next meeting.

Roberts Grange Schedules Dance

ROBERTS—The Home Economics club met with Mrs. Louis Johnston Tuesday, with Mrs. E. A. Goodrich assisting hostess. Mrs. Charles Thomas of Portland was a guest.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Louis Johnston turned in her resignation as HE chairman, and vice-president, Mrs. William Peterson was elected as the new chairman and Mrs. George Higgins, new vice-president.

Plans and committees were appointed for the next dance at the grange hall February 22.

Mrs. E. A. Minard received the contest prize.

The club is sponsoring another card party Saturday night, March 1, at the hall. Hostesses are Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn, Mrs. Melvin Trindle and Mrs. Harvey Schuebel.

The March meeting for the club will be with Mrs. Leslie Newton at her home with Mrs. Rose Howland assisting.

Mail Order House Closes

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 15.—(P)—Strike-bound since December 4, the Montgomery Ward & Co. retail store and mail order house here—the company's largest west of Chicago—was closed Saturday night for an undetermined period.

More British Planes

MCHORD FIELD, Feb. 15.—(P)—Two more planes were added Saturday to the 13 mysterious four motor bombers, all marked with the insignia of the royal air force, discovered several days ago tied down to the concrete apron at Mchord field.

Gets Airport Funds

REDMOND, Feb. 15.—(P)—City authorities were advised Saturday that the WPA had allocated \$717,000 for construction of a class 3 airport here.

War News Briefs

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capture of 7,000—instead of 700—Italian prisoners was reported Saturday night by the British broadcasting system. Its announcement, heard here by CBS, said the Athens broadcaster laid the error to a slip of the tongue and apologized.

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 15.—(P)—Three hundred Italian officers—including "many officers"—were taken on the Albanian front Saturday, the Greek high command reports. Greek troops stormed fortified positions protected by barbed wire and drove the Italians back in a series of local actions, it was added.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(P)—The government confirmed Saturday official Italian reports that British parachute troops had landed in southern Italy on a mission of destruction, and suggested that some of them had carried out the job and escaped safely.

The minister of information issued a statement saying: "Soldiers dressed in recognized military uniforms have recently been dropped by parachute in southern Italy.

"Their instructions were to demolish certain objectives connected with the ports in that area."

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16.—(Sunday)—(P)—Guinness believed to be Koreans shot and killed Miss Daisy Simmons, 28, a British citizen and Walter Lunzer, 34, a German-Jewish refugee, and terrorized several hundred occidentals, Chinese and Japanese in Farren's night club early today.

The men fled without touching hundreds of thousands of dollars lying on gambling tables in the combination cabaret and gambling establishment.

Police said Lunzer, employed as a guard, grappled with the men. They shot him and, becoming frightened, fled after firing several shots, one of which hit Miss Simmons.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 15.—(P)—A four-motored, 25-ton consolidated land bomber, apparently the type England needs for long range raids into Germany, departed Saturday for England.

The huge craft, known as the B-24, was the first of a large British order to leave for war service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(P)—Development of Guam and Samoa, Pacific islands, as naval aviation "lookout stations" was recommended as a main task Saturday by the house naval committee after it heard secret testimony from the navy high command regarding the far eastern situation.

The committee's recommendations were made in approving legislation authorizing expenditure of approximately \$400,000,000 for expansion of many existing naval shore bases and establishment of new facilities.

Marine Hospitalization Resolution Is Approved

The senate Saturday approved a resolution by Sen. F. M. Francovich (R-Clatsop) urging congress to pass legislation making maritime workers eligible to marine hospitalization. Senator Francovich said his measure would reinstate fishermen under the maritime hospitalization law.

Driver Meets Police

Duane H. Sears, route two, box 391, Salem, was arrested by local police Saturday night on a charge of failure to stop.

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FDR Reported As "Satisfied"

Declared Anxious Bill Pass as Approved by Senate Committee

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proposed additional amendments, but added that he hoped for early enactment of the legislation in its existing form.

The senate will begin debate on the bill Monday, with Chairman George (D-Georgia) of the senate foreign relations committee, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky and Senator Austin (R-Vermont), assistant minority leader, speaking for the bill.

Austin, who consistently has favored the administration's foreign policy, told reporters he was for the bill as it came from the foreign relations committee and that he did not favor any further amendment.

Opposition senators were drafting a number of restrictive amendments. These included one to require Britain to state her "peace terms" before receiving any aid, a second prohibiting the transfer of any American naval vessels to a foreign power, and a third forbidding the use of American warships to convoy shipments across the seas.

Senators on both sides of the controversy met in small groups to map strategy and arrange for speaking time after the debate starts.

The administration speakers will consume all of Monday and the opposition will have all day Tuesday, with Senator Clark (D-Missouri) making the first address.

It generally was agreed that debate should be completed within two weeks.

Senator Wheeler (D-Montana), an opposition leader, said that "there is no disposition to delay this bill" and added that most opposition speakers merely wanted to state their views, obtain action on their amendments and then vote.

Wheeler's statement, coupled with assurances from other opposition leaders, convinced the administration leadership it need have no fear of a filibuster—the technique often used by a minority to forestall action on major legislation.

Barkley and other senate leaders will discuss strategy with Mr. Roosevelt in a conference Monday morning, and show him points which they said listed a maximum opposition strength of 25 senators. On the other hand, opponents of the measure said 29 votes against it were assured.

Lyons Residents Are Party Hosts

LYONS—Mrs. Roy Huber was hostess to a dinner Monday honoring her sister, Mrs. Etta Galley of Mill City, on her birthday anniversary.

Guests hidden were Mrs. Etta Galley, honored guest, Mrs. John Swan, Mrs. Molly Swan, Mrs. James Swan and granddaughter, Carroll Jean Gillenwater; Mrs. Arthur Catherwood and Mrs. Alva Anderson, all of Mill City; Mrs. Stacey McCall and Mrs. Huber of Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis entertained the Saturday night card club.

High honors went to Mrs. Albert Ring and E. E. Miller, Low went to Mrs. Ed Haynes and George Huffman.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. George Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ring, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miller, Arthur Vaughn and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Turner News

TURNER—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Miller and son, James, have moved here from Scio and are located in the Baker apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thomas of Ashland visited Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bones. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bones both are nurses and shared an apartment together in Eugene several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Conrad are the parents of a 9½-pound baby girl born February 11 at the Deaconess hospital. Mrs. Emma Moore of Turner is the grandmother, and Mrs. Conrad will be remembered as Irene Moore.

Miss Marian Lislignoli and the freshmen girls were hostesses for a formal Valentine luncheon Friday in the domestic science room. Covers were placed for 25 and Mrs. James O. Russell, Miss Lois Mabry, John Seims, Mrs. Jennie Trotter and freshmen class boys.

Turner Townsend club sponsored a Lincoln day program Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hogged.

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Lebanon News

LEBANON—John Durlan and Harry Howe were named as the Lebanon members of the Santiam Fish and Game association to attend the meeting of the Oregon Wildlife Federation conference in Corvallis.

The annual strawberry fair will be held June 6-7 this year according to the announcement of L. E. Arnold, chairman of the fair committee of the Commercial club.

February 15, an eight pound girl was born at the Lebanon hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Orval Wil. son of Grande Ronde.

John Wynn, employed by the Snow Peak Logging company, has bought from C. M. Bryant the house on Park street now occupied by the Gerald Hewitts. J. J. Adams has bought the house in the west end of town occupied by Walter.

Lloyd Foster of Shevlin, Minn., surprised his aunt, Mrs. Roy Gardner, Saturday when he stopped here for a couple of days on his way from California resorts to The Dalles, Oregon, where he has two brothers.

The Junior Woman's club will meet twice a month, the first and third Thursday night. The first meeting each month will be held in the Girl Scout house; the other in a member's home.

Treasury Plans "Defense" Bonds

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throughout the country at all postoffices.

2. Either postal or treasury "savings certificates" in denominations of \$1 and up.

3. United States savings bonds, commonly known as "baby" bonds, in denominations of from \$25 to \$1000. These bonds are sold at a 25 per cent discount (for example a \$25 bond sells for \$18.75), but are redeemed by the treasury after 10 years for their full face amount. These are also sold at postoffices.

4. A new type interest-bearing bond, possibly maturing in 40 years and bearing 2 per cent, or a little more, interest. The exact terms of this issue haven't been settled.

5. Intermittent sale of regular \$1000 denomination treasury bonds, notes and bills.

Morgenthau has instructed his aides to avoid in the sales campaign "coercion or propaganda" of the type used in some communities for the sale of liberty bonds in the World War.

The campaign will emphasize two ideas—helping national defense, and thrift.

RAF Unleashes Terrific Raids

Flashes of Bombs, Great Fires Light Skies on "Invasion" Coast

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target of RAF bombers since its capture by the nazis made it an ever-present threat to Britain's own security.

Only recently, however, have the British begun to blast it with great waves of fighter-guarded bombers in the same technique of massive attack that the nazis employed in the first phase of the air siege of Britain.

This recent display of airpower may mean that the British are on guard for any new axis dive, whether against their own bases, southern Europe or Africa.

British and Italian attention to southern Italy singled out that area Saturday as a potential new center of war in the Mediterranean when spring brings an axis offensive.

Spring Offensive Assured

On Many Empire Fronts

That a spring offensive is imminent somewhere on Britain's many empire fronts is assumed. It is evident from the preparations of both sides, the axis to attack and the British to resist.

These developments focused attention on the feet of Italy's boot:

1. Reliable sources in Rome said the only two United States consulates south of that capital—at Naples on the Italian coast and at Palermo on the island of Sicily—are to be closed at Italy's request.

2. Britain confirmed fascist reports that British parachute saboteurs had landed in southern Italy.

3. Freight traffic was suspended on several rail lines in the region where the parachutists were said by the fascists to have been bent on disrupting communications.

Whatever Mediterranean campaign the axis may be framing, southern Italy will have an important role. It is separated by only a narrow strait from Sicily, reaching far out in the Mediterranean. Sicily itself already houses Nazi fliers and dive bombers at the Catania base.

Whether the axis moves eastward toward Suez or westward toward Gibraltar, French Tunisia or a counter-offensive in Libya, the shortest water voyage would be from southernmost Italy and it

would be the closest homeland base for ships and planes.

At the same time Nazi raiders turned toward Britain, twice causing night air alarms in London and striking also at east and northeast Scotland. The British said two German bombers were shot down during the day and another last night, while two British planes were missing.

Quadrilles Given As Dance Feature

LINCOLN—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Turnbow were hosts for an informal old time dance featuring quadrilles and waltzes this week. Music was played by the "Wranglers."

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Helde and Virginia, Clayton, Calvin, Betty, Dolly and LaVern; Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Hol-

land, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hallemann, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Crosswell and Lorraine and Donna; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon James, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and Margaret, Marvin and Floy; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett, Leona Christenson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Martin and Nelle Jane, Merl and Darrell; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Martin, Homer and Norman Kirkwood, Hugo and Donald Ahrens, Mr. and Mrs. George Marr and Ted, Dale, Gloria, Lucky and Jerry; Arthur and George Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, Jr., Joe Parmenter, Elsie Ullsack, George Blondell, Robert Curtis, Ben Parmenter, Mrs. A. Shuck, Kenneth Vincent, Helen and James Cook, Mr. and Mrs. C. Freeman and children, Marion Lynch, Evelyn Berger, Mrs. Henry Davidson and Cloydine and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. E. King, Jr., and hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbow and Vesta Mae and Chuckie.



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