

Proposal Would Give State More Control Over Welfare

A proposed new law to give the State Public Welfare Commission more control over county welfare programs will be considered next week by the Legislature's joint ways and means committee.

When the bill came up for discussion at the committee's meeting Thursday, several members said they weren't prepared to vote on it.

PGE Names Delzell to Lead Firm

PORTLAND — The board of directors of Portland General Electric Co. Thursday named Thomas W. Delzell, chairman of the board, executive head of the company, and elected its executive vice president, Frank M. Warren Jr., as president effective May 1.

The actions were taken in anticipation of the retirement of President James H. Polhemus.

Since 1948, Delzell has served as board chairman of the utility with specific responsibilities for formulation of management policy on rates and financial matters. For nine years prior to 1948 he was one of two independent trustees in the reorganization proceedings of Portland Electric Power company, from which PGE emerged as an independent operating entity.

Attended OSC

Delzell attended Oregon State College, worked for the California Oregon Power Co. in 1938-39 as first assistant Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon. He is a director of the National Association of Electric Companies, director of the National Association of Manufacturers, director and past president of the Northwest Electric Light and Power Association, director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, vice chairman of the board of trustees of Pacific University, and vice chairman of the board of trustees of the Holladay Park Hospital, Portland.

Warren, who joined PGE in 1937, is a graduate of the Stanford University school of engineering and the Harvard School of Business Administration. He became a vice president in 1942, served three years in the U. S. army, was chosen executive vice president in 1947, has been commissioner of the Port of Portland since 1951, and is a member of the board of trustees of Reed College, a member of the Oregon section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Retiring President

Retiring president Polhemus came with PGE as executive vice president in 1936, was elected president in 1940. He was chief engineer and manager of the Port of Portland for 16 years prior to joining PGE. Currently he is chairman of Portland's Exposition-Recreation Commission in charge of supervising the location and construction of the city's \$8 million exposition-recreation center. He will remain a member of the PGE board of directors.

Other officers re-elected by the

Some members thought county welfare laws are better informed on local conditions and should not be reduced in their authority. Others said the large amount of state tax money going into welfare called for tighter control from the state.

Approval Given

The committee did give its approval to several other welfare bills Thursday.

It approved a measure strengthening enforcement of court orders for payment of support money in divorce proceedings. The bill provides that persons failing to comply with the court orders would be subject to prosecution for contempt. All prosecutions would be in the hands of the district attorneys.

Also Approved

Also approved was a bill directing the State Public Welfare Commission to set aside a fund of \$50,000 for investigation of violations of the public welfare act during the next biennium. Employment of five investigators is authorized in the bill.

Three Senate memorials, all having to do with public welfare as tied in with federal social security, were approved by the committee.

Buildings Plan Up Today for Consideration

The Legislature's ways and means committee at 8:30 a. m. today will consider a subcommittee recommendation for a \$14.7 million state building program.

All \$10 million worth of institution construction advised by Gov. Paul Patterson was included in the subcommittee list, and about half the \$8 million higher education construction program which appeared in the governor's budget.

The subcommittee - approved priority list for higher education projects (including those inadvertently omitted from The Statesman's news account Thursday):

Portland State College \$850,000; Southern Oregon College \$450,000; Oregon State College \$1,800,000; University of Oregon \$550,000; Dental School equipment \$175,000, (a new item), and 1/2 of utility tunnel unit, Oregon State College \$150,000.

board were: George E. Sullivan, Waldemar Seton, Frank A. Bosch, Ralph H. Millsap, and O. E. Walsh, vice president; T. W. Fryou, treasurer and controller; Clarence D. Phillips, secretary; L. G. Park, assistant treasurer; and John J. Coughlin, assistant secretary.

Compulsory State Meat Inspection Bill Escapes Axe

Compulsory state meat inspection as a legislative proposal was still alive Thursday and headed for return to a livestock committee after barely escaping the ways and means committee axe.

A tie vote by that committee prevented the tabling of the meat bill after opponents again argued that meat inspection would be too costly.

But the committee wouldn't accept the proposal of Rep. Alfred Corbett (D), Portland, that a \$100,000 pilot program be substituted for full scale meat inspection.

Members said the House livestock committee might be able to devise such a plan that would later get consideration in ways and means committee.

Opponents said 75 per cent of Oregon meat is inspected anyway and most consumers can buy inspected if they prefer.

Bill to Force Saturday Bank Closure Gains

By a vote of 5 to 4, the House Financial Institutions committee Friday recommended introduction of legislation compelling all Oregon banks in Oregon to close on Saturdays.

State law now permits banks to close on Saturdays, but many do not.

The proposal has wide support of bankers and bank employees. At a committee hearing last Tuesday, the First National Bank of Portland was almost alone in opposition.

Employe representatives contended they may have to form unions to gain a five-day week, but some bankers argued many of their employees now are on a short week.

Burma Shave Signs to Stay

The Oregon legislature's bill board won't affect the popular Burma Shave signs with their humorous messages.

The bill, passed by the House Tuesday, says that no company can have advertising signs within a half mile of each other.

But here's the definition that specifically makes it possible for the Burma Shave signs to remain: "Advertising sign includes a group of signs of not more than eight signs, conveying a single advertising message, each of which has an area of not more than six square feet."

NO LOAFING

FLAT ROCK, N. C.—(UP)—Carl Sandburg, now 77, scoffs at talk of his retirement. The celebrated poet, author and biographer says he has plans for more years of work and travel. For relaxation he herds goats at his picturesque mountain farm here.

Harder Times Possible for Polio Drives

Fund raising in the future may be difficult for polio workers, Gene Malecki, head of Oregon's chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, told the Marion County Chapter's board of directors Thursday night.

Malecki stressed that the work of caring for people already stricken with polio will go on even though the Salk vaccine will reduce the number of victims in the future.

He urged the chapter to watch expenditures closely and to consult frequently with its medical advisory committee.

Malecki also presented a certificate of appreciation to Phillip Hawley, who headed the county's 1955 March of Dimes drive. Hawley earlier reported that total receipts for the county drive hit \$28,100.

The board also accepted two new applications for medical assistance.

Hopmere Burglary Being Investigated

Statesman News Service

HOPMERE — Marion County sheriff's office and state police are investigating a grocery store burglary here. About \$25 in merchandise and \$2 in cash was taken from the store operated by Glen Jones, Brooks.

Entry was gained by breaking out a rear window in the store Wednesday night.

Senate Approves Courthouse Closure Bill

The Senate passed 18-10 Thursday and sent to the House a bill that let county courts close courthouses on Saturdays.

Supporters argued that the public doesn't visit county offices on Saturdays, and that employees of counties are entitled to a five-day week.

The opponents claimed that the people of each county should vote on the question, and that the public is entitled to Saturday service.

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Mrs. Noe will speak in North Salem Senior High School Auditorium on "Christian Science, Its Conceptions and Its Goal."

Formerly the head of a large food brokerage business in Chicago, Mrs. Noe now is a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

Salem Woman Attends Mother's 100th Birth Rite

A Salem woman, Mrs. C. S. Nelson, is in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, where Thursday she attended her mother's 100th birthday celebration.

Mrs. W. N. Husband, mother of Mrs. Nelson, Salem, and of State Senator Donald R. Husband, received birthday greetings from President Eisenhower, Canada's prime minister, and several other government leaders, according to a letter received Thursday by Nelson.

Sen. Husband was the only member of the family unable to attend the celebration.

This year, more than 235,000 Americans will die of cancer.

150 Present at State Juvenile Council Meet

Legislation pertaining to juveniles with special emphasis on plans for a state "intermediate" institution highlighted discussions at the spring conference of the Oregon Juvenile Council here Wednesday.

About 150 juvenile workers from state, county and city agencies attended the meeting and heard State Treasurer Sig Unander discuss the financial needs and capacities of state institutions.

The council endorsed setting a maximum age of 25 or 26 for the proposed intermediate institution and recommended that judges be required to order presentence investigations on all juvenile cases.

The conference, which was held at Hillcrest School for Girls, concluded with a tea and tour of the school. The Hillcrest girls' chorus also entertained.

The Council is headed by Dr. James Ashbaugh, Marion County juvenile officer.

ADOBE LESSON

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — An expert attests the quality of Southwestern adobe — mud bricks from which many homes are built. Farhad Ganjei of Tehran, Iran, on a tour, says adobe is the main building material in his country but the bricks here are larger and thicker, more durable, and are put to better use than in Iran.

Protection of Forests Costs \$5,800,000

Near: \$5,800,000 was spent during the year 1954 for the protection of the 12,000,000 acres of forest lands coming under the jurisdiction of the State Forestry Department and its cooperating forest protective associations, according to figures released Thursday by State Forester George Spaur.

The breakdown of the costs indicates that the logging operator and the timberland owner contributed \$4,750,000 of this total.

The logger and the tree farmer put out \$3,000,000 as direct expenditures in snag falling, equipment purchase and additional patrol over and above that required under the regular protection provisions.

Silverton Woman Injured in Wreck

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON—Mrs. Mike Hannan, 1137 S. Water St., is at Silverton Hospital with back injuries sustained Wednesday night in a car accident. She was reported as in considerable pain late Thursday night, with x-rays not yet completed to reveal the extent of the injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannan were turning into the driveway of Mr. Hannan's mother, Mrs. Martin Hannan, 401 N. James St., when a car, driven by Delmar Glean of 604 Chester St., struck the rear end of the Hannan car, sending it onto a lawn, said police. Neither of her two sons, Douglas and Larry nor Hannan himself, who was driving, was injured. It was thought that Mrs. Hannan, who leaned over to protect little Douglas riding in her lap, was thrown against dashboard.

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