

WHAT IS DOING IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

HOUSE VOICES CONFIDENCE IN PRES. COOLIDGE

The policy of President Coolidge in relation to Muskie Shoals was approved by the house Tuesday afternoon in adopting senate concurrent resolution No. 5.

The house adopted a joint resolution No. 4 calling for the appointment of a committee of two representatives, one senator, the secretary of state and the chief state traffic officer to make a study of highway regulations with the view of cutting down accidents.

House bill No. 11 repealing the law against stock running at large in certain parts of Linn county was reported favorably by the committee on judiciary.

House bill 52 pertaining to stock running at large in certain parts of Douglas county was also reported favorably.

Appropriation of \$75,000 for construction and equipment of buildings for the southern Oregon state normal school at Ashland is sought in a bill introduced by Representative Cowgill, Carlin, Cramer, Collier, Hercher, Hamilton, Hammond and Woodward and Senators Dunn, Miller and Upton.

The bill would also provide for an annual levy of one-twentieth of a mill for maintenance purposes.

Appropriation of \$15,000 to aid in the construction of a children's cottage at the children's farm home of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union in Benton county is asked in a bill introduced by Representative Gordon yesterday afternoon.

The sum of \$25,000 is also sought in the bill for equipping and maintaining a school building on the farm.

A bill calling for the appropriation of \$1200 to be paid in installments of \$50 a month to Mrs. Isabelle T. Geer, wife of the late ex-Governor T. T. Geer, was introduced in the house by Woodward, Multnomah county.

A long petition signed by many representative Portlanders requesting legislative relief for Mrs. Geer accompanied the bill.

**STATE PLUMBING
CODE PROPOSED**

A simplified plumbing code for cities and towns of Oregon and a system for registering individuals, firms and corporations engaged in plumbing would be provided in a bill introduced into the house by Representative Rushlight, Multnomah county.

Previous conflicting sections of the law would be repealed. No incorporated town or city would be permitted to operate under a plumbing code of lower requirements than that outlined by the state.

A bill authorizing the state land board to execute the trust created in the will of John T. Apperson of Clackamas county and providing for the J. T. Apperson agricultural educational fund, was introduced in the house by Representative Hammond of Clackamas county.

Apperson's will created a fund from property valued at \$70,000 to assist in defraying expenses in the education of deserving young men and women desiring to attend the Oregon Agricultural college. The state land board has found its authority in administering the fund limited. The bill is to widen the scope for such action.

That section of Multnomah county outside the city limits of Portland alone would elect the county school superintendent under house bill 79 introduced by Meindl, Multnomah county.

NATIONAL VOTE FRAUD COLLEGE REVEALED.



DR. W. SIROVICH & SMILING GEORGE ROSHEIM

Operations of a national school of ballot fixing have been described to a New York City grand jury by George Rosen, a chauffeur, who confessed that he mutilated ballots in the Eighth Assembly District, and charged he was paid to do so by Nathan D. Periman, Republican, who defeated Dr. William Irving Sirovich for Congress from the 14th New York District, Philadelphia, Boston, Jersey City and Hoboken were among the cities in which Rosen said his "pupils" in ballot fixing worked. He asserted he turned them loose there after a course of instruction in the use of a "magic ring," which contained a small lead pencil with which they mutilated the ballots after being appointed tellers. He said he charged his pupils \$100 for a course of instruction, and declared boldly: "I am the original ballot fixer." His classes, he said, were so large he had to hire a suite of offices to instruct them. Congressman Periman denied the charges.

Mills Bill Amending Primary System Goes Before Legislators

The long discussed change in the primary election laws of Oregon popped up in the house yesterday afternoon in the form of house bill 85, introduced by the judiciary committee. The bill embodies the ideas set forth several weeks ago by A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank of Portland, who is sponsor for the measure.

The first departure from the present primary law would be in the holding of a series of post-primary conventions following county, district, and state primary elections instead of the present single primary. County conventions would be held in each county, where necessary on the second Tuesday in July of each year in which a general election occurs.

District and state conventions would be held on the second Friday following the second Tuesday, two weeks after the county conventions.

Another vital change would be brought about in the law by a provision that all candidates in the primary election who did not receive a vote equaling 40 percent of the total vote cast, would be compelled to go before these county, district, and state conventions and obtain a party nomination if they desired to become candidates at the primary election would be permitted to go before the three conventions for nomination.

The system of conventions is built upon the county convention which in turn is composed of one delegate from each precinct in the county, and one delegate from each 100 registered electors in the precinct of fraction thereof. Usual residence qualifications for county delegates are included in the measure.

Each candidate for precinct delegate would be required to file with the county clerk a petition signed by ten registered voters in his precinct.

Size of the state convention for each party is limited, under the measure, to 600 members to be apportioned among the various counties according to prorata apportionment based upon the vote cast by that party in each county in the state, provided, however, that each county shall have two delegates to the state convention, and the remainder of the 600 or 528 will be divided among the counties. No county would be permitted to have more than 30 percent of the membership of the state convention. The latter provision is made on account of Multnomah county.

The district convention would be held at the same time as the state convention, provided always that it is necessary to hold a party district convention due to the failure of any district candidate to receive 40 percent of the vote cast at primary election.

Conventions would be open to the public. Nominations would have to be unanimous except on cases of roll-over or by ballots cast by members. Vacancies in the lists of certified delegates would be filled by the state central committee, in its session, or by the executive committee of either, as the case might be.

Legislative Sidelights

Members of both houses and the sergeant-at-arms were flooded with telegrams yesterday from people who wanted to know where and when the prohibition investigation meetings would be held. Public interest in this activity appears to be greater than in anything else before the session at the present time.

Herb Hauser is a shorthand reporter for the public service commission. Eight years ago he was a clerk in the house for Representative Crandall of Vale, and a young lady acquaintance of Hauser's was a clerk for the enrolled bills committee. One morning Crandall arose and addressed Speaker Robert N. Stanfield via personal privilege. "Yesterday," he said, "my clerk didn't show up. I was gone all day. This morning he came back—a married man. I move the congratulations of this body be extended my clerk, Mr. Herbert Hauser. Somebody amended the motion to include the young woman clerk of the enrolled bills committee, and so it was entered in the journal of the house, doubtless the only instance in Oregon history in which such an entry has been made for the archives of the state. Hauser says he is still very much married. Each session of the legisla-

BILL TO TAX ALL IMPROVEMENTS BEFORE SENATE

A bill providing for the classification of lands for assessment and taxation at cash value was introduced by Senator Tooez. The measure is endorsed by the Pomona grange of Clackamas county.

The bill also provides for the assessment of improvements on farm lands, dwelling houses and all other improvements, and for the assessment of manufacturing and merchandising establishments. It would require all persons, managers, agents or officers of every firm, corporation or association owning property, real or personal, subject to taxation, to furnish a list of the property with the assessor. Penalties are provided for failure to comply with the act. It is claimed that the measure would equalize taxes so all property would bear its just portion of the tax burden.

HOUSE BILLS

H. B. 68, Russell—To amend section 2, chapter 55, Oregon Laws, relating to salary of Yamhill county meat and herd inspector.

H. B. 69, McCallister—For eradication and control of bovine tuberculosis and other livestock diseases.

H. B. 70, German—Repealing section 1192, Oregon Laws, pertaining to taxes on estates and inheritances.

H. B. 71, Hammond—Authorizing state land board to execute John T. Apperson will.

H. B. 72, Rushlight—To repeal sections 2854 and 2861 of chapter 24, Oregon Laws.

H. B. 73, Rushlight—Providing for registration of plumbers.

H. B. 74, Hunter and Dennis—For acquiring site and building of armory at La Grande.

H. B. 75, Woodward—To amend section 6140, Oregon Laws, relating to qualification of voters at school meetings and elections.

H. B. 76, King—To amend section 3599, Oregon Laws, pertaining to salaries of Cops county officers.

H. B. 77, Multnomah county delegation—Amending section 3112, Oregon Laws, providing for funds of interstate bridge.

H. B. 78, by Multnomah delegation—Bill authorizing refund to Multnomah county by interstate bridge commission.

H. B. 79, Meindl—Amending section 4974, Oregon Laws, pertaining to election of county school superintendents in certain counties.

H. B. 80, Hazlett—To amend section 7309, Oregon Laws, 1920, pertaining to election of officers in irrigation districts.

H. B. 81, senate and house delegations of Washington county—Creating office of meat and herd inspector of Washington county.

H. B. 82, Brucher—To amend section 10,237, Oregon Laws, pertaining to labor liens on saw logs and timber.

H. B. 83, Lonergan—To amend sections 300 and 303, Oregon Laws, pertaining to execution of writs by sheriffs.

H. B. 84, Woodward—For relief of Mrs. Isabelle T. Geer.

H. B. 85, Judiciary committee—To amend Oregon primary law.

H. B. 86, Gordon—Appropriating money for college and school house, etc., for W. C. T. U. farm home at Corvallis.

H. B. 87, southern Oregon delegations, house and senate—Providing for permanent support and maintenance of southern Oregon normal school at Ashland.

AUTO LICENSE BILL HITS AT COUNTY FUNDS

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The proposed bill cuts 40 percent off from the license fees, but to reimburse the state fund created for retiring and meeting the interest on highway bonds a companion measure is proposed to increase the gasoline tax to 5 cents. No such provision is made to reimburse the counties for the loss to be sustained, however, and to provide for this an even greater increase in the gasoline tax would have to be provided. There is little hope of passing a gasoline tax bill calling for a levy of more than 5 cents a gallon, and there will be strong opposition to placing it even at that figure.

Loss Runs High

As the proposed bill now stands it would rob the counties of a total of \$455,859.54 on the basis of the license fees paid into the state treasury between January 1 and September 15, 1924. In those eight and a half months the total of license fees collected amounted to \$4,774,011.09, of which the counties received \$1,139,936.18.

On the strength of this division of the license funds practically all of the counties have undertaken more or less extensive road construction programs, many of them bonding themselves in anticipation of this source of revenue for funding purposes.

Figuring on the basis of the receipts for the above mentioned period of eight and a half months the Multnomah county would lose \$172,265.75 through enactment of the proposed bill. Marion county would be deprived of \$28,476.99 now being utilized on the road program; Lane county's loss would be \$23,455.96; Linn county \$12,279.37; Jackson county \$16,236.97; Cops county \$14,226.04, and the losses of other counties would be as follows:

Baker \$7,147.03
Clackamas \$8,941.52
Clatsop \$10,818
Columbia \$7,615.32
Crook \$14,644.98
Curry \$17,551.01
Deschutes \$7,934.72
Douglas \$11,115.14
Gilliam \$2,055.63
Grant \$1,854.43
Harney \$14,077.40
Hood River \$5,661.29
Jefferson \$10,766.26
Josephine \$5,432.78
Klamath \$10,123.20
Lake \$1,856.25
Lincoln \$2,272.86
Malheur \$3,004.77
Polk \$7,586.35
Morrow \$2,594.84
Sherman \$2,406.20
Tillamook \$6,225.93
Umatilla \$12,734.98
Union \$7,839.88
Wagoner \$3,103.34
Wasco \$7,654.01
Washington \$14,245.20
Wheeler \$9,425.91
Yamhill \$10,938.94

BROWN OFFERS TRESPASS BILLS

Three bills designed to protect farmers against trespassers, particularly tourists who invade the premises of farmers for articles of food, were introduced yesterday by Senator Sam Brown of Marion county.

One of the bills makes it unnecessary for trespass notices to be posted by farmers. At present farmers are unable under the law to prosecute unless notices are posted on their farms.

Another of the Brown bills provides that damage amounting to three times the value of the property taken may be assessed against trespassers, and a third bill places jurisdiction over trespass cases in the justice court.

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RECORDS OF DRY BUREAU INVESTIGATED

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of Roseburg as a special prosecutor and complimented him for the vigor with which he had handled cases placed into his hands.

The governor gave an accounting of the slightly less than \$4000 that he has expended from the fund placed at his disposal.

"Was any of the money at your disposal used as marked money?" asked Senator Hare.

"Yes, \$500," the governor answered.

"Was it to test the honesty of a public official?" Hare wanted to know.

"Yes. We were on the right track, but it failed."

George L. Cleaver, prohibition commissioner, who is being investigated, was delayed in his appearance by an automobile mishap. When he came in Senator Garland asked:

"Are you here with your trunk full of records, Mr. Cleaver?"

"I haven't a trunk," answered Cleaver, "but I have half a dozen suitcases."

The probers recessed for 10 minutes and Garland dispatched a trio of members with Cleaver to horse the records up the stairs from the second floor. They returned with suitcases and grips that bulged with documents, canceled checks, letters and other papers. When the grips and catchalls were opened the inquisitorial heads swam for half an hour. The committee members were prepared for a man-sized job, but didn't expect anything like this. When normally had been restored and the members could again articulate coherently, Chairman Garland appointed Senator Johnson and Representative Swan as a sub-committee to check over the financial records, with Representatives Lonergan and Hurlburt as a relay committee to alternate with them on the job. Senator Eddy and Representative Rushlight were named a sub-committee to read the correspondence.

This progress wasn't attained without considerable travail. Lonergan moved that the records be examined before further witnesses were examined. Garland thought the motion should require that the governor and Cleaver retire, but remain at hand where they could be called. This was done.

Representative Filmanario, who is easily the most dignified member of the group, after standing with arms folded for some minutes making a broad survey of the situation, moved that an expert accountant be employed to go over the records. This wasn't done.

Senator Johnson threw off his coat, flexed his muscles and bit extra hard on the toothpick that he habitually carries betwixt his lips. He said:

"Gentlemen, it isn't going to be necessary to check nine-tenths of these vouchers. We will find that nearly all of them are little dinky items that don't amount to a boat."

tor ought to be on the relay and suggested Hare.

"Not me," Hare declined. "I've found something else here that is going to interest me far more than a whole." He had been going through some bundles of correspondence and miscellaneous. What Hare found is just now a mystery that doubtless will be cleared up later.

Each newspaperman present was made to understand thoroughly the conditions on which he was allowed to sit in. All were pledged to refrain from publishing anything so requested by the committee, also all names of employees who are at present with the department and all names of persons from whom letters or tips have been received by Cleaver or the governor.

When the committees got down to examining the records there was little to interest the reporters. One by one they sauntered from the room. When the last of them left Eddy and Rushlight were still patiently poring over the sheets of letters, while Johnson and Swan were drawing the figures and names on the stubs of Cleaver's checkbooks.

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**ALL RUSSIA MOURNS
ON LENINE ANNIVERSARY**

Moscow, Jan. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—All soviet Russia was in mourning today, the first anniversary of the death of Nikolai Lenine, whose memory among the communists is venerated as the founder of the soviet regime.

Official soviet buildings at home and abroad were ordered draped with red flags, fringed by crepe, and all stores, theaters and restaurants directed to close. The sale of liquor was forbidden. There were none of the usual street parades or outward demonstrations characteristic of bolshevik functions, alliance being the dominant feature of the commemorative exercises.

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**INTERSTATE BRIDGE BILLS
MAKE APPEARANCE**

Three bills of importance were introduced into the house this afternoon by the Multnomah delegation.

One would remove the supervising power of the state highway engineer over trans-Williamette bridges at Portland.

A second would provide for the refunding of principal and interest on interstate bridge bonds advanced by Multnomah county in early days of the bridge's history.

A third measure would authorize the interstate bridge commissioners to invest surplus funds in United States, Oregon, and municipal and school bonds of the state.

**CONFESSES TO FORGERIES
TOTALLING \$1,300,000**

New York, Jan. 21.—Moe Tushman, son of a Chicago rabbi, president of "Young Judea," in this city and prominent in Brooklyn special circles, was reported by authorities today to have confessed to forgeries totalling \$1,300,000 in the business of the Equity Finance & Service company of which he was managing director.

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