

BANKS BILL HIT HARD BY HOUSE; 48 AGAINST IT

The Banks bill providing for appeal from license revocations went down to a crushing defeat at the hands of the house yesterday afternoon. Only 11 votes were recorded for the bill with 48 against it. Those voting for the bill were Representatives Bates, Coffey, Ford, Fitzmaurice, Hamilton, Kirkwood, Loneragan, Potter, Rushlight, Shelton and Burdick.

Representative Loneragan, Multnomah county, fought what was practically a single handed battle for the passage of the bill. Representative Potts, Lane county, spoke a few words in its favor as did Representative Rushlight, Multnomah.

Loneragan charged that the bill and its purposes had been misrepresented and maligned.

"It is a fundamental of American jurisprudence that everyone should have his day in court," he declared. "The law denies every type of criminal the right of appeal. There is no reason that the same right should not be accorded those property owners, who in many cases are not criminals and may be falsely accused. The bill provides a place on which a license has been revoked shall remain closed pending the appeal. The people who are discriminated against should have the same right as a bootlegger or prostitute."

Representative Woodward, Multnomah county, attacked the bill, charging that it sought to protect the owners of "these soft drink holes or hells."

"They sell booze and rotten booze," he charged. "They ruin and send to damnation those who patronize them. It is not their business to run four squares. Appeals will be taken care of by shrewd lawyers and the places will continue to run if this bill is passed."

Representative Bailey struck at the bill along the same lines. Representative Tucker, Linn county, maintained that the bill was designed to benefit certain legal talent. Representative Bennett declared that no Portland property owners or workmen wanted such a bill passed. "These people have no constitutional right when they continually and repeatedly violate the law," he said.

GOVERNOR SIGNS EIGHT MEASURES

Governor Pierce has signed the following bills:

H. B. 126, by Cramer, creating office of Josephine hard inspector.

H. B. 234, by Yamhill delegation, abolishing county recorder's office in Yamhill county.

H. B. 268, game committee, creating state game reservation along Columbia river.

H. B. 30, by Ford (by request), validating equalization, levying and collection of taxes upon failure to give notice of meeting of board of equalization.

S. B. 45, by Clark (by request), authorizing board of regents of the University of Oregon and Multnomah county commissioners to enter into an agreement relative to medical and surgical care of patients of Multnomah county hospitals.

S. B. 110, by Carner, relating to salaries of Wheeler county officials.

S. B. 144, by revision of laws committee, relating to crime of assault and battery.

S. B. 151, by committee on assessment and taxation, requiring treasurers, secretaries or financial officers of counties, etc., to report the status of bonded indebtedness to state treasurer.

RUNAWAY BOYS FOUND WITH HORSE AND BUGGY

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 15.—Deputy Bales, aged 12, James Allenworth 14 and Elmer Cox, 11, who ran away from their homes near Portland on February 10, were picked up near Yoncalla last night by Deputy Sheriff Leas of this county. The boys were traveling with a horse and buggy belonging to the father of the Cox boy. They are being held here for the Multnomah county juvenile court.

House Grinds Out Legislation Like Sausage Machine

Working under high pressure the house ground through a long list of routine bills yesterday including the following:

H. B. 364 providing that sheriffs may put state prohibition law violators to work on the rockpile; 410 providing for a commission to study government of Multnomah county with the view of recommending changes to eliminate duplications; 417 raising the salary of the county recorder of Marion county from \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year; 445 raising the salary of the state engineer from \$3,600 to \$5,000 annually; 450 providing for the office of county meat and herd inspectors in those counties west of the Cascade mountains which do not already have such officials, their salary not to exceed \$10 a day; 451 amending certain sections in the vehicle license law, particularly raising the price of an automobile dealer's license plate from \$30 to \$50 and the cost of duplicates from \$5 to \$10 each; 64 tightening the law relative to the payment for wages by check; 99 pertaining to the election of directors in irrigation districts; 263 changing the salmon fishing season on Nestucca bay from August 5 to October 25, to July 5 and February 5, and providing for closing the river to commercial fishing during weekends; 420 remitting tax penalties on delinquent payments for 1921, 1922 and 1923; 234 prohibiting the use of seines on coast streams entering into the Pacific south of the Columbia river.

Senate bills passed included: 132 raising the salary of Benton county's treasurer from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year, and placing the authority of approving salaries of clerical help of the various offices in the hands of the county court; 87 authorizing sheriffs to round up abandoned and starving horses and to sell same at public auction; 23 placing the salary of the Salem constable at \$1,800 a year; 78 prohibiting disposal or storage of animal carcasses in places that may give rise to offense to residents; 111 providing for the formation of a school district including that of two and surrounding country which have a school age population of between 500 and 1,000; 114 making a number of corrective amendments in the workmen's compensation law pertaining to appeals, settling of suits, and similar matters; 320 fixing the salary of the justice of the peace of Hillsboro at \$1,800 a year; 180 settling a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$500 or six months in jail for indecent conduct or profane language in public places, highways, or public grounds; 198 abolishing the office of constable in Multnomah county and transferring duties to the sheriff; 28 providing for procedure in levying liens by irrigation districts on crops grown through use of water which has not been paid for; 49 providing for the creation of the Warner game refuge in Lake county; 71 fixing the salary of court reporters in the ninth, 18th and 19th judicial districts; 75 setting the sum from which one may appeal from justice court decisions at \$30; 92 permitting irrigation districts under contract with the federal government to cancel assessments levied to pay charges to the United States when the latter has relieved the district from payment of such charges; 95 authorizing the secretary of state to ascertain from postmasters the names of voters having moved away since last election with the view of eliminating the sending out of voters pamphlets to persons who can not be reached; 108 creating a board of cosmetic therapy examiners and regulating

OLD BARN STILL TRAMP REFUGE

Proceedings to raze the old barn at South 14th and Mission streets by order of the council were brought to an abrupt halt when it was found that the city did not own the "bum's retreat," as was thought by councilors. The city engineer found his hands tied in carrying out the will of the council, as R. E. Downing, H. H. Vandevort, A. J. Hoff and J. D. Densmore hold the deed to the property. It was reported at the council meeting last night.

When Mr. Vandevort was a member of the city council he once made the declaration that he would give the old barn to the city if that would do any good, when he was badgered by a request that the building be torn down. Nothing was done, but some of the aldermen thought later that the property had been deeded to the city. It is without doubt a hangout for tramps, decided the council, and the city engineer has been asked to consult the owners about its removal.

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BRANDON OPERA COMPANY COMES TO GRAND SUNDAY

The Brandon Opera company after closing the third week of their Portland engagement at the public auditorium will come to Salem for an engagement of three nights at the Grand theater and put on a short festival of comic operas which should and, no doubt, will be, greatly enjoyed by local music lovers and theatergoers.

The Brandon Opera company is proclaimed "the best light opera organization in America" and are "making good" on the title wherever they have appeared this season. The repertoire for Salem is a most interesting one. First, on Sunday night, comes "Robin Hood," the Reginald De Koven masterpiece, and undoubtedly the best loved of all American comic operas. All the lifting quality of melody, keen dramatic arrangement and enchanting stage effects mark the Brandon Opera company's conception of "Robin Hood," a conception that approaches perfection.

On Monday night the offering will be Balfie's ever popular "The Bohemian Girl" with its everlastingly "I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Hall," "The Heart Bowed Down," and "When You'll Remember Me." "The Bohemian Girl" is exceptionally tuneful and romantic and is near grand opera that a great many of the grand opera companies include it in their repertoire.

On Tuesday the offering will be "The Spring Maid," a later form of comic opera, founded on one of Grimm's fairy tales the legend of "The Huntsman and the Rabbit." The music is by Reinhardt and the book and lyrics by Robert B. and Harry B. Smith. The score contains such hitting melodies as "Day Dreams," "Two Little Love Bees," "How I Love a Pretty Face," and "The Fountain Fay Protective Institution Limited."

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FARMER BURNS TO DEATH FIRING WEEDS

Baker, Or., Feb. 18.—P. J. Chambling, 59, farmer of the Missouri flat district, just north of Baker, was burned to death while burning weeds behind his house late yesterday afternoon.

Chambling was subject to spells of dizziness and while watching one burning pile apparently became dizzy and fell into another. He was discovered by his son, Paul Chambling.

He had crawled about 40 feet from the fire. A pitchfork was still in his hand and all of his clothing above the knees was burned off.

LEAGUE ISSUES CALL FOR DISARMING CONFERENCE

Geneva, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press)—Owing to uncertainty as to whether cooperation by the United States would be possible the committee of the league of nations council which sits with the league's disarmament commission decided today to recommend that the calling of an international conference for control of the private manufacture of arms be prohibited. The understanding is that a special committee will be appointed to study the problem in detail.

NO CHANGE IN RUSSIAN POLICY

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Coolidge sees no indications pointing to Russian recognition by the American government.

Departure from the cabinet on March 4 of Secretary Hughes, who has been strongly opposed to American recognition of Russia, is not expected by the president to forecast a change of policy toward the soviet.

This re-statement of policy was made today at the White House to set at rest widespread reports of an impending change.

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