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GOOD HUMOR MARKS CLOSE OF SESSION

Work of Legislators Sum- med Up—Battle of Wits With Governor Won By Latter.

(By Harry N. Crain)
The 1925 legislative assembly history today.
With most of the bitterness engendered in some corners during the 45 days it was in session wiped away by a prevailing spirit of good fellowship, the closing hours last evening were the most orderly that have attended the adjournment of a session in many years.
The usual rush and flurry, the strategic attempts to slip over under stress of rapidly waning time some measures that earlier in the session would stand no chance was entirely lacking. Only one controversial measure reared its head to mar the tranquillity of last evening's deliberations, the resolution providing for a special election late in the summer should the referendum be brought into play on any of the enacted measures. That served for a few moments to refresh in the minds of certain of the solons the realization that they had been forced to fall in line with the governor's demands for a tobacco tax and a gross earnings levy on public utilities.
Generally speaking, there was very little real opposition to either of these taxes among the legislators, but there was a keen bitterness for some of them in the realization that they had been compelled to take the governor's medicine.
If the thirty third session is to

SELLING YELLOW PINE FOR WHITE CAUSES SUIT

Washington, Feb. 27.—Complaints charging five western lumber companies with selling yellow, or soft pine, as white pine, were made public here last yesterday by the federal trade commission.
The complaints name the Couer d'Alene, Idaho; Grand Ronde Lumber company, Perry, Oregon; McGoldrick Lumber company, Spokane; Deer Park Lumber company, Deer Park, Wash.; and the Shevlin-Hixon company, Bend, Oregon.
The commission charged the companies with selling yellow pine as eastern white pine, leading purchasers to believe their product was white pine. The commission held that such practice is an unfair method of competition.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS WIN

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Travel worn, but triumphant, Indiana's transient democratic senators were back in Indianapolis today, with the expressed determination to rapidly catch up in the work confronting the upper chamber of the state legislature.
It was a happy crowd of 14 men who crossed the Indiana line from Ohio last night singing "Back Home Again in Indiana." It was still a happier group when they approached the end of the long motor ride from Dayton to the state capitol building at the end of the day.
Lieutenant Governor Harold Van Orman had remained up and his warm greeting to each member added to the confidence that the runaways would "not be subjected to fine or other action." It also strengthened their feeling that the congressional redistricting bill, the cause of their removal and subsequent flight—would not pass.

REFERENDUM ELECTION SET SEPTEMBER 8

In Event of Referendum Upon Tax Raising Measures All Measures To Go To People.

The state faces the additional expense of a special election as a result of action by the legislature in its last hours. House bill 517, introduced by the joint ways and means committee, provides that in event the referendum is invoked on any of the revenue producing measures enacted by the session then all measures referred to the people by the legislature shall also be voted on at that time. The eastern Oregon normal school bill will be excepted, it being the desire of Senator Ritter that it be not voted on until the general election of 1926. The date of the special election if called will be September 8 next.

Late last night when the senate was amending the bill in committee, the resolution providing for a special election late in the summer should the referendum be brought into play on any of the enacted measures. That served for a few moments to refresh in the minds of certain of the solons the realization that they had been forced to fall in line with the governor's demands for a tobacco tax and a gross earnings levy on public utilities.

BRIDGE PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED NEXT SEPTEMBER

Coincident with the special election to be held in September by the state of Oregon, to pass on referendum measures, providing Governor Pierce does not veto the last minute bill providing for this election, the city of Salem will likely have a measure referred by the city council, providing means for the completion of the permanent bridge program, according to Alderman W. H. Dancy, member of the special committee appointed by Mayor J. B. Giesy. Mayor Giesy has indicated that he hoped the legislature would find grounds for a special election in order that the city could hold one at the same time.

Expense of a special city election on a referendum measure would be too high for practicality, declared Mayor Giesy, but the cost of an election on measures at the same time the state election is held will be negligible.
Both Alderman Dancy and Mayor Giesy are in favor of adopting a millage tax and build bridges one or two at a time rather than to make a bond issue and build all permanent bridges at once, nearly 50 of them. Alderman Dancy is in favor of beginning on the South Commercial street bridge at once, by building retentions and wings of concrete and using dirt and rocks taken from the high streets in South Salem for filler, and trying to have the approaches ready when the span is to be constructed. Filler could be dumped through the flooring of the old bridge with out stopping traffic. By extending the approaches in this manner, the bridge span could be shortened very appreciably.

COLONEL CLOWRY DIES ON TRAIN

New York, Feb. 27.—The body of Colonel Robert C. Clowry, former president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, who died last night in his private car on which he was returning from Palm Beach, will be taken to Omaha for burial.
Colonel Clowry, who was 56, had been suffering from a cold and ear complications and was coming to his home in Tarrytown, N. Y., when his condition became serious. A physician was called aboard the train at Philadelphia and another was called at Elizabeth, N. J. Death came as the train was entering the Hudson river tunnel that leads into the Pennsylvania station.

County to Pave 15 to 17 Miles of Market Highways

Passage of the 1925 legislative history assures continuation by Marion county of the 1925 paved road program without a hitch, members of the county court announced today, when a resume of road legislation, passed indicates that nothing was done to alter the status of market road funds from their condition preceding the gathering of the lawmakers.
While the pavement program has not been specifically mapped out by the judge and commissioners as yet, it is certain from 15 to 17 miles of pavement will be added to the county highway system which already has 125 miles of paved roads, and that a similar mileage will go in during 1926. What is done past that depends upon the whims of the succeeding legislature.
All told the county receives about \$200,000 from the market road tax. The policy of the county is to match up as high as 2 mills all special district funds voted by the people of the various districts has cut down this amount for paving work to about \$175,000 to be used for pavement. Inasmuch as the \$25,000 will be used on many instances for grading work in preparing roads for pavement it may be said that virtually all of the \$200,000 can be used for an extension of the market road paved highway system during the coming season.
The court has delayed making any plans for the 1925 pavement program because of uncertainties of legislative action. Had the market road fund been taken away paving in the county would have ceased unless the people voted another bond issue. As it now lies the work can go ahead without a bond issue. It may be a number of weeks before the program is set definitely mapped out as in the first instance members of the court want some time to study new road legislation after all of the bills have been passed on by the governor or to determine to a certainty just where the county is lying as a result of such legislation.
In addition some study will be made as to just what roads should be improved this year to bring about the best results for the greatest number of people with the amount of money available for expenditure.

MOTT SPEAKS TO LIONS OF WORK OF LEGISLATURE

"In many respects the past session of the state legislature was a futile war between the house and senate on the one hand, and the governor of the state on the other," was the statement made by Representative Mott in a speech before the Salem Lions club this noon. "I am glad to say the governor came out entirely victorious and the organization of the house and senate was so entirely licked that I don't think they will ever try anything of the kind again."
At the outset of the session it looked practically certain that the governor would be stripped of most of his appointive power, said Mott.
"Our revenue program was more or less of a fizzle," he stated. "We find that we are up against it for revenue."
The road program, involving increases in the fees of certain buses and trucks using the roads, was more of a success, according to the opinion of Mr. Mott. He spoke highly of the reforestation bill, said to have been sponsored by him and declared the bill to be the most constructive piece of legislation that was passed during the session. "Lumbering is our greatest industry," he maintained. "Sixty-five per cent of our pay-rolls comes from the timber resources, yet heretofore we have done nothing toward encouraging reforestation in the state." The act calls for a decrease in the present rate of taxes on growing trees, he indicated.

Mayor Giesy spoke at the same meeting. Miss Gladys McIntyre, accompanied by Miss Betty Bedford, sang two songs, "Oh That We Two Were Maylars," and "Travelin' to the Grave."

ASHBY C. DICKSON MADE CIRCUIT JUDGE

Ashby C. Dickson of Portland was today appointed by Governor Pierce as the additional circuit judge for Multnomah county. The appointment is under senate bill No. 81 of the session of 1923 which was passed by the legislature yesterday over the veto of the governor. Dickson was formerly a district judge in Portland for a short time.

Session of Levity With Singer Presiding Ends House Labors

Ahead of its work and waiting for final action of the senate on the special election measure, the house spent an hour in levity last night before sine die adjournment shortly after 10 o'clock.
Joe Singer, sergeant-at-arms in the house for so many years that few remember his first session, took the speaker's chair, made rulings, appointments, and conducted a meeting with nothing but fun the object in view.
Courtesy of the floor was extended to K. K. Kuhl and Fred L. Gifford. Representatives Coffey and Lonergan were named as a committee to escort the visitors to the front.
Gifford was not on hand, but Kuhl was duly taken to the speaker's chair.

NATION NEEDS NEW AIRCRAFT ASSERTS SIMS

Admiral Opposes Unified Air Service—Says Gun Fire Ineffectual Against Attacking Planes.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, retired, today vigorously opposed before the house aircraft committee the creation of a unified air service as urged by Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant army air chief. The admiral endorsed the building up of a powerful force by the United States, however, and declared the airplane "will play a predominant part" in the next war.
"Couple the airplane with the submarine, the admiral said, and an enemy fleet cannot exist 'unless steaming a zig-zag course at full speed."
"If a fleet comes up against ours with more airplane carriers and can command the air, I don't see how we can win," he added. "If there is anything I know about in the navy, it is gun fire, and after making all calculations it is a piece of good luck if an anti-aircraft gunner hits an airplane."
"You'll fire the guns of course, and the noise will relieve the tension."
In opposing a unified air service, Admiral Sims said that the navy needed naval officers familiar with navy tactics, operating the aircraft.
"The air force from the shore out," he said, "must be commanded by the submarine and aircraft properly developed, not necessarily excessively, we can protect ourselves."

"If the sheriff or assessor can't collect the dog taxes you can tell the world I will take the job of collecting them for the county free of charge," was the declaration of H. H. Vandevier, increased at slaughter done to his sheep in the Pringle district.
"I have just lost 23 sheep from a raid by two dogs in the Pringle district. Ed Coates a neighbor lost three more, George Myers lost half of his flock and another neighbor named Coburn lost some, just how many I do not know."
"Looking for the guilty dogs we examined the dogs of the neighborhood and found from 60 to 70 without tags.
"If the taxes are paid, we stand some chance of getting a little return for our lost sheep. We got \$5 a head for sheep that are worth \$15, and when you have your wool contracted at 50 cents you don't like to lose your sheep. I have sheep spread all over the county and can't watch them every minute. We want the taxes collected so we can get a share of our losses covered."

HOTALING SAYS POISON PLOT MOST ABSURD

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 27.—The police investigation which was started when Ralph P. King, former policeman in Hawaii, told detectives he had been asked by Richard ("Dick") Hotaling to murder the latter's sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Hotaling, centered today in a search for Al Reels, reputed gunman.
Reels, according to King, was one of the two men who had accepted \$3,700 provided by Hotaling to make possible the "removal" of Mrs. Fred Hotaling.
The other suspect, Lou Madison, was arrested here yesterday.
Madison has confessed he and Reels had accepted the \$3,700 from King but that they had had no intention of harming Mrs. Hotaling.
Hotaling, wealthy clubman and amateur actor of wide reputation, today reiterated his conviction that an investigation will disprove all of the tales and accusations made by King and Madison.
"The entire thing is so absurd and fantastic that it is utterly useless to deny anything," he declared, "and, slight must not be lost of the fact that it was I who made possible the capture of King."

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The measure was introduced by Senator Bill, democrat, Washington, and provides for appointment of two persons by the president to participate in the negotiations.
The agreement would deal particularly with water to be used in reclamation projects.

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If Approved Employees Get \$300 Increase Annu- ally—Tillamook Im- provement Assured.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The fate of the postal pay and rate increase bill now rest with President Coolidge, the senate having joined the house in approving the conference report, virtually substituting the house bill for the measure previously twice approved by the senate.
Administration leaders believe the bill will receive President Coolidge's approval. Effective as of January 1, this year, postal employees would receive an average salary increase of about \$300 annually under the bill, which by new postal rates to go in effect April 15 next, would raise about \$60,000,000 of the \$68,000,000 required for the pay advances.
"As a rider, the bill carries a corrupt practices act, strictly limiting campaign expenditures of congressional candidates as recommended by the senate campaign funds committee.
Rivers and Harbors
At the request of President Coolidge the senate today struck out of the rivers and harbors bill the requirement that all authorized projects be completed within five years.
The president let it be understood that this provision was in conflict with the program of the budget bureau. The amendment of the senate commerce committee eliminating it was approved without debate.
Projects for the improvement of Tillamook bay, Oregon, were provided for in the bill.
Water Power Survey
A first step toward a national survey of potential water power was taken today when the senate approved an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill directing the secretary of war to estimate what such a program would cost. An amendment was adopted on recommendation of Senator Shortridge, republican, California, providing that none of the funds authorized under the act would be used for development or survey of the Colorado river. The California senator contended that if the act applied to the Colorado river it would jeopardize the Boulder canyon project.

M'NARY EXPORT BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

Washington, Feb. 27.—The McNary bill proposing extension of the farmers' export corporation for the handling surplus farm products was favorably reported yesterday by the senate agricultural committee. It went to the calendar and most of the committed members were agreed that chances of its consideration at the present session were remote.
New Home at Mill City
Mill City, Or., Feb. 27.—The work of excavating in preparation for the building of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. William Beck has been started and the house will be rushed through to completion as fast as the weather will permit.

COUNTY RAISES \$456 FOR RED X

A total of \$456.71 had been reported to Red Cross headquarters at Salem from various districts in Marion and Polk counties by 2 p. m. today. The districts reporting comprise approximately one-third of the districts participating in the recent Red Cross roll call. Aside from subscriptions coming from a number of smaller communities, the sums subscribed were as follows:
Annville, \$15; Clayton, \$9; Ger-vias, \$25.36; Mouthouth, \$125; Sil-vertown, \$152.21; Marion, \$3; Tur-ner, \$9; Shaw, \$19; Wilder, \$12; Howell, \$26; Sublimity, \$26.
Red Cross authorities state that it will probably be upwards of a week before all reports are in, the sums added to the \$2209 that was raised in Salem, and an exact report issued as to the total sum raised in the two counties.

FARMERS' BALLOT

To ascertain the sentiment of farmers upon the auto parking limit in the business district of Salem, country readers are requested to cut out, mark with an X their preference and mail this ballot to the Capital Journal.

Favor one hour parking limit.
 Favor two hour parking limit.
 No limit.

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INES DRAWN TIGHTER FOR PROHIBITION

Legislature Increases Penalties For Violators And Reorganizes En- forcement Department.

Although the investigation of the office of George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner, was the stellar work of the legislature along liquor lines, a number of changes in the laws covering the suppression of alcoholic traffic will have been placed on the statute books by the thirty-third session. All of them are designed to draw tighter the strange strings on John Harley-corn.
Governor Pierce has signed house bill 164, by Hurlbut, making a compulsory sentence of from one to five years in the penitentiary for moonshiners.
Another measure, house bill 364, provides that certain prohibition law violators shall be put to work on the rockpile by sheriffs wherever possible. The law would apply to drunken drivers.
A senate bill, designed to permit priests and rabbis to bring wine into the state for religious purposes and issue two gallons to each family a year was killed in the house. A number of rabbis appeared against the bill.
Senate bill 209, passed by both houses and sent to the governor, virtually reorganizes the prohibition department. It puts the appointive power over deputies in the commissioner's hands. Hereafter, the governor has named the deputy agents. A two thousand dollar bond is required from deputies under the measure.
A \$50,000 sum is set aside for the operation of the department. All sums in excess of \$50,000 collected from fines are to be returned to the counties in which they were levied.
Upon notice from the state treasurer to the effect that a sum of \$50,000 has accumulated to the department during any part of any calendar year, the county treasurers are instructed not to remit further.
Of half of the funds received by county treasurers from enforcement of the prohibition law, one-half shall be set aside for making arrests and handling prosecutions. Of the latter 75 per cent of this shall be used by the district attorney and the remainder by the sheriff.

Mayor Giesy came out again in favor of the one hour parking limitation in an address before the Salem Lions club at the Marion hotel this noon. "Whatever the people want is the thing to adopt," he said, "but to me personally it seems that a change from the one hour to the two hour parking limitation would be a step backward."
The mayor stated that he has interviewed a large number of persons interested in the measure and has found not half a dozen who favor the one hour limitation. "The agitation for the increase in parking time comes from the merchants of the city, some of whom claim to have lost customers, rather than from those who really are vitally affected by the ruling, according to the mayor. He stated that in some cases merchants lost customers before the one hour parking ordinance went into effect the customers being unable to get to the downtown stores on account of lack of parking space, and going to the less congested districts to buy their goods.
"We have the business men to consider on the one hand, and we have their patrons on the other," he said. "Personally, I don't believe in going back; I believe in going ahead."

RAISE IN SALARY OF STATE PRINTER VETOED

Governor Pierce has vetoed a bill increasing the salary of the state printer from \$3,000 to \$3,300.
"Owing to the present financial condition of the state treasury," says the veto message, "and the difficulty of meeting the necessary expenses of state government, I am opposed to this raise of salary."

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