

NO INSPECTOR OF SHADE TREES SENATE'S EDICT

Regulatory measures galore have been introduced at this session of the legislature. Most of them have been rejected. One was added to the rejected list by the senate Wednesday when Senator Marks ridiculed to death the Settler-Chindgren house bill providing for the regulation of shade trees along streets and highways and the appointment of tree wardens.

Marks declared that while the bill provided that the warden would receive no pay he would be before the next legislature asking pay. After several senators had taken a fling at the bill Senator Miller moved that it be indefinitely postponed. It was.

The senate adopted the Upton joint resolution extending the benefits of the veterans' state aid act to all men and women who have served in the wars and who are now living and have lived in Oregon 10 years, regardless whether they enlisted in this state.

Other measures passed the senate Wednesday afternoon were: S. B. 54, by Jones—Corrective measure relating to industrial loan companies.

S. B. 207, by Joint Multnomah delegation—Providing that affidavits of prejudice may be filed against circuit court judges.

S. B. 122, by E. F. Bailey—Relating to certification of teachers on graduation from standard colleges.

S. B. 186, by Strayer—Authorizing state highway commission to eliminate as state highway the road from Halfway to Cornucopia.

S. B. 190, by Cuzner and Norblad—To provide for the registration of assistants to non-resident engineers.

S. B. 194, by Billingsley—Giving county courts and city councils right to build buildings by leasing bonds to be retired by rentals.

S. B. 328, by Metzger—Providing that a school district maintaining a high school and voting against consolidation with other districts cannot be forced into the consolidation.

S. B. 351, by Briggs—Repealing sections pertaining to recognition of teachers' certificates and credits from other states.

H. B. 131, by repeal laws committee—Relating to library funds.

H. B. 325, by McCourt—Makes it possible for anyone absent from his home voting place to vote under the absent voters' law.

H. B. 398, by Washington and Yamhill delegations—Providing for establishment of control areas to protect orchard, farm and forest products from disease.

H. B. 397, by Washington and Yamhill delegations—Giving right of appeal to courts from rulings of state board of horticulture.

H. B. 3, by committee on repeal of laws—Relating to partition suits.

H. B. 65, by committee on repeal of laws—Relating to validation of certain marriages.

H. B. 456, by Fisher and Lockwood and Senator Eddy—Authorizing county court to waive or reduce penalty and interest upon unpaid taxes.

H. B. 363, by Umatilla delegation—Provides increase in salaries of Umatilla county salaries.

H. B. 82, by committee on repeal of laws—Repealing obsolete matter relating to election of attorney general.

H. B. 129, by committee on repeal of laws—Repealing obsolete matter relating to distribution of school funds.

Confidences Of Stenographers To Be Respected

The bill "designed to create a further confidential relationship between a stenographer and her employer," according to Representative Briggs, was passed by the house Wednesday afternoon. The bill, senate bill 151, provides that a stenographer cannot be a witness against her employer on matters pertaining to information received in an official capacity.

The house also passed the Bailey bill which declares the industrial accident fund to be a trust fund for uses declared in the industrial accident commission act and declaring all contributions heretofore made by the state of Oregon to said fund to be a trust in which the state has no proprietary ownership or right to reclaim.

BILL PLACES ALL COIN IN TREASURY

Mrs. Dorothy McCullough Lee, member of the lower house from Multnomah, introduced H. B. 535 Wednesday afternoon which requires all boards, departments and commissions of the state to deposit their funds with the state treasurer.

The bill originated in the state treasurer's office at the instigation of Dr. Frederick Stricker, secretary of the state board of health, says Mrs. Lee, and is aimed at donations received by boards and commissions, the control of which has been retained within the groups.

The state board of health is maintaining its own bank account through which it handles donations received from the Rockefeller Foundation and similar organizations.

SOLID TIRES ARE DOOMED JULY 1

Solid tired trucks will not be permitted on the Oregon highways after July 1, 1931, if house bill 514 which passed the house Wednesday morning, becomes a law. The bill passed by the house, originated in the two roads committees of the house and is the result of several years study by Emmett Howard of Lane, chairman of the roads and highways committee, and of several other committee members.

A similar bill passed the house in 1927 and was defeated in the senate. Load limits on solid tired vehicles will be reduced after January 1, 1930 from 20,000 pounds, the present limit to 18,000. When the solid tire prohibition becomes effective in two years, the load limit will be raised to 22,000 pounds.

Pneumatic tires are claimed to be self-polishing, as the owner who overloads, harms his own tires.

BILL TO LICENSE NURSERYMEN WINS

Settler's bulb bill, providing for the licensing of nurserymen under the supervision of the state board of horticulture, was passed by the lower house Wednesday afternoon. A \$15 license fee provision is included in the bill.

The bill, H. B. 486, was substituted for H. B. 311 and was defeated in the senate. Features in the first bill which would have worked hardships on the small grower.

Those voting against the bill were Angell, Childs, Chinnoek, Ford, Kubli, Mrs. Lee, Malarkey, McCready, Peters, Stewart, and Wilkes.

SHOWER STAGED—Silverson—A shower was tendered Mrs. A. Sacher at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Larsen, in the Silverson Hills district, the first of the week when about 40 friends and neighbors gathered and surprised Mrs. Sacher. A pot-luck lunch was served. Mrs. Sacher received many beautiful and useful gifts.

HOUSE CLEARS CALENDAR; BIG BILLS GO OVER

By holding up the major measures such as the old age pension bill, the intangibles tax measure, and the Eddy bill providing the property qualification for voters, all of which are considered debate provocative and time-consuming, the lower house was able to "clear the desk" for the first time this week, before adjourning Wednesday afternoon.

During the two sessions Wednesday the house passed nine house bills and 11 senate bills. The Kubli bill to combine the state budget act and the state purchasing agent, was the only bill lost Wednesday.

Senator Upton's bill to raise the age limit under which fire arms and explosives may not be sold, from 14 to 18, was discussed on the floor of the house and then, on motion of Briggs of Jackson, held up until further conference may be held with the sponsor of the bill.

Senate bill 69 which exempts rural mail carriers from paying the state gasoline tax was passed by the house.

Other bills passed by the house Wednesday afternoon were: H. B. 461—Creating a game refuge in Grant county to be known as Murderer's creek and Deer creek game refuge.

H. B. 462—Creating a game refuge in Grant county known as the Canyon creek game refuge.

H. B. 426—Increasing salary of the Jackson county treasurer.

H. B. 406—Authorizing joint tenancy in personal property in husband and wife with right of survivorship.

H. B. 350—Repealing obsolete sections relating to school superintendent.

S. B. 117—Amending sections relating to the inspection of cattle and horses to be shipped or driven out of the state.

S. B. 145—Amending sections relating to terms of office of the directors of irrigation districts.

S. B. 30—Providing for one more term of court in Lane county.

S. B. 98—Extending authority to all officers qualified to administer oaths in certifying to nominations of guardians under certain conditions.

S. B. 101—Amending sections relating to cemeteries.

S. B. 162—Providing that reports of accidents shall be open to public inspection.

S. B. 180—Relating to assignment of circuit judges to other districts.

GLEANINGS from the GRIST

Speaker Hamilton has appointed Representatives Bronaugh, Winslow and Henderson, as the lower house conference committee to meet with a senate committee on amendments to S. B. 8. When the bill came to the house amendments were added with which the senate failed to concur. The matter will now be settled in conference between committees from both houses.

On the senate committee are Senators Strayer, Eddy and Klepper. The bill amends sections relating to attorney's fees in suit or actions brought upon any policy of insurance.

DEFICIENCY ACT TO REMAIN DORMANT

Washington, (P)—Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia, told the senate Wednesday that he understands republican leaders intended to let the first deficiency bill, with its proposed \$24,000,000 prohibition fund, lie dormant, and planned to include all its provisions except the enforcement item in another bill.

The senators said the republicans hoped by that procedure to circumvent the prohibition proposal but he declared "it is going to be very difficult" to enact another deficiency bill unless it contained the increase for prohibition enforcement.

Earlier Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, had given notice that he was prepared to attempt to kill the interior department appropriation measure unless the house receded from the amendment granting authority to the interior secretary to condemn property in national park.

The deficiency bill has awaited senate action since the house refused to accept the increased fund for prohibition.

Safely through the senate with votes to spare, the Jones bill to increase penalties for prohibition violations now goes to the house, but it is problematical whether any action will be taken on it there at this session, or at the special session to come. This session is fast drawing to a close and legislators have practically agreed that only farm relief and tariff revision will be taken up at the special session.

In one day recently \$12,400 was collected on the streets of Belfast, Ireland, for disabled ex-soldiers.

COUNTY WILL CHOOSE PORT COMMISSIONS

With only 14 opposing votes, the lower house Wednesday passed H. B. 407 providing that commissioners of the Port of Portland shall be elected by the people of Multnomah county and not by the legislature.

Kap Kubli of the Multnomah delegation, took the floor in opposition to the bill, saying it is "uncalled-for legislation" considering the high caliber of men whom the legislature has elected as port commissioners. "The port commissioners are among the ablest men in the city," said Kubli, "and there is no cause for changing their method of election."

Byron of Multnomah, father of the bill, explained that the bill has no reference to the present commissioners and that their terms will not be affected under the bill. The history of port commissioners elections were reviewed by Byron who stated that the election and "selection of port commissioners by

the legislature has always been a political football." A number of Multnomah members asked for the privilege of explaining their "aye" votes. No reflection on the present commissioners was meant, they said, but the plan of legislative election was in their opinion, the wrong one.

Kap Kubli's bill, H. B. 515, providing for combining the state budget act and the state purchasing act under a state efficiency director, expected to develop much opposition on the floor of the house, was on Kubli's motion, made a special order of business for 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL—Silverson.—Charles Youngren, who has been making his home at the Cottage hotel on North Second street for many months, was taken to the local hospital Tuesday afternoon, suffering with stomach trouble. Youngren had been in the hospital several times before.

LEAVE FOR SOUTH—Silverson.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erb of Idaho who have been visiting her brother, William Beals in the Cowing addition for the past several weeks, left Wednesday for Los Angeles where they expect to make their future home.

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