

SENATORS RISE UP TO KILL POLICE PENSION ACT

RESULT OF VOTE UPSETS DOPE OF FORECASTERS

A six-week battle between the combined firemen and policemen of Portland on one side and insurance interests on the other over the question of pensions for the five laddies and police of Portland terminated in the senate Friday with the defeat of the pension measure by a 16 to 14 vote.

Because of the overwhelming 58 to 2 victory of the pension bill in the house and the staunch stand for the measure by the senate committee on insurance the senate result was a surprise to many interested persons, though its defeat was predicted by some senate members.

The insurance angle was injected into the issue for the reason that the bill proposed the creation of a pension fund by a one-half per cent tax on insurance premiums paid in Portland. The resultant fund would have been taken from the receipts of the state insurance commissioner under the state tag of 2 1/2 per cent. This amount would be distributed to the pensioners by the state senate members who took the stand that the tax was an imposition on the people of the whole state in behalf of the city of Portland.

The vote on the bill was: For—Bailey, Bennett, Carsner, Crawford, Dunne, Eberhard, Fisher, Francovich, Hall, Miller, Moser, Spaulding, Upton, Woodward, Marks.

Against—Billingsley, Booth, Brown, Burke, Dunn, Eddy, Johnson, Jones, Kiddle, Kuck, Mann, Schulmerich, Spaulding, Strayer, Wheeler, Marks.

Senator Ray H. Upton told about the hearings given the bill and said unfair attacks had been made on the measure by the insurance companies. He said the 2 1/2 per cent premium tax paid by the insurance companies was light, that he would gladly vote to raise it to 5 per cent and that the additional 1/2 per cent on Portland premiums wouldn't hurt them.

Senator R. J. Carsner opposed the bill on the floor and Senator Joe E. Dunne supported it, reading a list of cities that have similar pension funds.

Senator Schulmerich opposed the pension idea, Senator Isaac E. Staples said he was going to vote for the bill as a monument to Jay Stevens, who, he said, developed Portland's fire protection system and became a national character.

Pensions for any certain class of people were opposed by Senator W. E. Burke. "You never talk about giving pensions to the farmers," he said. Burke read a list of Portland business interests who opposed the bill.

Senator James W. Crawford called attention to the fact that while he at first opposed the bill in the Multnomah delegation meetings he had decided the legislation was justified. He mentioned that the existing pension fund is almost exhausted and that a new source for the fund must be devised.

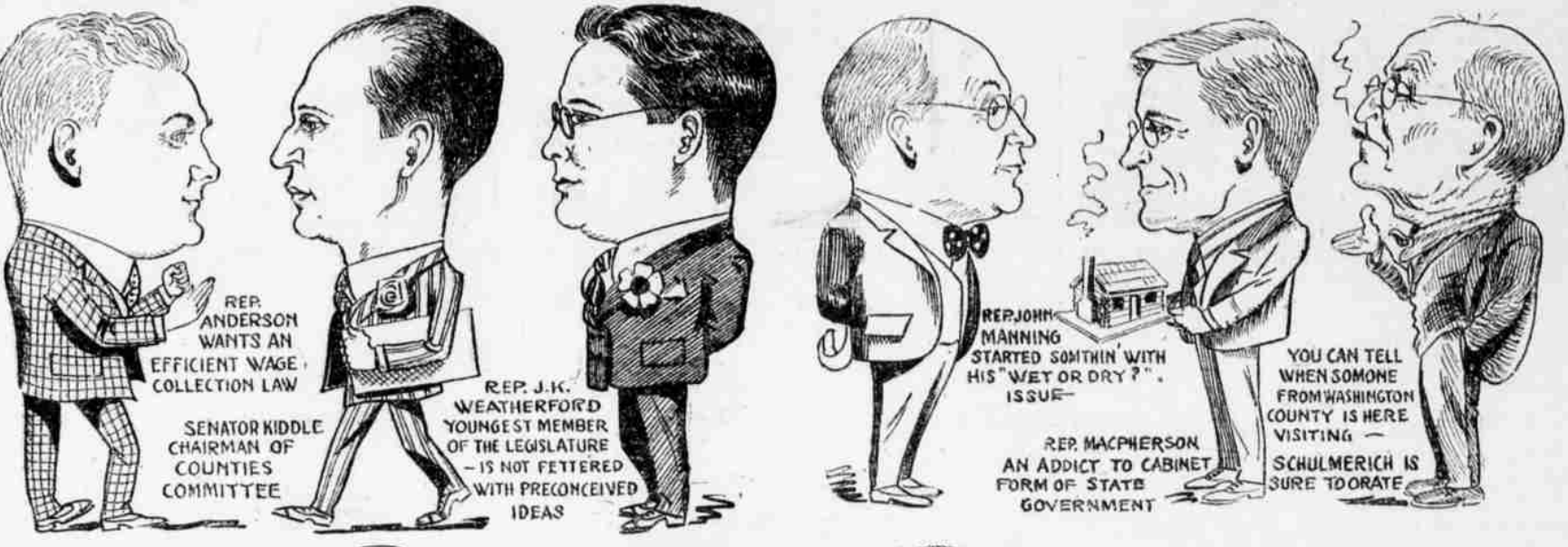
Senators Johnson and Kuck opposed it and Hall was for it. Senator Moser scouted the argument that the measure would increase insurance rates and declared that insurance rates in Portland had been reduced "because of the work of these men in whose behalf we are speaking." He said the bill would be a godsend to the people and to the families of the firemen and policemen.

Senator B. L. Eddy contended it was a problem that Portland should take care of. Although the proposed tax would be on premiums paid in Portland Senator Eddy said that nevertheless it would jeopardize the insurance dividends of people in other parts of the state.

Senator W. H. Strayer said the measure would bleed the people of the state of Oregon for the benefit of the building owners in Portland whose lives and property are protected by the policemen and firemen.

Replying to Eddy's charge that the Multnomah delegation bands to gether to accomplish its legislation, Senator Bailey reminded the senate that under the constitution Multnomah county is entitled to 10 instead of seven senate members and 29 members of the house instead of 23.

Snapshots of the Legislative Session As Seen by Murray Wade



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SENATE KILLS BILLBOARD ACT

Although he made a determined fight for it against a unanimous adverse committee report Senator B. W. Johnson was unable to convert the senate to favor his bill to prohibit advertising on public highways and the measure was indefinitely postponed in the senate Friday afternoon.

Just prior to this the committee reported favorably on a joint resolution, introduced by itself, providing for an interim committee to study the subject. The committee said this was in recognition of Johnson's good intentions in introducing the bill. But Johnson wouldn't accept the compliment and urged the senate to kill the resolution which it did by indefinite postponement.

Senator Gus C. Moser stood with Johnson on his bill. But Senator Johnson said that object to this form of advertising. True, it appears that the garden clubs are back of it, but in all cases they are inspired by newspaper editorials. Senator Johnson is not to blame. The garden clubs, he said, urged it upon him, but back of them was Claude Ingalls, Corvallis editor who started the movement once before. In my town it was started by the attorney for the newspaper publisher.

Other bills passed by the senate Friday included:

SB 273, Senators Marks and Booth and Representatives MacPherson and Weatherford—Prohibiting livestock from running at large in Linn county.

SB 226, by Francovich—Relating to trial jury and peremptory challenges.

SB 229, by Hall—Providing who may sue on bond under blue sky act.

SB 231, by Eddy—Authorizing the application of the income of property held in trust for infants.

SB 284, by committee on industries—For regulation of undertakers.

SB 115, by Schulmerich—Amendments to banking code.

Jay H. Upton of the highways committee declared the bill the "rottenest and most vicious," he had ever seen in the legislature. "It will put out of business all outdoor advertising concerns operating in Oregon," he said. "It will put hundreds of men out of work and deprive farmers of \$175,000 a year in revenues received for ground rental. Also it prohibits even window cards in towns under 2000 population. Back of it all is a bunch of country unionists."

Consolidation of State Agricultural Agencies Given Senate Approval

The senate gave its overwhelming approval Friday to senate bill 87, providing for the creation of a state department of agriculture by the consolidation of 14 activities, to be headed by a director of agriculture receiving a salary of \$5000 a year.

The bill as a special order of business was taken up at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and the debate ended at 2:45. The vote was 21 to 9 for the bill. The members voted as follows:

For—Bennett, Booth, Brown, Burke, Crawford, Dunne, Dunn, Eddy, Fisher, Hall, Johnson, Jones, Mann, Miller, Moser, Schulmerich, Spaulding, Staples, Wheeler, Woodward, Marks.

Against—Bailey, Billingsley, Carsner, Eberhard, Francovich, Kiddle, Kuck, Strayer, Upton.

Senator Kuck of Hood River and Wasco counties opposed the bill at the opening of the afternoon debate on grounds that his constituents were against it.

Senator Wheeler said the farmers wanted the measure, and that it would serve to try out the consolidation idea. "I feel sure," he said, "that it will prove economical and that there will be a substantial amount to turn back to the treasury at the end of the biennium."

Senator Bailey read statistics to show that in the states where similar plans are in effect the total expenditures have increased from \$7,000,000 in 1923 to \$30,000,000 in 1929.

Stayton—Mrs. Chas. Stowell, who was operated upon by Dr. Brewer at the Stayton hospital Wednesday is improving. Mrs. Palmeter, of Sylvester, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Stowell.

AMENDED BILL CHANGE NAME OF HIGHWAY VOTED

With Senators P. M. Francovich and Charles Hall of Coos and Curry, the only two senate members who actually live on Oregon's scenic coast highway, divided as to the name that nationally known thoroughfare should carry, the senate experienced a sharp fight Friday on house bill 292, proposing a change in the name.

Since the highway was started it has been known as the "Roosevelt Coast Military highway." The fact that many other highways in the United States carry the name Roosevelt led to a move to change it. However, the house bill proposed a change to "Roosevelt Oregon highway." In the senate Friday afternoon committee, after a parliamentary tussle, got the body to go into committee of the whole and it was amended to "Oregon Coast Highway."

The senate passed the bill as amended, the measure being up as a special order of business. The vote was:

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Senator Gus C. Moser declared that the state would lose the entire advertising value of the highway if the present name is retained, since so many other highways in the United States are known by the name Roosevelt.

Senator Jay H. Upton was for retaining the present name for the reason that it was the only one that has been officially designated by that name. Referring to the fact that the California extension of the highway is known by the name Roosevelt, Senator Upton said that "if we abandon the name and California steps in and calls its part of the road the Roosevelt highway in that state will get the benefit of the 10 years of advertising that the road has given this state."

Referring to the fact that ex-Governor Norblad favored the change, Upton said: "I can understand that Senator Moser is for the change for the reason that his left-handed governor urged the change before he left office."

Senator Isaac E. Staples said he considered it foolish to take the time of the senate trying to change the name of a road.

Kingwood—Thomas Herbert Armstrong of Yakima, Wash., is visiting at the Robert Hall home at For—Bailey, Bennett, Billingsley, Burke, Carsner, Crawford, Dunn, Eberhard, Eddy, Francovich, Johnson, Kiddle, Kuck, Mann, Miller, Moser, Schulmerich, Spaulding, Strayer, Woodward, Marks.

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REIMBURSEMENT OF FARMERS UP

Twenty-four different farmers of Washington and Yamhill counties would be reimbursed a total of \$6538 for damages sustained by reason of an order of the state board of horticulture under an appropriation measure received by the house Friday afternoon. The amounts range from \$19 upwards to \$1570. The farmers were compelled to plow up and destroy growing clover crops during 1929.

One appropriation measure that seldom if ever evokes any adverse debate on the floor of the house is the bill providing for the per diem expenses and mileage of representatives and senators and also providing for the salaries of all the employees and general expenses of the legislature. The measure, H. B. No. 276, introduced Friday by the joint ways and means committee, calls for \$120,000. This is the second measure providing money for the session, both houses being in the session, providing \$25,000 for the 35th legislative assembly. This bill was signed by the governor January 20, eight days after the session opened.

Both major revenue measures appeared in the house Friday afternoon, substitutes for bills offered earlier in the session. They call for an intangibles tax and an excise tax.

HERRIGSTAD BUYS LAND
Silverton—Paul Herrigstad has purchased the late Charles Younggren acreage in the Evans Valley district for \$2,200.

\$25,000 VOTED LEGION MEETING

Approval was given by the ways and means committee Friday night to a bill appropriating \$25,000 to the American Legion to be used in connection with the 1931 national convention of the legion if the Oregon veterans are successful in bringing it to the state. The money is not to be directly appropriated, but will be diverted from the veterans' educational aid fund.

Representative Glass and several representatives of the Portland chamber of commerce asked the committee to approve a bill which would appropriate \$25,000 to be used to complete geological surveys in certain parts of the state. The committee did not pass on the bill.

Representatives of outdoor advertising concerns protested against a bill proposing a tax on billboard advertising.

Without cuts the following appropriations were approved:

State department of higher education, \$50,194; board of port-haul commission, \$900; board for vocational education, \$41,030; department of administration, \$20,000; Oregon Historical society, \$20,000.

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BILL TO PERMIT COPCO PROJECT IN BOTH HOUSES

A bill which, if enacted, will permit the California-Oregon Power company to proceed under the jurisdiction and supervision of the new state power commission with its proposed \$4,500,000 hydro-electric development on the Klamath river in Klamath county, and which also validates settlers' irrigation water rights on the same river, dropped simultaneously into the hoppers of both houses late Friday afternoon.

The bill has as its purpose the validation beyond question of the water rights of 132 persons who have since the organization of the state engineer's office in 1909 taken out water rights on the river, and would transfer from the engineer's office and the state reclamation commission all pending applications for water rights.

Among the pending applications is that of the California-Oregon Power company, action upon which has been held up by an opinion of the attorney general to the effect that the federal water power act of 1903 withdrew all of the waters of the Klamath river for appropriation.

Sponsors of the bill introduced Friday claim that if the opinion of the attorney general is correct the rights of 132 farmers and others, including the United States reclamation service, are void and the bill would reestablish these rights.

The bill would establish the applications of the power company and others pending as valid filings for preliminary permits before the hydro-electric commission subject to the priorities of the reclamation projects and the various individual holders of irrigation water rights.

The measure carries the emergency clause.

TWELFTH BIRTHDAY DATE IS OBSERVED

Gervais—Mrs. Ernest Nafziger entertained for her daughter Arita May on her twelfth birthday anniversary when she invited 11 of her small friends in to spend the afternoon. Arita's Sunday school teacher, Mrs. H. L. Grafton was a special guest. Others invited were Doris Turner, Cheryl Sypher, Esther Wright, Harriet McDougall, Sylvia Trotter, Esther Chamberlain, Alice Turner, Betty Beck, Calvin Nafziger, Zedie Nafziger and the honor guest Arita May Nafziger. The hostess served refreshments late in the afternoon, assisted by her daughter Sarah.

PLAN GUEST DAY

Jefferson—Euclid chapter, No. 79 O. E. S. will meet at the Masonic hall Tuesday, February 24 for a special afternoon. Each member is entitled to invite a guest.

BUILDING BOOM IS REPORTED, GERVAIS

Gervais—A. B. Minkler has purchased the quarter block on the corner of G and Third streets from Henry Kuschnick. Minkler will soon build a store building on the property where he will house his drug store and also build an apartment building for his own dwelling.

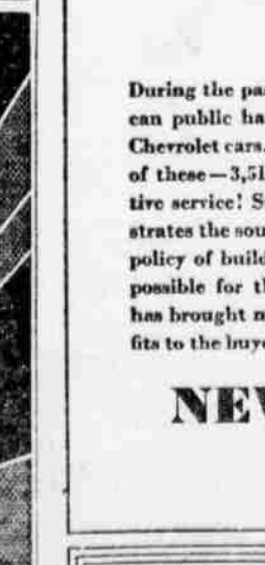
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