

# Legislature In Tough Tangle Of Heavy Work

Enmeshed in a tangle of taxation, public power, old age assistance and other vital legislation, the Oregon legislature sweated through its 60th day yesterday, and today set a new record for length of a session.

The legislators have been working without pay since the 40th day, the technical expiration date of each biennial session.

Although they were resigned to approximately another week of work, the lawmakers made every effort to speed the legislative machinery yesterday. The house hustled through a bill to change the date of the primary election from May to September and the senate followed suit and sent the measure to the governor.

The change was opposed by the Grange, labor unions and the Oregon Commonwealth Federation. Rep. Phil Brady (D., Portland), called it a "rich man's bill" because a poor candidate could not cover the state in the shorter period. Proponents argued the present long interim between primary and final elections made campaigns too expensive.

The people's utility bill passed by the senate Wednesday was sent to the house utilities committee which voted to reintroduce it as a substitute bill on the grounds that it might be construed as a revenue measure. Revenue laws must originate in the house.

At a hearing last night representatives of the State Grange and private utilities both attacked the measure which would permit districts to issue revenue bonds.

Ray Gill, State Grange master, complained it was not fair to tax PUDs unless municipal plants also were taxed but said he didn't think it was right to tax either.

Allan Smith, Baker, attorney for seven private utilities said "this bill is almost as bad as Mr. Gill says it is, but for very different reasons." He said the tax provision would discriminate against private utilities because districts would not have to pay federal taxes as private companies are required to do.

The bill as reintroduced in the house was minus the emergency clause inasmuch as revenue measures may not carry such clauses.

This would enable opponents to circulate petitions to put it on the ballot.

The senate calendar was too crowded yesterday to permit consideration of the bill revising the income tax setup. The senate assessments and taxation committee amended the measure to reduce exemptions for single persons from \$800 to \$700 and for married persons from \$1,500 to \$1,300. The rate would be changed. After subtracting the exemption and other deductions, the first \$500 of net income would be taxed 2 per cent and the second \$500 at 3. At present the first \$1,000 net is taxed 2 per cent. Starting with the second \$1,000, the present 3 per cent would be boosted to 4 per cent, continuing in each bracket up to 7.

The new intangibles surtax was lowered by the senate from 3 to 2 per cent. The income tax, including the surtax, would not total more than 8 per cent in combination, however. It was thought the house would resist these changes.

The senate approved a bill fixing the minimum monthly wage of school teachers in Oregon at \$85. The present minimum is \$75.

The house defeated a bill to prevent state liquor control commission inspectors from making arrests.

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**To Appear in Show Here**—The beautiful young lady is Miss Eleanor Stewart of MGM who plays in "Blushing Bride" in "They Discovered America," a sound-picture honeymoon tour of the United States sponsored by the Greyhound Lines. Among the many interesting places visited on the tour is New York City, shown here. This picture will be shown here soon to those securing free tickets from the local Greyhound Agent.

Besides the interesting movie, Commander A. W. Scott (in circle) of the British Royal Naval Air Service, a well-known World-Traveler and radio personality, will appear on the same program in person. He will relate his thrilling adventures and experiences in all parts of the world. This show will be given at the old high school auditorium Friday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the Chadwick Hotel company, local Greyhound agents, at the New Senator hotel.

# Razors Little Used By Former Legislators

By C. K. Logan

In days of old when men were bold and the test of manhood was the quantity and quality of their hirsute adornment, the house of representatives was, with the exception

of three, very virile, according to a photograph of the personnel of the 18th assembly which was held in 1895. Records do not reveal but the idea persists that a moustache cup was as necessary as an electric or safety razor is today.

Among the members were three young men, two of them, in today's parlance, "kid" legislators. The trio is again united at the 40th assembly, 44 years later but in contrast, all had, literally speaking, as much hair on their faces as they have on their heads today.

The trio consisted of Senator W. E. Burke, of Yamhill, who was elected to one term in the house at the age of 38; Senator George W. Dunn, Jackson county, who was 31 years old and the chief clerk of the house; Ralph Moody, who at present is legal advisor to the house, who also was in the legislature in 1895. Senator Dunn did not again enter politics until 1923 when he was elected to the senate from Jackson county, serving ever since, and Senator Burke, who came to the legislature from Yamhill county in 1931.

What a contrast these three presented! Chief Clerk Moody had a full-fledged crop of luxuriant sideburns, extending downward and beneath the chin, of which he was ornately proud. Representative Burke's heavy moustache with drooping ends set off the fine head of curly (you can now see where it was) hair. And Representative Dunn—he utilized the well-known handle-bar effect, topped with a high and bristly pompadour. His contribution resembled the present style adopted by one of the famous Marx brothers.

The story of the disappearance of these adornments is a sad one and derived at only through personal contact and considerable research. Accident, the modern trend and illness took their toll and once the hairy appendages disappeared, they never returned to proudly wave in the breeze.

Moody's sideburns, alas, did not meet with the approval of his mother who had the idea that a hairy face was not necessary to prove manhood. Like Delilah of old, she quietly clipped one side while the youthful Moody slumbered and of course, when he awakened, there was nothing else to do but to match it with the other side. His face has remained in "mourning" ever since.

Then there was the dapper young Burke. He adopted the moustache because it was the current style. When the style changed the moustache vanished, never to appear again. The vanishing act of his cranium was more gradual, but as potent, as examination today reveals.

Illness overtook young Dunn. He lived but his facial decorations persisted. Personal inconvenience and necessity at the time caused the divorce of Dunn and his haired-lip and he was forced to submit to an amputation. Like its contemporaries, it was never resurrected.

With only three hairless members of the 18th assembly, look over the streamlined models of the 40th, Dunn—he utilized the well-known handle-bar effect, topped with a high and bristly pompadour. His contribution resembled the present style adopted by one of the famous Marx brothers.

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# UCC Outlines Program for Law Changes

Portland, March 10 (AP)—The Oregon unemployment compensation commission outlined an eight-point program yesterday for changes in the law.

The commission favored: A pooled fund into which all employer contributions would be paid, with provision all contributions would be taken into consideration in determining the employer's future rate of contribution;

Provision for a fixed base and a fixed benefit year for all claimants, with recommendation that benefits would be based upon the October 1-September 30 earnings of all claimants and that the benefit year would be the calendar year;

That claimants would be required to serve only one waiting period within a benefit year, after filing the first claim, and provision for no distinction would be made between weeks of partial and total unemployment in waiting week periods;

That eligibility, insofar as earnings were concerned, would be dependent upon earnings by the worker of minimum wages in subject employment;

Clarification of the law with respect to right of workers to receive benefit where employment is due to a strike, lockout or other labor dispute;

Clarification of the law with respect to seasonal and irregular employment;

Permission for the state to collect contributions from national banks and certain other fiscal agencies of the federal government in event congress approves such collections;

A meeting of requirements of the railroad unemployment insurance act and authorization of transfer of funds to the railroad retirement board on June 30, 1939.

# Weakened Sales Bill Goes to Governor

The senate passed and sent to the governor Thursday a bill prohibiting sales below cost by wholesalers and retail food dealers, although Sen. Thomas Mahony (D., Portland) declared "all the teeth have been taken out through amendments."

Nearly 50,000 American motor vehicles entered Argentina in the last year.

tached members are Representatives Walter Fuhrer, J. F. Hoch, Walter Hempstead, Jr., C. C. Bradley and Frank Delch. The word "moustache" in this instance is used by courtesy only, for what would one of those sturdy members of 1895 have thought about the present generation?

To beard or not to beard may have been a personal matter, and probably still is, but if attention is not given and the growth neglected, there still remains time in this session to produce a crop that might equal that of the earlier days.



**At Kent**—Fresh from a two-year swing of the entire nation during which his orchestra played repeat engagements at all the leading Statler hotels, plus a twelve-week stand at the Hotel New Yorker where he followed Jimmy Dorsey, Ran Wilde will bring his "sweet" band to Kent hall Friday night under the sponsorship of the Salem 20-30 club.

Wilde's appearance was temporarily called off last week-end because of uncertainty over the date of the coast conference basketball play-offs in Eugene, but when it was learned the first game had been postponed, Wilde was definitely booked for Kent hall, according to Bill Depew, chairman.

Music "styled by Wilde" has been heard at several spots in the northwest during the past month, with a special appearance at McElroy's ballroom in Portland, where many other famous bands have played in the past, headlining his Oregon tour. Kent's large, smooth floor and excellent acoustics will make it a good site for the Willamette valley's biggest dance attraction for several seasons, Depew said.

# One Witness in Winslow Case

But one witness was put on and that by the appellant in the appeal hearing before Judge Earl G. Latourette yesterday afternoon from decision of the Salem civil service commission confirming the discharge of Frank Winslow from Salem police force. Judge Latourette took the case under advisement, the record before the civil service commission to be the record from which he studies the case, other than the testimony of the solitary witness.

The one witness was Asa Fisher, police sergeant, who testified that he had overheard A. H. Moore, civil service commissioner, say in effect that he had "at last got Winslow fired."

Winslow's discharge by Chief of Police Frank Minto came after the arrest of William Stallings on September 18 on a charge of drunkenness. The chief discharged Winslow for alleged incompetency, brutality and mental unfitness to be a police officer.

# Coast Editor Of Monitor Here Tuesday

Under the sponsorship of the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce Lewis Rex Miller, Pacific coast editor of the Christian Science Monitor, will deliver an address Tuesday evening entitled "The World from the Press Gallery." The event will supplant the regular noon-day meeting of the Junior group and will begin at 6:30 o'clock with a dinner.

Mr. Miller, a former international correspondent, is a man of wide education and experience. He was graduated from Harvard university, from which he was sent to Oxford university in London as a Rhodes scholar. He obtained his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the English institution. Upon his return to the United States Mr. Miller was granted a professorship at Harvard in international law, where he remained six years. His next post was that of representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Australia.

His newspaper career carried him from Australia to Europe where he became chief of staff of the Christian Science Monitor's offices in Paris and Geneva. In 1933 the Monitor returned him to the United States to become editor of its then proposed magazine section. This section has become a leading feature of the Monitor. Mr. Miller was appointed to his present position, with offices in San Francisco, in 1935.

Mr. Miller's newspaper work has carried him through 29 countries, in five of which he maintained his residence. He is personally acquainted with many of the governmental and diplomatic officials of most of the European countries and his contacts with these individuals have made him an authority in the field of international affairs.

At the present time Mr. Miller is delivering a series of lectures in Portland on world affairs. With the exception of his Portland series and an appearance in Seattle, Mr. Miller's address in Salem will be his only public lecture during his present trip through the northwest.

Due to the inability of the Chamber of Commerce facilities to handle a large number of persons the meeting will be limited to 200. Reservations for the affair must be phoned to the offices of the chamber before noon Monday. A nominal charge will be made for the dinner. There will be no other charge. Only those attending the dinner will be admitted to the lecture.

# Men's Brotherhoods Meet at Dallas

A meeting of the Salem district Men's Brotherhood was held in the Dallas Methodist church Wednesday night with C. F. French, Salem district president, presiding.

The program consisted of congregational singing led by Paul Launer with Mrs. Clyde Williamson of Albany accompanying at the piano. Mrs. Williamson also gave

a vocal solo accompanying herself on the accordion. The men's chorus from the Methodist church of Sheridan sang several numbers followed by reports from the various Men's Brotherhoods.

Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, gave an address to the congregation. Dr. Louis

Magin of Salem also gave an address in which he spoke of the united conference soon to be held in Kansas City at which time the three branches of Methodism would reunite. He also spoke of plans for the district.

The balance of the evening was spent in congregational singing.

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