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REVIEW OF OREGON LEGISLATURE WORK. WEEKLY DIGEST OF BILLS CONSIDERED

Salem.—The constitutional 40-day period prescribed for legislative sessions expired Saturday, but owing to the fact that many bills remained for attention, both houses deemed it wise to extend the session over into this week and adjournment was taken until Monday morning.

There were 288 measures when the two houses began proceedings Saturday, so it was quite evident that a jam during the closing hours could not be avoided. By extending the session beyond the constitutional period it could be brought to a close in an orderly and business like manner without the confusion and turmoil certain to prevail if an attempt was made to conclude within the 40-day period. Members will receive no pay for their labors this week.

Among the important measures which awaited final action when the session adjourned Saturday were the road bills, reapportionment bill and the appropriation bills. A total of 745 bills had been introduced in both houses. Of this number 266 were introduced in the house and 379 in the senate.

According to the records the governor had signed 55 measures originating in the senate and 74 house bills.

Few Big Measures Passed.

Aside from the road bills, the 31st session will have little to its credit in the way of really big measures of vital interest to the state at large. The port development bills and the teacher's tenure bills, which caused much friction during the session, were of special interest to Multnomah county.

Among the measures of general interest passed may be mentioned:

The new state fish commission and new state game commission and the fish and game codes.

The budget bill which directs that every tax levying body must have a budget law applies to every tax levying body who shall look after the budget items and hold public hearings. This budget law applies to every tax levying body in Oregon.

Of more than local importance was the decision of the legislature to abolish forever the purse seines and the trollers, who have been operating for years along the Oregon coast.

Another general bill of general interest is the one which provides for double election boards; one board to count the votes while the other board is receiving the ballots. There are restrictions which will prevent any information as to how the count is going until a few minutes after the polls close. The principal advantage of this law will be that the result of elections will be known almost immediately after the voting ceases.

Anti-Alien Land Law Killed.

The anti-Japanese legislation was killed in the senate. The senate, after the most spirited debate that has marked the present session of the legislature, by a vote of 20 to 9 defeated the bill. This bill had strong support in the house, but the belief that the Japanese question is something for the federal government to handle rather than the state prevailed in the senate. The bill was practically a duplicate of the California bill on the same subject enacted last year.

The bill received 34 affirmative votes in the house, three more than required as a constitutional majority. Opposed to passage of the bill were 25 representatives, with one member of the house absent.

Soldiers' Bonus Referred to Voters.

The senate by a vote of 28 to 2 approved house joint resolution No. 12 referring to the voters of Oregon at the next general or state election the question of amending the constitution so that the state may lend its credit in an amount not exceeding 3 per cent based on the assessable property valuation to provide funds with which to pay participants in the recent world war a cash bonus of \$15 a month for the time they actually served or a loan not to exceed \$4000.

By the same vote the senate also approved house bill 293, which provides for the creation of what will be known as the world war veterans' state aid fund and prescribes the manner in which the bonuses shall be paid and the loans executed.

Emergency Board Bill Vetoed.

Governor Olcott vetoed the bill providing that the state emergency board shall consist of the chairman of the ways and means committee of the senate, the chairman of the ways and means committee of the house and five other members to be elected from the joint ways and means committee. The senate approved Governor Olcott's appointments of H. von der Hellen of Wollen, George W. Cornwall of Portland and Walter L. Pierce of La Grande, as members of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college.

Free School Books Defeated.

Following a prolonged debate in which all house rules regulating length of oratorical display were stretched to the limit by nearly every member, the house voted down Senator Banks' free school book bill. The final vote was 29 in favor, not enough to pass the measure, and 28 votes against.

It was charged repeatedly that Oregon is in the throes of a school book trust and that this bill offers a simple and economical way out of the grasp of the trust.

Appropriations Will Exceed \$6,000,000.

At the completion of its labors the joint ways and means committee announced that it had reached an agreement to recommend to the legislature appropriations for state departments and institutions for the biennium of 1921-1922 approximating \$6,677,338.97. This amount is \$142,693.02 above the amount of money available under the 6 per cent tax limitation of the constitution, but it is believed sources to meet the excess amount will appear.

The excess of \$142,693.02 represents special appropriations, measures approved by the committee not included in the budget and also requests presented in person to the committee at its hearings by the representatives of the various departments or institutions.

Marriage Test Bill Passes.

The people are to have the opportunity to say by their ballots at the next general election whether or not examinations shall be required of all applicants for marriage licenses as to health and mental fitness of such applicants to enter into the marriage contract. The house passed senate bill 174 with only eight negative votes.

The act provides that it shall be unlawful for any official of Oregon to issue a marriage license to any person until after the applicants shall have submitted to and passed an examination by a regularly licensed physician, competent to examine such applicants, as to their health, in regard to contagious or communicable venereal diseases, and mentality, as shown by the physician's certificate.

Provision is made in the bill for it being referred to the voters of the state at the next general election.

Bills Passed Over Veto.

The senate, by almost unanimous vote, passed house bills 38 and 66 over the veto of Governor Olcott. These bills were passed during the special session of the legislature in January, 1920, but were later rejected by the executive for the reason that they were not considered emergency legislation.

One of the bills gave to the highway commission power to fix the salary of the state highway engineer, while the other measure provided for an increase in the emergency fund of the state highway commission from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

Passage by the house of a bill previously passed by the senate repealing the gasoline test law, wipes off the statute books a measure enacted in 1907, enforcement of which contributed largely to a gasoline famine in the state last year. Companies refused to bring supplies into the state until the law, which required gasoline to be of fifty-six gravity test, was suspended by Governor Olcott.

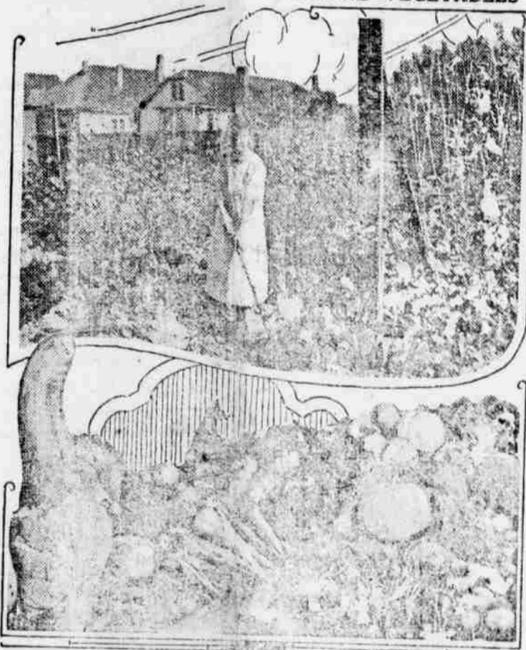
Legislative Brevities.

The house passed a senate bill which places bond houses under the control of the state corporation commissioner.

The senate passed a house bill, which gives the governor control of the tolls of the interstate bridge.

Senator Lachmund introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salary of the governor from \$5000 to \$7500 annually.

PLANT PLENTY OF VITAMINE VEGETABLES



Science has contributed a new food fact asserting that a new element called vitamins has been found highly important to whole. Vitamins are comprised of fat soluble A, and water soluble B and C, and are entirely distinct from the old balance of carbohy and most other fruits. Vitamins grow in all thin leaf vegetables and many other fruits. Also in apples, milk and eggs. So plant plenty of tomatoes, spinach and carrots, cabbage, lettuce and turnips in your garden this year. They all contain vitamins.

BOARDMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PROGRAM

The school celebrated Washington's birthday by patriotic exercises in the forenoon and a half holiday in the afternoon.

The following programs were given by the different grades:

- FIRST AND SECOND**
The Good Old Times, Norm Gibbons
A Little School Boy to George Washington, Dale Albright
The Boy Washington, Sadie Larson
Why Am I Like Washington, Ray Stewart
Who Cannot Be Denied, Dallas Wilson
A Resolve, Albert Boardman
What Was the Secret, Mabel Kutzner
A Patriot, Vernon Root
How to be Heroes, Three Boys
Albert Gibbeth, Howard Klages, Ted Abbeigh
Song, Star Spangled Banner.

- THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES**
Washington's Birthday, Avis Erwin
Washington and I, Helen Boardman
This Washington of Ours, Verrel Woodward
February Twenty-second, Gladys Wilson
I'd Like to be a Soldier, Melvin Signs
Washington's Grave, Wanda Gilbroth
George Washington, Nellie Partlow

- FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES**
Song, Mount Vernon Bells
Quotations, Fred Klages, Sophie McLeod, Noel Kutz, Esie Seidely, Edward McClellan, Erica Broyles
Anecdotes, Louis Kutzner, Donald Klages
Ch of Dates in Life of Washington, William Tuck
Washington's Grip, Uram Messenger
Washington's Receptions, Edna Broyles
Play, The First Flag, Junior H. S. Pop's
Solo, Wahnona Keys

- SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES**
Recitation, Robert Parslow
Washington's Fate, Ida M. Bond
Washington's Training, Francis Gilbreth
Song, Columbia

E. P. Dodd of Hermiston, father of the Boardman townsite stopped off between trains Wednesday. This is Mr. Dodd's first appearance here since his recent indisposition and he has not as yet regained his strength after three weeks under the doctor's care in Portland. An operation was not necessary at this time and seems unlikely to be called for in the future as the diagnosis shows no serious signs.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

This year's Portland rose festival will be held June 8-10.

The Clackamas county farm bureau has begun a campaign for members. The amount of taxes to be collected in Lane county this year is \$1,474,825.58.

Marshfield hopes to have in the near future a glass factory and a new tannery.

The city of Bend was left with an indebtedness of \$70,000 by the outgoing council.

In the last two years the state has spent \$1,400,000 in Josephine county for road development.

A coyote killed by Peter Ballf near Roseburg last week had killed 17 lambs out of a band of 22.

Clifford McKinney, 17, was killed instantly when he was struck on the head by a falling tree near his home, near Shelburn.

A week's membership campaign of the Jackson county farm bureau has come to an end with not less than 1900 members signed up.

Getting only one bid for street paving at Dallas, and that considered too high, it is possible the project will be entirely abandoned this year.

Beginning Monday morning a concerted effort was made to enroll 500 public-spirited men as members of the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

Average cost of instruction of one pupil for one year in the Bend schools is \$97, the city school superintendent announced in his semi-annual report.

With 250 rabbits on exhibition, the annual show of the Oregon branch of the National Breeders' and Fanciers' association was held in Portland last week.

The Southern Pacific company has announced that until further notice the Saturday night special train from Wendling to Eugene will be discontinued.

The Lebanon Electric Light company has filed an application with the public service commission asking for an increase in rates for service in Lebanon.

Fine indications of oil have been discovered near the old town of Scottsburg. Oil is oozing from the ground for over 300 yards along the county road.

According to Pendleton estimates, 65 per cent of the Umatilla county grain crop has now been sold. There has been considerable selling since the first of January.

Some 3900 sheep in the Mitchell country are infested with scab, according to word received at Bend by Dr. Parsons, United States bureau of animal industry expert.

Approximately 500 business men of The Dalles shouldered picks and shovels and put in a day's work upon the new city auto camp ground, west of The Dalles, on Washington's birthday.

The biggest still ever confiscated by the police was taken from the home of Edward Berry, in Portland. The still has a capacity of 90 gallons. It can turn out 35 gallons of finished whisky a day.

The Smythe-Lonergan company plant, comprising an ice plant, ice cream factory, creamery and cold storage facilities, was destroyed by fire at Pendleton, with a loss estimated at \$75,000.

The citizens of Ash and Loon Lake section of Douglas county have voted a special road tax for the purpose of building a road from their neighborhood to connect with the Pacific highway.

Two new cheese factories have been added to the string of factories owned and operated by the Oregon Dairy-men's Co-operative league. One of the new factories is at Gaston and the other at Amity.

Proposal to bond The Dalles for \$225,000 for construction of a storage reservoir and dam across Mill creek to increase the city's water supply will be submitted to the voters at a special election March 16.

A shipment of 1,961,400 eastern brook trout eggs was received last week at the McKenzie fish hatchery. The eggs will be hatched and the fish placed in the lakes of eastern and central Oregon.

The West Side barns at Medford, a two-story brick structure, was destroyed by fire last week, together

with all its contents, including 28 cars belonging to the A. W. Walker Automobile company.

At the suggestion of R. H. Baldack, divisional engineer for the state highway commission, the county court of Malheur county will ask the highway commission to improve the road from Vale to Ontario, which is part of both the John Day and Central Oregon highways, two state roads, and as an inducement will appropriate \$10,000 from the county emergency fund to assist in the improvement.

Fire originating in the shop of the boiler plant of the Willamette Iron & Steel works in Portland, gutted the piling foundation and floor of the plant, with damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

In a recall election held in Polk county in which the road policy of A. B. Robinson, county judge, was assailed, Judge Robinson received a majority over J. E. Ulrich, a farmer of Airfie, of approximately 1000 votes.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce was reorganized last week, following the resignation of President Sabornu and eight other members of the executive board, as the result of a controversy over purse seine legislation.

Burcham Bros., who have the contract for diking the Rainier diking project, commenced work last week. The right of way has been cleared, so there will be no further delay in the work. The project contains 1300 acres.

The Catholic church at Cornucopia, a mining camp 12 miles from Halfway, was totally destroyed last Sunday by the weight of snow upon it. The snow is eight feet at Cornucopia and 15 feet deep in the mountains near there.

Acting Secretary of Agriculture Hall has informed Representative Hawley that the federal government has no available funds with which to conduct an investigation of a cattle disease prevalent in Wood river valley, Klamath county.

Evidence that the \$70,000 fire at Pilot Rock, which destroyed the warehouse of the Pilot Rock Elevator company, was of incendiary origin, has led to the posting of a reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of the man responsible.

A total of 10,039,048 pounds of wool was produced in Oregon during the year 1919, according to census statistics. This is a decrease, as compared with the 18,841,862 pounds produced in Oregon during the year 1909, the year of the preceding census.

Penitentiary officials have sent out formal invitations for the execution of George Howard, who is under sentence to die Friday, February 25. Howard was convicted January 22, 1921, for the murder of George R. Sweeney in Malheur county on September 14, 1920.

At a luncheon in Heppner about 40 business and professional men heard an appeal in behalf of the famine sufferers in China. Morrow county's quota is fixed at \$3400 and by unanimous vote of those present it was decided to make up that amount in wheat to be sent to China.

Portland's annual spring "clean-up week" may be held earlier in the season this year than heretofore. Application has been made to Mayor Baker by the unemployment committee of the American Legion to proclaim the occasion in the near future, so as to provide odd jobs for the unemployed of the city.

Representative Hawley has made arrangements with the United States civil service commission to hold competitive examinations for candidates for appointment as midshipman at the naval academy at Annapolis. The examinations will be held at Corvallis, McMinnville and Marshfield on Saturday, March 12.

A naval radio compass bearing station will be in operation at the mouth of the Columbia river within the next week and vessels hundreds of miles from the mouth of the local harbor will then be able to learn their exact positions during the thickest fogs and heaviest gales. The navy department has just completed the new station at Fort Stevens.

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