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RESUME OF OREGON LEGISLATURE WORK. DIGEST OF BILLS CONSIDERED AT SESSION

Salem.—The 31st assembly of the state legislature completed its labors after a session which extended five days over the 40-day constitutional period. By holding over a few days the session closed without the customary midnight confusion and turmoil, with measures being killed and passed while many members were so tired they were unable to fully appreciate what was going on.

Usually there is more or less criticism of a legislature after the session closes, but the sentiment seems to be that the 31st session, while it did not have before it as much big legislation as some previous sessions, considerable of the business transacted was of some importance to the interest of the state at large.

Before the house adjourned a resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the manner in which Speaker Bean presided. President Ripper of the senate, before adjournment, was presented with a beautiful ring.

Road Legislation Important.

Probably the most important legislation enacted was passage of several bills relating to the state's highways. The principal highway bill passed was the bond measure authorizing additional bond issues totaling \$7,000,000 which, with the other bonds authorized, will bring the total to within \$2,500,000 of the amount available under the constitutional limitation of 4 per cent of the state's assessed property valuation.

Another highway bill designated the proposed Roosevelt highway along the coast as a state highway and authorized the highway commission to apply state road funds to its construction on condition that the money be matched dollar for dollar by federal funds.

The state highway commission and state board of control were empowered to issue short term bonds for highway purposes.

Two bills enacted as part of the highway program will affect owners of motor vehicles. One bill revised the state motor vehicle code and places the license fee on a weight basis, so that owners of large automobiles are required to pay higher license fees and motor truck owners are taxed according to width of tires.

Gasoline Tax Increased.

The second bill levies an additional tax of 1 cent per gallon on all gasoline used, so that gasoline will now be taxed 2 cents per gallon. The new bill exempts gasoline used for tractors, motorboats and other industrial purposes.

Appropriations approximating \$5,500,000, definite salary increases affecting eight state officials, revision upward of the schedule of compensation for many district attorneys of Oregon and release of many other state departments and institution heads from definite revenues fixed by statute, were some of the financial bills passed.

In the absence of definite figures, state officials said that the appropriations authorized by the legislature were larger in the aggregate than that of any biennial gathering of the lawmakers.

Innumerable so-called bills increasing the salaries of county officers also were passed during the session, as were a number of measures fixing definite compensation for justices of the peace and constables.

Reapportionment Bill Passed.

The reapportionment bill passed took one representative from Linn, one from Marion and one from the joint Douglas-Jackson district, and gives one additional to Multnomah, one to the twenty-first district, consisting of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake, and one to Malheur county alone. No changes were made in the present classification of the state senate.

The co-operative organization statutes, passed in 1915 for the particular benefit of farmers and producers, were strengthened by the passage of a bill amending the code in several particulars, with special reference to the validity of the marketing agreements.

Several important bills affecting the preservation of the timber in Oregon and the development of the tim-

ber industry were enacted by the legislature. Among the most important were those relating to the eradication of insect pests, opening up of transportation lines by means of condemnation of property and the bills and resolutions relating to the conservation of the state's interests in the Oregon and California land grants.

Salary Increases Granted

A number of bills providing for salary increases were enacted. State superintendent of schools, increased from \$3000 to \$4000; attorney general, \$3600 to \$4000; state engineer, \$3000 to \$3600; insurance commissioner, \$3000 to \$3600; governor, \$5000 to \$7500; state tax commissioner, \$2400 to \$3000; corporation commissioner, \$3000 to \$3600; superintendent of banks, \$4000 to \$6000.

Besides these increases, the fixing of the salary of the state veterinarian is placed in the hands of the state livestock sanitary board; the salaries of the state prison warden and his deputies and the parole officer are to be fixed by the governor; salaries of the heads of other state institutions are to be fixed by the board of control, and the salary of the clerk of the state land board will be fixed by the land board. This ultimately means increases for these officials.

Revisions in the salaries of a number of district attorneys of the state were granted.

The legislature refused to increase the pay of jurors, and also refused to increase the salaries of the public service commissioners.

Motion Picture Censorship Fails.

The senate refused to concur in the action of the house and disapproved the bill introduced by the committee on health and public morals providing for the censorship of all motion pictures in this state.

A senate joint resolution was adopted, providing that there shall be submitted to a vote of the people at the next general election the question of amending the state constitution relating to the special veto power of the governor.

The proposed amendment provides that the governor shall have power to veto single items in appropriation bills and any provision in new bills declaring an emergency, without thereby affecting any other provisions of such bills.

No anti-Japanese legislation was enacted, although the house did its best. The general sentiment was that this was a subject which should be left to congress to handle.

For the soldiers, the legislature referred to the people the proposed bonus. The matter is to be settled at a special election to be called in the spring. It is the only measure which will appear on the ballot.

Among the important bills passed were the following:

A measure which places bond companies under the supervision of the state corporation commissioner and adds new teeth to the blue sky law to permit the commissioner to exercise his control.

A bill declaring the ownership of the state to the beds of the meandered lakes of the state. It affects particularly Malheur lake and is expected to bring about \$2,000,000 ultimately into the school fund.

The bond commission bill makes the state treasurer, the state superintendent of banks and one member of the accident commission a special board to pass on the commission's investments.

A state budget system was approved under which there will be compiled a mass of information which will reduce state budget-making to its simplest form and will lighten the task of the ways and means committee in future sessions of the legislature.

Creation of a tax commission to investigate and seek to find new sources of revenue. The commission will look for some sort of income tax, presumably, and under the measure creating it the commission will ask for data on income taxes from the department of the internal revenue.

A logged-off lands bill, under the provisions of which it will be possible to handle the snag-infested lands on an extensive scale and bring into productive land which is now almost less than worthless because of the stumps,



TREE PLANTING DAY SET FOR SATURDAY

Saturday, March 5, will be tree planting day for the town of Boardman. The committee in charge urges that all owners get trees out around their property and S. H. Boardman will donate trees for Main street from the depot to the business section. The work is in charge of the commercial club which organization has also endorsed the movement for federation of the various organizations of the community at a mass meeting to be called in the near future. Petitions have gone to the reclamation service containing names of the majority of residents of the projects, agreeing to maintain and develop a community park and cemetery on lands offered by the government for that purpose. These lands adjoin the school grounds and the river and are ideal for the service. Temporary arrangements for auto camp grounds are under consideration pending more extended development later. The old grounds cannot be used this year as the growth of the town has absorbed them.

Bee Suppl. Warehouse.

Frank Otto, the enterprising bee man, is erecting a bee supply warehouse with concrete basement on his ranch west of Boardman, in order to properly care for next season's output of honey. He will install a large power extractor and have the very latest improvements necessary in order to operate successfully on a large scale. This is one of our infant industries here but is destined to place Boardman in the list of honey-producers.

FEEDING COWS SAWDUST

The facetious statement, repeated in a joking way, "Put green goggles on the cows and fool them by feeding sawdust and shavings," is apparently not going to be necessary in future to feed them that product. It has been found by experiment that sawdust from non-resinous soft woods can be used, but it first must undergo a process of treatment with certain acids, which change a part of the dry matter into carbohydrates. However, the low protein content of sawdust as a feed would not augur well for its future use.

FOR SALE—About three tons of good wheat hay. Claud White, Boardman

BOARDMAN BALL TEAM TO JOIN LOCAL LEAGUE

A number of fans turned out Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a base ball team for the coming season. Plans are under way for the formation of a season league comprising Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman. As we have enough material for a good team it is the duty of the entire community to turn out and assist in every way possible in making our advent into the league a success. Last Sunday the married men played the singles resulting in a score of five to three in favor of the old stiffs but in next Sunday's game they say it will be different. Don't forget to come if only to root.

Wednesday night J. C. Ballenger, W. P. Tucker and W. H. Stewart attended the meeting of the Irrigation base ball league in Hermiston, where it was decided to make a six-team league by admitting Stanfield and Boardman.

Better Shipping Facilities.

With a view of securing better and more convenient hay shipping facilities for the West End ranchers, an organization was recently formed to negotiate a contract with the O. W. R. & N. for the construction of a loading spur at Peters, about two miles west of Boardman.

A meeting was called at H. H. Weston's Monday night to discuss the terms offered by the railroad company and was well attended. Much interest was manifested on account of the desire for a shorter haul for the low-priced product which must be handled at a minimum of cost if it be raised at all.

With a few modifications the contract was virtually accepted and a committee appointed to collect the money which has been signed up on an acre-cost basis. This committee was Messrs. Dillabaugh, Cobb and Mitchell.

The officers and directors are: President, W. H. Weston; vice-pres., Chas. Dillon; sec. treas., H. H. Crawford. Directors consist of the above and Chas. Dillabaugh and A. W. Cobb.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS HAPPENING DURING WEEK

The formation of a national guard company has been undertaken at Roseburg.

The total number of agricultural students at Oregon Agricultural college is now 882.

The Lacombe oil well is down 840 feet and stockholders are optimistic as to final results.

Percy A. Stevens post of the American Legion at Bend has opened a free employment agency.

Plans for a new building to be built by the Sons of Norway lodge of Bend were begun last week.

The Hood River county court has increased the salary of the fruit inspector to \$2500 a year.

An electric cancelling machine has been received and placed in operation by the Bend postoffice.

Total tax levies in Union county for the year 1920 show an increase from \$580,711.23 to \$688,649.30.

Scarlet fever and measles have reached the epidemic stage in several sections of Douglas county.

The wool and mohair growers of Lane county met at Eugene and organized a cooperative association.

The state irrigation securities commission has approved the entire issue of \$1,250,000 of Medford irrigation district bonds.

The Clatskanie kraut plant, owned by the Oregon Packing company, has closed the season with a total output of 800 tons.

The road fund of Columbia county, including some special taxes voted by several road districts, amounts to almost \$200,000.

A 25-foot section of the pavement on the Columbia highway, just west of Clatskanie, was carried away Sunday by a slide.

Albert Peterson, government trapper at Ukiah, in Umatilla county, reports a month's catch of 19 coyotes and three bobcats.

Raymond B. Eshelman, former flax expert at the Oregon state penitentiary, died at Salem hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Fire, caused by the explosion of hot paraffine, gutted the interior of the Willamette Valley Telephone company's office at Falls City.

The Pacific Power & Light company has asked permission of the public service commission to increase gas rates and street car fares in Astoria.

Harry Wilson, a laborer of Eugene, has left for his old home in Boston, Mass., declaring his intention of walking the entire distance from coast to coast.

The taxpayers of Astoria school district voted on the question of authorizing an indebtedness of \$75,000 for the building of an annex to the high school building.

A new engine has been purchased by the Hood River fire department at a cost of \$13,000, and a new fire hall costing \$35,000 has been finished and equipped.

John McCue, an expert logger employed by the Western Export & Logging company near Cottage Grove, was instantly killed when he was struck by a falling tree.

The annual report of the Mount Angel Creamery company shows that during the last 12 months total sales amounted to \$194,000 and \$164,000 was paid to patrons for butterfat.

With the exception of measures carrying emergency clauses, all bills passed at the recent session of the legislature and signed by the governor will become operative on May 25.

Farm bureau representatives from all parts of the state have been at work the past week obtaining members among the farmers of Columbia county. A total of 456 was signed.

A mass meeting of the farmers of the county was held at Baker Saturday for the purpose of organizing the wheat growers of the county into the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers.

Central Oregon's first highway work of the spring season commenced near Bend with the laying of concrete culverts on the Bend-Horse Ridge road, recently authorized by the state commission.

The Winchester hospital for the cure of tuberculosis, which was originally proposed to establish at Winchester, Douglas county, has filed notice of dissolution with the state corporation commissioner.

A shipment of 1500 coyotes and Lynx pelts, consigned to eastern markets, was sent from Bend last week. The lot, representing a majority of the catches made in central Oregon this winter, is valued at approximately \$10,000.

Clackamas county is to have one of the biggest road conventions in its history on March 7 and 8, when all of the road foremen of the county will meet with the members of the county court and outline the program for the coming year.

Corn and poultry shows, the first to be held in Salem next fall and the latter next January, were decided upon at a meeting in Salem of the Marion county federation of community clubs. Fifteen of the 22 clubs in the county were represented.

Eight recently confiscated stills were offered for sale at Bend as junk by Sheriff Roberts, after the copper boilers and worms had been so thoroughly chopped up as to make further use in the manufacture of liquor impossible.

An attack on the new law empowering Governor Olcott to collect all revenue from the interstate bridge until approximately \$77,000 said to be due the state has been paid from the tolls, will be made by Multnomah county commissioners.

Governor Olcott vetoed a bill passed at the recent session of the legislature providing that the state, cities, counties and school districts should be exempted from paying royalty on rock, sand and gravel taken from the beds of navigable streams in Oregon.

A revised estimate of the principal crops grown in Oregon in 1920 was issued by F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician of the United States bureau of crop estimates. Mr. Kent's report shows the total value of the field and fruit crops to have been \$121,973,549.

The Hammond Lumber company's mill at Astoria was shut down Friday night and part of Saturday, while more than 400 men of the mill crew searched for two boys, Doyle Morgan, aged 11, and Marcus Monge, aged 13, who were lost in the forest, south of the mill.

Senator McNary has notified the state highway department that he has obtained passage of a bill by the senate authorizing the secretary of war to grant an easement over the Cello canal property in Wasco county for the right of way required for the Columbia river highway between The Dalles and the Deschutes river.

Due to cessation of construction work in June, 1920, on the Jordan valley irrigation project, the desert land board has decided to cancel the contract existing between the state and the Jordan Valley Land & Water company of Boise, Idaho, unless arrangements are made immediately whereby construction operations will be resumed.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to individual accidents, in the week ended February 24, according to the report of the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: John M. McCue, logger, Cottage Grove; Martin Crause, donkey engineer, Portland; Charles R. Phillips, laborer, Powers; and Tony Creek, edgerman, Glenwood. A total of 358 accidents were reported.

The Durkee and Bridgeport irrigation districts have forwarded to the state engineer for approval plans for the construction of the Burnt river reservoir in Baker county. The districts propose to construct jointly the reservoir for the storage of 5100 acre feet of the waters of Burnt river for a supplemental supply for the irrigation of 4498 acres of land within the two districts.

Cows, calves and other livestock in the Topsy vicinity of Klamath county, having disappeared rapidly within the last few weeks, W. L. Frain took the trail of a mountain lion and after four days succeeded in killing it.

M. C. Mechem, governor of New Mexico, has telegraphed Governor Olcott that he will place before the legislature of his state a resolution urging the people of the southern commonwealth to participate in the world's exposition to be held in Portland in 1925.

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