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## SESSION AT SALEM ENTERS FINAL WEEK

### Governor Sends Special Message Asking Legislature to Expedite Measures.

Salem. — Following precedent, the legislature started on the final week of the 40-day session with the usual jam of unfinished business. It seems to be a habit of legislatures to put off final action on important measures until the closing days.

Governor Pierce took occasion in a special message delivered to both houses to call attention to the fact that after being in session for 34 days practically none of the legislation recommended in his inaugural address had been passed.

The particular legislation that the executive urged the legislature to expedite included the income tax bill, the consolidation measure, the series of taxation bills, several bills increasing the tax on foreign corporations, irrigation measures and a bill creating a state market agent.

When the house and senate reconvened Monday morning all the major measures remained to be considered. The income tax, general tax revision, consolidation of state departments, appropriation bills, fish bills and irrigation and road legislation were unsettled.

The measures which have passed both houses are mostly unimportant and of no great interest to the state at large. During the first five weeks 205 bills were introduced in the senate and 249 in the house, a total of 554 measures. Sixty-five bills received the approval of both houses; 35 senate measures and 30 from the house.

**Compromise Income Tax Bill Appears.**  
A compromise income tax bill has been introduced in the house. The measure provides for a graduated rate on personal incomes and a flat rate on business and corporation incomes. The exemptions are similar to those provided in the federal income tax law and the tax on personal incomes will range from one to ten per cent, while the corporate and business tax will be four per cent.

A feature of this bill is the exemption granted to owners of real property. Both the individual and the business schedule carries a right of deduction covering all taxes paid other than inheritance taxes, income taxes of the state and taxes assessed for local benefits of a kind tending to increase the value of the property assessed.

It is also provided, however, that further deduction of "the fair rental value of all real estate owned" by the taxpayer may be made from the gross earnings, provided that such deduction does not exceed 6 per cent of the assessed value of the property. The same deduction runs to the business schedule as well as to the individual.

**New Consolidation Bill.**  
A new consolidation bill was introduced in the senate Saturday, bearing the names of 17 senators as joint authors, or enough senators to pass it. This bill is said to have been tentatively approved by the governor, and if he really wants it the house will undoubtedly pass the measure.

The new senate bill provides for a state welfare commissioner, state commissioner of agriculture, state corporation and insurance commissioner, each to receive \$4000 a year.

Offices of state industrial accident commission, inspectors of child labor, board of conciliation, commissioner of labor and statistics and board of health are abolished and their duties turned over to the state welfare commissioner.

Offices of food and dairy commissioner, sealer of weights and measures, pure seed board, lime board, sanitary livestock board, board of horticulture and the like are abolished and their duties handled by the commissioner of agriculture.

Offices of state water board and water superintendent are abolished and the duties attended by the state engineer.

Offices of corporation and insurance commissioners are consolidated. Oregon bureau of mines is abolished and its duties transferred to the Oregon Agricultural college.

State vocational education board is

abolished and the duties transferred to superintendent of public instruction.

**Committee Approves Astoria Relief.**  
Legislation for the relief of Astoria was approved by the ways and means committee. The measure approved provides that the state purchase Astoria bonds at par in the sum of \$250,000, bearing interest at 4 per cent, but no interest to be collected for a period of six years. The sum of \$250,000 is to be appropriated for the purpose.

The Kuehn house bill prohibiting the changing of registration of party affiliations within 30 days preceding primary elections passed the senate.

The Cary ice cream bill, which provoked such a storm of protest from the ice cream manufacturers upon its introduction in the house, was passed by the senate by a unanimous vote. The bill increases the butterfat and solids content of ice cream.

The senate passed house bill No. 77, designed to aid in the enforcement of the prohibition laws of the state.

The bill requires the registration of all distilling apparatus with the proper state and federal officials and makes the presence of a still, worm, mash or any of the other equipment or ingredients incident to the distillation or brewing of liquors prima facie evidence that the owner or occupant of the premises is the owner of the tabooed paraphernalia.

Representative Keeney's bill, which was intended to place a tax on literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions when operated for compensation, was killed by the senate through indefinite postponement.

Senator Dennis' bill which provides that taxes levied in 1923 and 1924 shall be 10 per cent lower than the tax collected in 1922 passed the senate with only President Upton voting against it. It applies to all tax levying bodies and excepts only money raised to pay principal or interest on bonded indebtedness heretofore contracted or to pay bonds fixed by law.

**Education for Crippled Children.**  
The house, by unanimous vote, passed a senate bill providing for the educating of crippled children. Provision is made in this measure for the setting aside in every district in which one or more crippled children are enrolled of a "crippled children's educational fund," in proportion to the number of such children in the district, out of the general funds of the district. This fund is to be employed to provide for visiting teachers to be paid for on the basis of hourly teaching.

By the bare margin of one vote, Representative Woodward's eight hour day law for the lumber industry was passed by the house. The bill, as amended, provides that the penalties for violation shall not be effective until similar laws are enacted by Washington and Idaho.

The house of representatives decided against free text books for elementary school children in Oregon when it voted to accept the majority report of the committee on education and indefinitely postponed Representative Woodward's free text book bill.

**Initiative Safeguarded.**  
The house voted to safeguard the initiative from frauds when it passed the Kuehn bill with 38 ayes against 20 noes and Gordon and Kay absent.

The bill as passed requires petitions to be filed with county clerks and local registrars and provides that county clerks shall publish notices advising the people of the counties just where petitions are available for signature.

Mrs. Simmons' bill to make jury duty compulsory upon women and remove from the law the right now existing of claiming exemption, passed the house, the vote being 34 ayes and 25 noes.

The bill not only removes the exemption, but requires that one-half of the jury panel in Multnomah county must be women, and one-fourth of such panel in the balance of the counties.

Against the advice of the state highway commission, the house passed Graham's bill authorizing the refunding of road bonds and use of the money on primary market roads. Graham's plan is to issue each year for market roads an amount of bonds equal to those retired for the state highways. This plan will keep Oregon at the constitutional limit for road bonds.

The Lewis bill to tax church property failed in the house when 35 votes were counted against the measure, with 24 for it, and Burdick, the sole member absent, thus defeating the measure by a majority of 11 votes.

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## The Legislature.

(By an Onlooker)

A legislative assembly may be likened unto a bee hive minus the honey. The possibilities for honey are stung by the members of the third house, as the members of the first and second houses flit back and forth. There is a heap of "flitting", even with all the paid pages a flitting. If some of the back county voters could hear their representatives orate they would blush in admiration. The parliamentary "stuff" they pull would cause the United States Senate to glide on peaceful waters. But to be frank, they all seemed to be earnestly sincere. Trying to enact laws that would permit coins to jingle in destitute pockets. I only noticed one member vote an aye when it should have been nay. He was deeply buried in some subject foreign to the question before the house and when the speaker called for the vote the senator opened the wrong damper. The senate is a bower of color. Each senator is flanked by a member of the weaker sex. I don't know whether they do the thinking for the senator or just take down what the senator thinks. One senator called it a Mormon harem, I got his outlook. One thing must come to pass if women are to mingle in the by-laws of laws. They must learn to puff a pipe or breathe through twisted rope. All members seemed to be thinking in the smoke cloud of their respective stogies. The habit possibly helps to make better laws and should not be stopped. Let the women smoke. It will make a more inspiring picture in either house. The makers of our laws while in session are the center piece of "jokesmiths". The common way of speaking of them is that they are drifters, possessors of idle vacuums and many times just common thieves. How true to all things in life. "How easy it is to construct. So hard to tear down." You and I who are so full of wisdom. How simple it would be for us to construct an income tax law. Just tax every one. No one could find fault if every one was taxed. To consolidate is to consolidate. Put everything in the hands of the governor. Then if he don't deliver just Greece him. After a few such parties popular government would be in our midst. After all what would we do without politics. If done away, all the conversation patter would fall upon life you sort of feel that you have always tried, though your efforts have mostly been sputtering fuses. Let's give the boys at Salem the blunt edge of our criticism and admit that they tried.

## Legislative Briefs.

By a decisive vote the house voted down Representative Lovejoy's bill to create a state board of cosmetic therapy examiners.

Reduction of the salaries of all state officials and employees, not fixed by statute, approximately 10 per cent, is proposed in a resolution adopted by the senate.

Representative Blower's bill, regulating the sale of firearms and restricting the carrying of the same by persons other than sheriffs and peace officers, was defeated in the senate.

The house passed Senator Eddy's bill to provide for a state prohibition commissioner and assistants to be paid from funds diverted by the counties to the state as collected from liquor violators.

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## APPROPRIATION FOR UMATILLA RAPIDS; WORK TO BE STARTED ON MCKAY CREEK

The state senate Wednesday passed House Bill 396 providing the sum of \$10,000 for matching a like amount from the federal government for a survey of the Umatilla rapid project by the department of the interior.

Congressman Sinnott has a promise of \$10,000 from a department fund to match the Oregon money and therefore an official federal survey for the project is in sight.

Some time during the coming summer dirt will be flying on the McKay reservoir job near Pendleton on McKay creek, and there will be work there for 400 or 500 men, according to indications. The sum of \$363,000 is in the budget for the year expiring June 30, 1923, and the budget for the year following carries \$750,000 for the project, this making a total of \$1,113,000 for the project up to a year from July 1, says the E. O.

It is estimated that the money available will be sufficient to do more than half the work and that the funds for completing the enterprise will be available by the time needed.

F. E. Weymouth, chief engineer of the reclamation service, is now en route to Oregon to start work on the project and on the Baker project in Baker county. The coming of Mr. Weymouth is awaited as instructions from him are desired in connection with securing the right of way. At present the government representatives and owners of land on McKay are unable to come to terms. Mr. Weymouth will be consulted as to whether condemnation proceedings shall be started. If the action is taken there will be no delay in starting work as the

government can at once take possession of the property and proceed to business, allowing the courts to determine upon the amount to be paid for the land.

The view of Mr. Schilling, project engineer, as given the East Oregonian, is that actual work will be started some time during the summer. Just when cannot yet be told. The government will handle the work direct, not letting a contract, and the Denver office is already planning upon the equipment needed. The government will establish bunk houses, mess houses, etc., for caring for the workers on the job.

The starting of work on the dam will provide much work for laborers, shovelmen, and mechanics of various sorts.

A short and simple argument on "Why the Wallula Cut-Off?"

The Umatilla and Pilot Rock stages are running but the Walla Walla stage is not.

The second nutrition meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 24. At the last meeting we held we about half decided that we should have an all-day session because we scarcely had time after 2 o'clock to do the work we should do. Since then Mr. Callins, our county agent, has arranged for a meeting of the men, and decided he would hold that session in the morning and another in the afternoon. This means two sessions for the ladies also, and it means another big day with a dinner at the cafeteria, for which Boardman is famous. Everybody come with plenty to eat, meat, salads, pies, cakes, pickles and all sorts of good things.

## BOARDMAN PARAGRAPHS

No school was held Wednesday on account of the extreme cold.

Dwight Misner of Iona was a business visitor in town last Saturday.

J. C. Harpe of Portland was transacting business in town last week.

O. H. Warner and C. G. Blayden were Hermiston visitors on Saturday.

A. H. Switzer of Arlington was transacting business in town Wednesday.

Jay Cox and wife have been confined at home this week with a gripe.

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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Wade H. Officer has been appointed postmaster at Isee, Grant county. The Haines Amateur Athletic club was organized at Haines with a membership of 50 local men.

The Portland district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south was held in Roseburg. Tests of Coos county coal for stocking locomotives will be made by the Southern Pacific company.

Large shipments of hay are being made from Haines to the Portland market and Willamette valley points. Umatilla county has about 200,000 acres in winter wheat. This is practically the same as last year's acreage.

James Ryan, logger, employed at the California Barrel company's camp near Olney, was killed by a log rolling over him.

In fear of an epidemic of rabies, Bend police have requested all owners of dogs to keep their pets tied up at home.

Work has begun on the diking project at Scappoose, which will drain and reclaim about 5000 acres of land when completed.

Ten feet of snow and frozen water pipes have closed down work in the mines in the Bohemia district, southern Lane county's gold field.

Columbia county is one of the strongest grange counties in the state and endeavors will be made to have the state grange meeting in June, 1924, at Rainier.

Superintendent Alex Sparrow reports that there is 12 1/2 feet of snow at the rim of Crater lake, which is two feet more than at the same time last year.

For violation of the state motor vehicle law providing that trucks be equipped with mirrors, 86 drivers were arrested by the Portland motorcycle speed squad.

Petitions are in circulation in Umatilla county asking a parole for L. D. Clark, Hellix town marshal, convicted of manslaughter for shooting Harry E. Rose, October 28.

Fifteen thousand dollars will be available for new construction and road maintenance within the Deschutes national forest, H. L. Plumb, supervisor, has announced.

Governor Pierce's income tax measure meets the approval of the executives of the Linu county farm bureau, the committee having endorsed the bill at a meeting at Albany.

Proceedings have been started by the district attorney whereby Willowa county will foreclose on property the taxes of which are delinquent for the years 1916, 1917, and 1918.

The Tillamook county grand jury failed to bring in a true bill in connection with the alleged branding by two hooded men of Mrs. Nevada Standish in Tillamook city recently.

Under the auspices of the university of Oregon school of administration the convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association is to be held in Eugene, commencing Sunday, February 18.

All bids for the clearing of the Blachly-Rain Rock section of the Willamette valley-Florence state highway, 24 miles, have been rejected, according to word received by the Lane county court.

The exports from Astoria to foreign ports and the Hawaiian Islands during the year 1922 were valued at \$3,530,406, according to statistics just compiled by Deputy Collector of Customs Lamb.

Smallpox, said to be in very light form, has closed one of the Klamath Falls schools. Dr. Lamb, city health officer, said there were 14 cases in six families, but that none of them is serious.

Oregon Agricultural college, the United States department of agriculture and Columbia county farm bureau, co-operating, held an all-day institute for farmers of Columbia county at Warren.

Dr. E. N. Neulen of Astoria has received a check for \$585 from the government at Washington in exchange for \$600 in bills which were in his office safe and were reduced to ashes during the recent fire.

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