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Never Again, We Hope.

The other day someone remarked that Governor Pierce had strengthened his position with the public during the legislature 40 day cross word puzzle. In such a mixup it reminds one of a beauty contest between a razor-back and a runt poland china. Although they are both all hog, as a judge we pin the blue ribbon to a gas balloon and prayerfully kiss it goodbye. It has been a wonderful exhibition of what ought not to ever happen again.

Old Time Republican Government, was run by the many for the few.

now the government is running so much that the chief danger is there will soon be no one left to run the government. Everybody depends upon the government for more than anyone realizes.

Do something this spring that will help you enjoy the summer. Paint a fence post, plant a new tree, clean up the back yard, build a new house, remodel the store, plant a new crop, get a registered bear, or if there is nothing else to do buy a new car.

Every time we look out our front window at the Majestic Columbia, we picture a steam ship enroute to Lewiston Idaho. Some day when the laws of economics are again restored our hallucination will become a reality.

Chemicals Carried to Sea

Thirty-two of the ninety-two elements known to exist have been found in sea water. Scientists believe that most of the others are there, and await merely the development of new methods of chemical analysis to bring them to light. These chemicals have been washed into the sea from the rocks of the land. Every year 500,000,000 tons of salts are carried to the sea by the American rivers alone.

Research Work Stops.

Research by scientists in medicine and surgery in Germany is reported to be practically at a standstill because of lack of financial support.

SESSION AT SALEM RUNS OVER 40 DAYS

Lawmakers Unable to Complete Labors Within Constitutional Limit.

Salem. — Unable to complete its labors within the 40-day period prescribed by the constitution the legislature extended the session over into this week. The chief reason for extending the session was the failure to pass the necessary appropriation bills and frame legislation to provide the additional revenue required for the next two years.

Members will receive no pay for their time this week but compensation for the house and senate staffs, which includes everybody down to the stenographers and pages continues until adjournment sine die.

Although the ways and means committee worked hard to evolve a program to meet the financial needs of the state for the coming two years, the demands for money far outstripped the funds available. Faced with the threat of the governor to veto any attempt to add to the direct tax levy against real property, the committee planned on making special levies, including taxes on cigarettes and tobacco, a gross earnings tax on public utilities and diversion of part of the fees collected by semi-public commissions to the general fund. The governor told the committee that he would veto such taxes. As a result the financial program was in a tangle when the legislature adjourned Saturday and senate and house organization leaders planned to frame a definite policy during the week end and drive it through.

Big Deficit Faced.

Revised figures having to do with the appropriations authorized by the joint ways and means committee of the house and senate for the current biennium indicate that these allowances aggregated approximately \$7,140,673, as against \$5,764,099.35 recommended by the state budget commission.

With available funds of \$5,684,981 reported by the state budget commission, it probably will be necessary for the legislature to make up the deficit resulting from the over-appropriations by levying additional taxes.

The house of representatives hurried defiance at Governor Pierce when it refused to suspend the rules and place on final passage a house bill providing for the placing of a tax on public utilities in accord with a demand made by the governor upon the ways and means committee.

Service Body Act Vetoed.

Governor Pierce was charged with threatening the legislature to veto the appropriation bill for the public service commission unless the house, under suspended rules, rushed through the bill which placed a gross earnings tax on public utilities to yield \$80,000 a year.

Accepting the challenge of the house, Governor Pierce threw his veto of the \$100,000 appropriation voted for the support of the public service commission into the arena Saturday afternoon.

Primary Measures Defeated.

The Mills bill to amend the direct primary law, providing for post-primary nominating conventions, was defeated in the senate. It received 10 votes and 20 votes were cast against it. This ends the proposal to cure some of the defects in the primary law.

The house killed the measure introduced by the Jackson county delegation, which provided for a pre-primary county convention scheme through a change in the present law.

In the face of open opposition by Governor Pierce, the resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Dennis was adopted by the house by a vote of 34 to 24 and will go on the ballot at the next general election for ratification of the people. It declares it as state policy that no income tax or inheritance tax shall be levied and may not be enacted for 15 years.

Forced Auto Insurance Killed.

A house bill providing for compulsory automobile liability insurance to be handled by the state industrial accident commission, was chloroformed in the house by indefinite postponement.

Another house bill which, on its face, called for a uniform set of casualty insurance rates in Oregon, was also indefinitely postponed.

Indefinite postponement also was the fate of a house bill setting the salmon catch limit by trolling on the lower Rogue river.

After protests had been made by Senators Eddy and Joseph the senate refused to approve Representative Cramer's bill providing for regular pay days in certain employments, and again referred the measure to the committee on revision of laws.

Under the provisions of a bill approved by the senate it would be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or organization to circulate so

called campaign tickets prior to an election unless the persons whose names appear on the tickets have given their written consent.

Traffic Veto Overridden.

The senate and house overrode the veto of Governor Pierce of Senator Maglady's bill providing for the employment of not to exceed 25 state traffic officers under the secretary of state and increasing the salaries of these operatives.

Under the provisions of the act the chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department would receive a maximum of \$275 a month as against the present salary of \$200. The state traffic officers would receive \$125 a month for the first year's service, \$150 a month during the second year, and \$175 after entering upon three years of service.

Governor Pierce, in his veto message, contended that it was the duty of the executive department to enforce the laws of the state and that the policing of the highways was not a proper function for the secretary of state to perform.

Contending that since he has been in the governor's office there has been presented no bill as far reaching in its possible effect, and as detrimental to the general welfare as house bill 102, Governor Pierce sent in his veto of that measure introduced by Meindl of Multnomah, designed to give the power of condemning water power to railroads.

Collect Unpaid Income Tax.

A bill sponsored by the house committee on assessment and taxation and providing for the collection of unpaid or delinquent income taxes under the act of 1923 was passed. Enforcement of this act, it is claimed, will result in the collection of approximately \$1,000,000 in income taxes remaining unpaid at this time.

The house passed a senate bill providing for increases in the salaries of the seven state supreme court judges from \$5250 to \$7500 a year.

There will be no change in high school courses of study to introduce penmanship, bookkeeping and arithmetic, as proposed in the Eddy bill, for the house killed it in short order.

Despite the vigorous fight made by Senator Garland in behalf of his bill to prohibit the advertising of cigarettes in Oregon through the medium of posters, paintings or signs, the senate defeated the measure.

Bill Doubles Dry Funds.

Defense of the enforcement of the prohibition laws, but denunciation of the conduct of the state prohibition office under the administration of George L. Cleaver, featured the discussion of a bill introduced in the senate by the alcoholic traffic committee providing that the funds of the department should be increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000 annually and for other equally important changes in the existing prohibition statutes. The bill was passed, 27 to 3.

Only nine votes were mustered in opposition to a house bill providing for the establishment of the Southern Oregon normal school at Ashland when it came up for final passage in the house. The bill was passed, after considerable debate in which it was shown that the state normal school is unable to provide the number of graduate teachers required by the state. The bill passed by the house provides for the levy of one-twentieth of one mill annually for support of the Ashland school. The old state normal school buildings there can be utilized to a large extent, it was stated.

Banking Measure Passed.

The new state banking code, passed by the senate, was approved by practically unanimous vote of the house. The measure attempts to throw added security about deposits in Oregon banks. Capital required to open a bank is increased by the law from a minimum at present of \$15,000 in small towns to \$25,000 and corresponding increases in centers of larger population.

Legislative Brevities.

The free or loan textbook law went down to defeat in the house.

Governor Pierce signed the bill authorizing the formation of mutual savings banks in Oregon.

The bible will not be read in the public schools, as was desired by Senator Garland. His bill was indefinitely postponed by the house.

The ways and means committee of the house recommended withdrawal of house bill 224, which would have transferred control of the penitentiary from the chief executive to the state board of control.

New armories dotted about the state seemed lost when, in harmony with reports by the ways and means committee, bills providing for them were withdrawn.

The senate adopted a resolution authorizing the selection of a committee to investigate the methods of taxation in Oregon and report its findings to the legislature at its next session.

The senate approved a bill introduced by the alcoholic traffic committee taking from the state prohibition department the enforcement of the narcotic act. Under the provisions of the bill the enforcement of this law would be placed under the jurisdiction of the state board of pharmacy.

Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, January 23, 1925.

Notice is hereby given that Lee Mead, of Boardman, Oregon, who, on August 25, 1920, made Homestead Entry, No. 021932, for W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, or Farm Unit "B", Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 25 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. G. Blyden, United States Commissioner, at Boardman, Oregon, on the 3rd day of March, 1925.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ernest Brown, Thos. Miller, Ray L. Brown, S. B. Richardson all of Boardman, Oregon.

J. W. Donnelly
Register

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