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## DOINGS AT THE CAPITOL

### News in Brief of the Doings of Oregon's Law-makers During the Past Week

#### Solons of Twenty-Eighth Session Complete Their Labors at Salem.

Salem.—The 28th biennial session of the legislature is a matter of history. The closing hours witnessed the usual confusion and congestion and in addition there was a deadlock between the house and senate which threatened to become serious.

The conflict arose over the refusal of the senate to recede from its amendment to the Schuebel House compensation bill. The house refused to accept the senate amendment reducing the membership of the industrial accident commission to one member and in retaliation declined to pass the senate bill conferring upon the governor or appointing board as the case may be the power of removal of appointees at any time and the bills consolidating the insurance and corporation departments and the highway and state engineer's offices. The fight was enlivened by a letter from Miss Fern Hobbs offering to resign her place on the industrial accident commission if the senate would pass the house bill. An agreement was finally reached whereby each house receded from its position.

The agreements failed in one particular. The house did not pass the bill consolidating the offices of corporation and insurance commissioner. The merger of the highway and state engineer's offices was accomplished.

#### Prohibition Law Most Important.

What many regard as the most important piece of legislation passed at this session was the prohibition bill to make effective the prohibition constitutional amendment which will become effective January 1, 1916. The bill permits the importation from without the state of a small quantity of liquor, makes consignees' receipts public records and prohibits liquor advertising and solicitation of orders.

Next to the prohibition act, the most important piece of legislation passed amended the workmen's compensation act. The amendments provide for several classifications of risks, change the rates different industries shall pay into the fund, reduce the payments of employees and eliminate the section which gave the injured workmen the choice of compensation or an action at law.

#### Tax Measures Passed.

Two tax measures of importance have been passed. One is the Bingham bill which places a limit on the amount of revenue that may be raised in any one year. The other tax law divides the tax payments into two installments. If the first half is not paid by April 5 it draws interest at 1 per cent a month. A penalty on unpaid taxes does not attach until November 5, when 5 per cent is added.

The public accountancy department has been eliminated.

#### Election Laws Amended.

The election laws have been amended in important particulars. A method for permanent registration has been provided. A fee system for nominating candidates which will make the paid name solicitors unnecessary, but still available, has been adopted. By the terms of the latter bill the aspirant for nomination pays his money into the state, county and city treasury instead of petition peddlers.

Another election law restores the full franchise to the voters in election of delegates to national conventions and eliminates the payment of delegates' expenses out of the public treasury.

#### Special Election Ordered if Needed.

A special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November for the purpose of considering measures enacted by the recent legislative sessions was passed.

The bill does not provide for an election unless the referendum is invoked against any of the measures passed by this session.

Friends of the prohibition measure were particularly interested to have the bill passed, as they fear a referendum will be applied.

Most of the members of the legislature regard the session as having been successful, particularly in the matter of economy. The appropriations for the session will total about \$6,500,000, or about \$1,500,000 less than those of the preceding session.

#### Legislators Joyful on Adjournment.

Fun and good fellowship reigned supreme in the halls of the capitol Sunday morning, following adjournment by the two houses. The house adjourned precisely at 2 minutes after 7, but the senate was in session an hour longer.

Members of the house were joyful after they had cleaned up their work.

Led by Representatives Littlefield, Olds, Stewart and Gill they gathered about Miss Towne's desk and sang a series of popular and patriotic songs.

While the house members were in the midst of their singing someone suggested: "Let's go over and serenade the senate."

The idea proved popular. The whole party, consisting of nearly 40 members, marched around the rotunda and straight through the doors of the senate chamber, where the sleepy-eyed senators were awakened by the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

The senators, led by Senator Day, gathered around Miss Towne and gave her three "hurrahs" and a "tiger."

The house members returned the compliment to Miss Clarke, the only woman senator.

With a few minor omissions the following is a list of the important bills passed by the legislature:

#### House Bills Signed by the Governor.

48, by Jackson county delegation—To cede authority in Crater lake national park to United States government.

32, by Dillard—Abolishing state census.

78, by Olson—Exempting barnyard fowls, etc., from execution of attachment.

120, by Smith (Multnomah)—To prohibit advertising on state roads.

151, by Blanchard—Exempt civil war veterans from paying game license.

152, by judiciary committee—Repealing free textbook law.

123, by Huston—Conferring age of majority on unmarried mothers.

167, by Michelbook—To make county school superintendent member of fair board.

292, by Hare—To give counties a share of money collected in fines from violation of game laws.

260, by Davey—To enable districts to vote on question of livestock running at large.

303, by Davey—To enable cities of 1000 population to own public utilities.

429, by Jones—To correct acknowledgments taken by notaries after expiration of commission.

140, by committee on printing—Repealing section of 1913 statute requiring district school clerk to audit books.

305, by Littlefield—Prohibiting advertisements soliciting divorces.

144, by Hinkle—Fixing qualification of county school superintendents.

128, by Forbes—Empowering district boundary boards to review school district tax levies.

56, by Olson—Requiring both parties to a suit to deposit jury fees.

97, by Dillard—Requiring majority vote in majority of district to form a union high school.

116, by Thomas—To require cities and towns to report to county clerks and assessors any change in boundary lines.

200, by Stanfield—To limit liability of bank for nonpayment of check through error.

201, by Huston—Authorizing the governor to fill vacancies in the office of United States senator.

189, by Jones—Changing term of office of notaries public from two years to four years.

168, by eastern Oregon delegation—To provide for election of one railroad commissioner from eastern Oregon, one from western Oregon and one from the state at large.

209, by Davey—Authorizing incorporated cities and towns to control cemeteries.

334, by Forbes—Ratifying lease of Summer and Abert lakes.

#### Senate Bills Signed by Governor.

9, by Dimick—Abolishing emigration commission.

95, by Vinton—To permit appeals from interlocutory decrees of divorce.

115, by Langguth—To repeal laws relating to death inasmuch as aboli-

tion of death penalty obviates necessity for same.

23, by LaFollett—To provide for joint action by counties in constructing bridges between counties.

83, by Moser—To provide for use of public schools as day centers.

103, by Dimick—To repeal law of 1913 session regarding administration of anesthetics.

76, by Moser—Requiring advance payment of jury trial fees.

17, by Kiddle—To prohibit holding of court sessions on Sundays or on certain legal holidays.

82, by Moser—To provide for manner of foreclosing liens on mortgages.

98, by Moser—To provide further relief for widows under widows' pension act.

94, by Vinton—To enable courts to summon witnesses for distances of 100 miles (present limit is 20 miles).

11, by Dimick—Providing organization of school districts.

132, by Garland—Requiring county treasurers to deposit redeemed orders with clerk every Monday.

24, by Strayer—To provide a state recorder of brands.

40, by Langguth—Repealing laws requiring sheriff to make report of fees collected to district attorney.

126, by committee on horticulture—To give welfare commission authority to regulate hours of women working in canneries.

180, by Hawley—To amend section 4050, Lord's Oregon Laws, to provide that election day shall be school holiday only when building is used for polling place.

190, by committee on education—To reduce fees for teachers' state certificates.

137, by Moser—To prevent discrimination in payment of salaries in pay of male and female school teachers.

30, by Hollis—To authorize tax collectors to cancel taxes on land sold by state and forfeited.

164, by Moser—To authorize attachment of insurance money in certain cases.

88, by Day—To fix standards for weights and measures.

89, by Day—To provide for office of chief deputy sealer of weights and measures and four district deputies throughout state.

229, by committee on judiciary—To amend code to relieve persons without funds from putting up bond to guarantee costs of cases in justice courts.

House Bills in Hands of Governor but not yet Signed.

460, by Tom Brown—To levy excise tax on trading stamps.

155, by Forbes—To permit school to use sinking funds to liquidate bonds.

91, by Hunt—To enable county courts to fix road districts independent of municipalities.

439, by committee on banking—To amend banking laws to conform with federal reserve act.

191, by judiciary and revision of laws committee—To provide for permanent registration of voters.

467, by assessment and taxation committee—Providing budget system for all tax levying districts.

468, by committee on assessment and taxation—To remit penalties due on taxes under the 1913 tax law.

276, by Allen—To provide organization of credit unions.

294, by Stanfield—Regulating sale of foreign meats and requiring meat shipped into state from foreign countries to be labeled.

226, by Allen—To require dealer in imported eggs to label their containers.

352, by Littlefield—To make building and loan association subject to corporation act.

192, by Blanchard—To provide for organization of co-operative organizations.

14, by Kelly—To restore tax collecting power to county sheriffs.

280, by Olson—To prevent misrepresentation of metallic article offered for sale.

19, by Olson—To enable persons to become candidates for primary nominations by paying a fee.

471, by committee on assessment and taxation—Fixing April 5 and October 5 as taxpaying dates.

187, by Risley—Authorizing and regulating the practice of chiropractic in Oregon.

206, by Huston—Providing for election of dairy and food commissioner and prescribing his power and duties.

277, by committee on health and public morals—Requiring reports as to condition of eyes in infants to prevent blindness.

413, by Wagner—Providing for publication of school budgets.

476, by joint committee on assessment and taxation—Directing tax collector to carry forward delinquent tax on roll and note them upon tax receipts.

453, by Anderson—Regulates practice of osteopathy.

270, by Childs—Providing time in which assessor shall deliver taxroll to treasurer.

426, by Forbes—Abolishes reclamation fund, transferring money to irrigation fund.

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### MAKE YOUR HEAD HAPPY WITH A NEW HAT

THROW AWAY YOUR GREASY OLD HAT! THE COMFORTABLE FEELING YOU GET FROM WEARING A NEW ONE WILL BE WORTH MORE THAN IT WILL COST. NO MAN CAN AFFORD TO WEAR AN OLD HAT OR OLD TORN SHIRTS OR UNDERWEAR. PEOPLE FIRST JUDGE YOU BY THE WAY YOU LOOK.

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#### Sized Up The Situation

The Washington Star says:

What the United States government declares against destroying American vessels acting within their rights and against sacrificing American lives when they are not forfeit under any rules of warfare is for the whole world to heed, with the American people a unit at the back of President Wilson in his stand, as clear as it is sound, as dignified as it is strong, for the rights and safety of this nation's citizens and ships.

That is good so far as the ships on the seas are concerned, but if a band of Greasers in Mexico destroy the lives and property of Americans, the only remedy thus far prescribed by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan is for such Americans as are there to get out.

#### BREVITY

Brevity may or may not be the "soul of wit," but there is no question in regard to brevity being the soul of conversation nowadays. The aim of the up-to-the-second conversationalist is to cut all corners and get there in the shortest possible time.

In days of yore a man was polite under all circumstances, no matter how much time it consumed. Then he would say "My dear sir, I desire that you understand thoroughly that I comprehend fully and in all detail the information you are endeavoring to impart to me."

Now he says "Gotcha!"

A sensible young lady made the following request to her friends: "Do not lay me down by the rippling brook side lest the babbling lovers wake me from dreams, nor in the beautiful cemeteries in the valleys lest sightseers cooing over epitaphs, distract me; but let me sleep under the counter of the merchant and business man generally who never advertises. There is peace that passeth all understanding and a deep sleep on which neither the buoyant footfall of youth nor the weary shuffle of old age will ever intrude.—Greenfield (Iowa) Free Press.

The buds on certain trees are beginning to swell,—likewise the heads of certain citizens, aspiring to be mayor of this city.