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OREGON LAWMAKERS' WORK AS REVIEWED

Last Week of Session at Hand
With Much To Do

No Big Appropriation Bills Passed—
Good Roads Legislation Still Pending—House Would Work Until March 1—8-hour Bill Now a Law—
Minimum Wage Bill Now in Senate.

Salem.—The legislative assembly faces the last week of the session with the house still congested with bills. The senate calendar was practically cleaned up and from now on that body will devote its time to consideration of house bills.

Much important legislation is still awaiting action by one or both houses. None of the big appropriation bills have been passed up to the governor. Good roads legislation is still in the air, owing to hostility in some quarters and conflicting opinions among those really in favor of some real legislation to promote improved highways throughout the state.

The workmen's compensation act has passed the house and is now in the senate. There its progress is impeded by Day's compulsory act.

The record at the close of the week showed nine bills of the last session passed over the governor's veto; 43 bills passed and signed or filed by the governor; two bills in the governor's hands; one bill passed this session vetoed by the governor and the veto sustained; five bills have passed both houses; 151 bills have passed the house; 100 bills have passed the senate.

May Work Until March.

A resolution pledging the members of the legislature to remain in session for 40 "actual working days," and setting 5 o'clock of March 1 for adjournment instead of February 21 was introduced in the house.

The house resolution provides that legislators, clerks and all legislative employees shall receive pay for 40 "working days."

West Throws Bombshell.

Declaring that no opposition bills will receive the sanction of the governor unless it be one absolutely necessary to carry on the affairs of the government, mutual disposition is made of appropriations to care for the wards of the state, the governor threw a bombshell into the legislature.

He sent a message in which he charged the failure to get the big appropriation bills into the legislature to the chairman of the ways and means committee.

Leaders state that there will be a sufficient number who will remain over if the executive is inclined to be intractable to deal with the situation.

The ways and means committee of the house made a report, replying to the message of the governor, in which the members denied delaying appropriation bills for political effect. They declared they have already saved the state \$1,000,000 by the pruning process and expect to save a total of \$4,000,000.

8-Hour Bill is a Law.

Without amendment and but few dissenting votes, the so-called eight-hour day bill was passed by the house on reconsideration. The bill also passed the senate and was signed by Governor West.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$7000 for the two years between sessions of the legislature to take care of the work of the commission which is authorized to have charge. None of the commissioners are to receive salaries, however.

Minimum Wage Bill Passed.

The house minimum wage bill passed the senate and now becomes a law unless vetoed by the governor.

Stated briefly, the minimum wage bill provides for a commission of three to be appointed by the governor, consisting of one employer, one employee and a third unbiased person. On the commission is conferred power to fix a reasonable minimum wage for women and child workers, hours of employment and conditions of labor. The law carries an appropriation of \$3500 a year.

The law applies only to women and children. A feature of the law is that it requires a conference between employer and employee when complaints are made.

Senate Donates \$200,000 for Fair.
The bill for an Oregon exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition passed the senate carrying an appropriation of \$200,000. It also provides for the appointment of a commission of three to be named by a committee consisting of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, president of the senate and speaker of the house.

Sterilization Bill Passes.

With just 16 votes, the number needed for passage, the Lewelling bill for sterilization of habitual criminals, moral degenerates and perverts went to victory in the senate.

Dr. Owens Adair of Astoria, who originated the bill and has lobbied for it at succeeding sessions of the legislature, was a witness to its final success, and she was invited by Governor

West to be present in his office when he signed it last Saturday.

50 Days' Session Urged.
The house adopted a resolution directing the submission to the vote of the people, at the next general election, a constitutional amendment lengthening the session of the legislature from 40 to 50 actual working days, and raising the pay of the legislators from \$3 to \$5 a day.

The house also adopted a companion resolution directing that an amendment be submitted to the vote of the people providing that two sessions shall be held—a first session of 20 days, then a temporary adjournment, and then an after-session, and permanent adjournment. The reason for the two is that it would give legislators more time to consider bills and secure the sentiment of the people with relation to measures submitted.

Referendum Date is Set.

Day's bill, providing for a special referendum election, to be held September 2, passed the senate. It invoked considerable debate, being advocated warmly by Day, Moser, Thompson, Bean and others and opposed by McColloch, Miller and Neuner. The bill carries an emergency clause to prevent the possibility of being itself referred.

The object of calling the special election is to prevent large projects like the Panama-Pacific appropriation, the workmen's compensation bill and good roads and other important proposals, from being held up for two years.

Bull Moose Are Recognized.

The Bull Moose party will be able to participate in the primaries before the city election in Portland under the provisions of a bill that passed the senate. This bill provides that any political party casting 20 per cent of the vote at the preceding election may participate in the primaries.

The bill also carries an emergency clause which will allow the participation in the Portland primaries.

The bill was introduced by Senator Carson at the request of the Progressive party committee.

Industrial Girl's Home Favored.

In the face of an adverse majority report, the Moser bill providing for the establishment of an Industrial Home for girls passed the senate with 18 votes in its favor. It is amended so as to provide \$25,000 a year for the next two years. The institution is to be located on ground now owned by the state at Salem, if the bill becomes a law. The institution is to be constructed on the cottage plan.

Firearms Bill is Passed.

Perkins' firearms bill passed the senate. This amended bill provides that anyone purchasing a revolver must have the certificate of two freeholders as to his good moral character and a permit from the circuit, county or municipal judge.

It prevents the display of revolvers in windows, requires a registration of numbers and also requires dealers to make reports to sheriffs twice a month as to sales.

Interest on Funds in Treasuries.

Should H. B. 147 by Parsons, which has just passed the house, be enacted into law, thousands of dollars will pour into the coffers of county treasurers in interest on county money, for it provides that all funds shall be deposited with a bank which will give sound security for its safe keeping, and that it shall draw 1 per cent interest. At the present time banks enjoy the use of this money without paying interest.

Fairs Left to Counties.

A bill by the committee on expositions and fairs, providing for an annual tax levy of 20 mills for county fairs, was passed by the house. It is said it will do away with any appropriations by the legislature. These have been very bothersome and many members wished to leave the fairs in each county to the counties.

West Bill Approved by House

Hagood's bill for a state-wide tincture law, similar to that now in force in Portland, was passed by the house. It requires the owners of all hotels, lodging houses, etc., to post a sign at their doors to tell who owns the property. This is one of the bills urged by Governor West. Another bill favored by the governor is one by Howard of Douglas, known as the injunction bill, aimed to curb disorderly houses by compelling them to post a bond with the city authorities, not exceeding the value of the property involved.

Bridge Bill Favored.

The house passed the Nolte Interstate bridge bill and enabling act introduced by the Multnomah delegation.

The bill provides that certain counties may issue bonds for interstate bridges and may deduct yearly from the county taxes due the state the interest on the bridge bonds as the state's portion of the expense of the bridge. The interest will total \$70,000 a year.

Substitution of a teachers' training school for annual county institutes is contemplated in a bill passed by the house.

The house passed a bill requiring state banks to capitalize to 25 per cent of the amount of deposits and margins carried by them.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

GERMAN SHIP RUNS ASHORE

Vessel Worth \$100,000 Is Total Loss
in Breakers.

Nehalem.—The German bark Mimi, Captain L. Westphal, a four-master, bound from Valparaiso to Astoria for orders, grounded on the sand spit on the north side of the entrance to Nehalem bay.

The Garibaldi life-saving station was notified by telephone, and the crew with its powerboat came here by a special train, and pulling to the wreck, after many attempts threw a line on board the vessel. One member of the crew was taken off by the breeches buoy. The captain and the rest of the crew, however, refused to come ashore, deciding to remain on the vessel until they could secure orders for the abandonment of the vessel from the German consul in Portland. The vessel was in ballast, and carried a crew of 30 men.

Deputy Sheriff Kills Indian Outlaw.

Sutherlin.—Bud Engle, a half-breed Indian, was shot and instantly killed, and Deputy Sheriff F. L. Eddy was seriously wounded in the back in an affray which occurred two miles east of town. Eddy went to Engle's home to serve a subpoena on him for his appearance before the grand jury at Roseburg.

Engle, who has a bad reputation, saw Eddy coming and met him with a shotgun. Eddy ordered Engle to put the gun down, but instead of doing so cocked it and pointed it at Eddy, who turned partially around and received the contents in his right shoulder and side. Eddy immediately pulled an automatic gun and shot Engle five times, killing him instantly.

Booth-Kelly Extends Logging Road.

Eugene.—Construction of six more miles of logging road will be begun on Mill and Deer creeks, beyond Wendling, by the Booth-Kelly lumber company before the end of this month, according to A. C. Dixon, manager of the company. This will double the trackage of the company, and will cost more than \$50,000. The preliminary surveying has already been virtually completed.

Not only does the construction of this road mean the expenditure of from \$7000 to \$10,000 a month for the greater part of the summer, but it also marks increased logging activities of the company, and consequent activity in the sawmills of the company at Wendling and Coburg.

INDIAN LANDS TO BE SOLD

Tracts of Lands for Which Federal
Officials Will Open Sealed Bids.

Roseburg.—A number of tracts of lands, allotted to various Indians in the several land districts in Oregon, will be sold on May 19 by the federal government. The properties are inherited and those of noncompetent Indians, and sealed bids will be received prior to the date named, May 19, when they will be opened. Bids must be in the hands of Horace G. Wilson, supervisor, Roseburg, Or., by 2 P. M., of May 19, inclosed in a sealed envelope marked only "Bids for Indian Lands," with the date of the proposed sale, and nothing else on the envelope. A certified check for 10 per cent of the bid must be inclosed with the bid.

Silverton Girl Stabbed by Assassin.

Silverton.—An attempt at murder was made upon the person of Miss Jennie Rose, a young Italian girl, by an unknown assassin in her home about midnight. She was out during the evening and returned home about 10 o'clock. On retiring, a lamp was left burning in the room. A noise aroused her, and about that time the light went out. She called her little brothers, when she was set upon by an assassin, who stabbed her. Leaping from the bed and eluding her assailant, she ran to the street, where she fell, suffering from 18 cuts.

Laborer Shot by an Unknown.

Vale.—Struck dead in cold blood while he slept on a lonely hillside 22 miles west of Vale, 100 yards up on the slope above the Oregon Eastern railroad track, Paolo de Paoli, an Italian, was murdered by an unknown assassin.

70 Inches of Skin Given Bandon Man.

Bandon.—Roll Anderson, who fell 100 feet in a logging train wreck last December, which resulted in the death of six men, is on the way to recovery. In addition to concussion of the brain and other injuries, about one-third of the skin on Anderson's body was badly scalded by steam. A few days ago 70 inches of skin was grafted upon him by Dr. Smith J. Mann and Dr. R. V. Leep, six local men giving up part of their skin for the purpose.

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