

SESSION IS HALF OVER

LEGISLATURE WILL PROBABLY PASS BONE-DRY BILL SOON

Solons Are Making Record For Work; 531 Bills Introduced, 183 In Senate, 348 In House.

The Oregon Legislature passed the halfway point Saturday and established a record for work. Fifteen bills have been signed by the governor and made law, out of the 531 introduced. The work is further advanced than at any previous session at the end of the first half. By the end of this week the biggest problem of the present session will probably be handed to the governor for a signature that will make the state bone-dry.

The Anderson-Eddy prohibition bill was made a special order of business in the house yesterday. It will undoubtedly pass the house in short order, and will then be sent immediately to the senate. As this measure has already been considered by the joint house and senate committee, it will go on the senate calendar, in all probability, without the formality of again referring it to the committee.

Thus there is every likelihood that by Thursday or Friday, at the latest, it will be before the senate on final passage. No senator so far this session has cast a vote against any resolution, memorial or bill even remotely having to do with the prohibition issue, so it is safe to predict that it will speedily be passed by that body. The chances are it will not have a dissenting vote.

Booze lovers are beginning to realize the truth of the maxim: "All good things must come to an end." Nothing less than a miracle or the most effective boot-legging in the history of the liquor traffic can keep the thirsty throats moist with some form of the "beloved beverage" after next week. There seems to be but few wet days left. The bill carries an emergency clause which will make it effective as soon as it is signed by the governor. The end of this week or the first of next will probably find it the law of Oregon.

There is no serious opposition in the house to the emergency clause. Two or three members are basing their objections on that ground, but have been utterly unable to get any others to support them in their contentions. Speaker Standfield and leaders on the floor of the house have favored the emergency clause from the start. Governor Withycombe also has insisted on it, and has openly denounced the whisky lobbyists who have opposed it. It is apparent that if the emergency clause is not retained, the whisky interests will invoke the referendum. This either would hold up the bill for two years or force a special election at a cost of \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Other important legislation is pending. The consolidation committees of the senate and house, which for several days have been sitting jointly to prepare consolidation measures satisfactory to both, hope to introduce one or more consolidation bills in the house this week.

It had been the expectation to bring in the joint committee measure consolidating the Industrial Accident commission, Labor commission, Child Labor commission and Industrial Welfare commission by today.

The committees had tentatively approved a bill consolidating all these bodies under two commissioners, but now a snag has poked its head above water to disarrange this program.

This snag consists of vigorous objections to interference with the Industrial Accident commission as now constituted. The proposed bill would lop off two of the three industrial accident commissioners. Governor Withycombe, as well as business men and employees who are affected by the work of the commission, say it has proved eminently satisfactory as it is, and that it should not be changed.

The consolidation committee also has before it two separate bills consolidating the Tax commission. The senate committee's bill, which has passed the senate, would combine it with the Public Service commission. The house committee's bill, which follows the recommendation of Governor Withycombe, would consolidate it under the Board of Control with a tax expert to handle business now handled by the Tax commission. An effort will be made to reconcile these conflicting views as soon as possible in a bill that can be introduced jointly by the two committees.

Another problem is the new insurance code which has been under consideration by joint senate and house committees since the opening of the session, several public hearings having been held, is about ready for introduction. It probably will be introduced in the house. As the joint committees have given it thorough consideration, and it seems to meet with general approval it may be expected to be passed without delay, once it is introduced.

The important problem of road legislation, including adoption of a new highway code, is still up to the legislature, and so far little progress has been made. Most of the bills so far introduced are still being held up in committee. Some of these bills are expected to be reported out this week, but it is possible that public hearings will be held before this is done.

A bill providing for sterilization of sexual criminals and feeble-minded persons will come before the senate as a special order of business at two o'clock tomorrow. A preliminary skirmish a few days ago when only five senators voted for indefinite postponement of the measure, indicates that it is certain to go through the upper house. It is not nearly so drastic a measure as the sterilization law passed by the legislature four years ago, and later nullified by the people under the referendum.

One perplexer that the present legislature figured to be clear of is the old bugaboo of continuing appropriations. But they are not to be denied the pleasure of grappling with the problem. The joint ways and means committee discovered early in the game that annual appropriations still remained. The first discovered was \$7500 a year for the State library and the next \$10,000 a year for wayward girls. These surprised the committee and they sent Chief Clerk John Schroeder on a still hunt to ascertain if any others had been overlooked in the rush of the 1915 session. The result of his investigation showed that \$640,387 is asked of the present legislature exclusive of the budget. They are in the nature of separate appropriation bills, outside and away from all the provisions that are to be made under the law as it now stands.

Tooze & Holman Would Recover Fees
Walter L. Tooze, Jr., and G. O. Holman have started suit in the circuit court of Marion county to recover money alleged due them as fees while acting as attorneys for Cora M. Kephart, who is the defendant in the case. They state that they were Mrs. Kephart's attorneys when she recently brought action to recover widow pension money. Although the case was decided in their client's favor, and a warrant for the payment of the back pension money was issued to her, she has refused to indorse the same, or to make any provision whereby they may obtain the money due them for attorney fees. They therefore ask the court to make it possible for them to obtain the sums which are due.

URGES SUPPORT FOR BUILDING
Federated Woman's Clubs Ask Co-operation in Petitioning Legislature
Mrs. S. B. Taylor, president of the Dallas Woman's club received a letter from the Art committee of the Oregon Federated Woman's clubs, recently, which asks the local organization's co-operation in the effort to have a woman's building erected in 1917 on the State Fair grounds at Salem for their general use and as a memorial to our mothers, the pioneer women of Oregon. The State Fair Board has included \$40,000 in its budget for that purpose.

At the recent meeting of the Oregon Federation of Woman's clubs, the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, it is impossible to obtain works of art, or other valuable exhibits at our State Fair on account of the risks incurred under present conditions, an urgent demand has arisen for a Woman's fire-proof building on the fair grounds; and Whereas, the interest shown in the State fair by the women voters of Oregon demands a suitable recognition; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Federated Woman's Club of Oregon respectfully petition the legislature to provide such a building for the use of the women of the state and also as a tribute to the pioneer women of Oregon; and

Whereas, the demand for such a building is urgent and should be in readiness for next fair, be it further

Resolved, that the State Board (consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer) be and is hereby requested to furnish the estimated cost of such public building to the State Tax commission next December (in accordance with section 3644 L. 1913) to be included by it in the expenses of the state for the ensuing year; be it further

Resolved, that a special committee of five be appointed by the chair to take charge of the subject matter of these resolutions."

The letter stated that the movement was not a partisan one and asked Mrs. Taylor to use her authority and influence to accomplish the laudable object. As to the resolutions, it said:

"In view of such action it is incumbent upon every loyal woman in the state, especially every club woman, to do her part of the work. This can be accomplished only by constant agitation and urgent effort, particularly with those in authority, including every legislator."

LOGANBERRY IN DANGER

PROPOSED RATE ON GLASS RUINOUS TO INDUSTRY.

Effort of Railroads To Jump Freight To \$1.15 Per Hundred Is Bitterly Fought.

Oregon's infant but probably most promising industry is threatened with a premature death by the proposed effort of the railroads to raise the freight rate on glass bottles to \$1.15 per hundred. Loganberry manufacturers say such a rate would be ruinous to their business.

Pugh's loganberry plant at Falls City would be one of the victims if this new rate is allowed to go into effect. There are quite a few acres of loganberries grown in Polk county. The loganberry industry in Oregon is now represented by 2200 acres of fruit, by 400 growers and by 17 juice factories. Most of this activity takes place in the Willamette valley, where the berry has proven a good investment.

Growers of the celebrated Oregon loganberry and the manufacturers of its juice told Interstate Commerce Commission Examiner Walter N. Brown Friday that if the railroads put in force the proposed new freight rate of \$1.10 per 100 pounds on glass bottles, they would have to pull up their vines and dismantle their machinery.

The railroads have announced an increase from 75 cents to \$1.01 to Pacific coast points from the Mississippi river district, and to \$1 from the Missouri river district. The rates are now under suspension, but unless ordered cancelled, will become effective March 10.

The carriers, however, offered a compromise rate of 85 and 90 cents from the two respective districts. The complainants asserted that any rate higher than 75 cents would be too heavy a burden upon the industry, which is only now fairly getting upon its feet.

Keen interest in this case is being taken, both by the Oregon and Washington public service commissions, which have helped align witnesses to show the importance of having low rates on containers for juices, preserves and jellies, considering the need for building up the fruit industry along "by-product" lines. Washington witnesses will tell of the importance of the apple juice industry, now using many bottles.

The Portland Traffic and Transportation association is making the attack upon the rates, while all the transcontinental carriers are made defendants.

Ira S. Smith To Talk
Ira S. Smith, a former Dallas boy, and now a member of the state legislature, will address the citizens of the county Friday, February 2, in the circuit court room on "Assessment and Taxation." Mr. Smith has made an exhaustive study of this basic problem and considers his plan a panacea for many economic ills of today. Mr. Smith's talk will be given under the auspices of the Commercial club.

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the County Clerk of Polk County, State of Oregon, showing the amount and number of claims allowed by the County Court of said County, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the 1st day of January, 1916, to the 30th day of December, 1916, both inclusive.

GENERAL FUND
Amount of Warrants drawn on General Fund.
Expense of Roads and Highways (Appropriation for Hard Surface Road).....\$ 5,787.11
Registration and Elections 4,694.54
Sheriff's Office..... 4,657.77
Clerk's Office..... 4,138.68
Treasurer's Office..... 1,154.99
Surveyor's Office..... 191.38
Assessor's Office..... 3,470.94
Court House..... 1,482.99
Circuit Court..... 2,706.78
County Court or Commissioners..... 2,839.54
Justice Court..... 499.73
Coroner..... 129.45
Insane..... 145.00
School Superintendent..... 4,869.32
Health Officer..... 468.75
Fruit Inspector..... 365.95
Indigent Soldier..... 316.75
Widow's Pension..... 4,490.70
Care of Poor..... 9,118.79
Jail..... 131.18
Bridges..... 42,885.35
Ferries..... 1,343.69
Tax Rebate..... 71.21
Scalp Bounty..... 62.50
Sealer of Weights and Measures..... 193.12
Advertising..... 1,383.58
Stock Inspector..... 168.75
County Attorney..... 117.37
Stock Indemnity..... 363.71
Enforcing Fire Laws..... 152.76
Auditing Books..... 200.00
Polk County Fair Association..... 2,000.00

Prohibition..... 45.00
Total Amount of Warrants drawn on General Fund \$100,656.36
Total Amount of Warrants drawn on General Road Fund.....\$41,525.77

ROAD DISTRICT FUND
Amount of Warrants drawn on Expense of Road District Fund.
Road District No. 1.....\$1,907.42
Road District No. 2..... 1,301.44
Road District No. 3..... 1,894.23
Road District No. 4..... 2,899.18
Road District No. 5..... 1,309.67
Road District No. 6..... 2,529.82
Road District No. 8..... 931.87
Road District No. 9..... 2,744.17
Road District No. 10..... 824.69
Road District No. 11..... 4,075.67
Road District No. 12..... 4,664.21
Road District No. 14..... 5,723.74
Road District No. 16..... 2,157.25
Road District No. 17..... 1,431.64
Road District No. 18..... 939.36
Road District No. 19..... 1,697.83
Road District No. 20..... 3,047.23
Road District No. 21..... 5,612.88
Road District No. 22..... 1,682.17

Total Amount of Warrants drawn on Road District Fund.....\$7,462.41
Dallas Road District.....\$5,949.66
Monmouth Road District.....\$749.50
Total Amount of Warrants drawn on City Road Districts.....\$4,009.16
Total Amount of Warrants issued.....\$194,543.70
AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS UNPAID

Outstanding Unpaid County Warrants, General Fund, on the 31st day of December, 1916.....\$1,155.56
Outstanding Unpaid County Warrants, Road District Fund, on the 31st day of December, 1916..... 115.34
Outstanding Unpaid County Warrants, General Road Fund, on the 31st day of December, 1916..... 37,668.01

Total Amount of Outstanding Warrants Unpaid.....\$38,938.91
STATE OF OREGON
County of Polk, ss:

I, A. B. ROBINSON, Jr., County Clerk of the County of Polk, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the number and amount of claims allowed by the County Court of said county for the year ending on the 30th day of December, 1916, on what account the same were allowed, and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid as the same appear upon the records in my office and in my official custody.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said county, this 1st day of January, A. D., 1917. (SEAL) A. B. ROBINSON, JR., County Clerk of Polk County, Oregon

Dallas, Oregon, January 1st, 1917.
To the Honorable County Court of Polk County.

I herewith hand you statement showing the total receipts and disbursements of Polk County funds from July 1st, 1916, to December 31st, 1916, both dates included.

Balance on hand June 30th, 1916.....\$58,724.22
Received in taxes from Sheriff..... 154,662.64
Received from County Clerk..... 2,795.45
Received interest on daily deposits..... 479.06
Received mileage from Sheriff..... 394.80
Received fines..... 90.00
Received State Treas. State School Funds..... 9,425.25
Received School Supt. Yamhill County..... 40.00
Received School Supt. Benton County..... 144.74
Received School Supt. Marion County..... 75.00
Received Refund from Willamette Valley Expo..... 22.00
Received from Marion County one half Ferry Bill..... 460.62
Received from show license..... 10.00
Received cost on road case..... 36.60
Received from J. H. McNary for Heirs Estate Fund..... 11.00
Received from sale of oil..... 12.00
Received for return of powder..... 206.98
Received for return of magneto..... 60.00
Received miscellaneous..... 26.00
Total.....\$224,676.37
Paid on General Road Warrants.....\$6,688.56
Paid on Road District Warrants..... 39,491.18
Paid on General Fund Warrants..... 60,564.63
Paid on Interest Gen. Fund Warrants..... 54
Paid on Common School Orders..... 29,042.40
Paid on High School Orders..... 12,685.15
Paid on Special City Orders..... 14,755.28
Paid on Special School Orders..... 27,243.16
Paid on County Fair..... 1,020.79
Paid to State Library..... 533.64
Paid Last half of State Tax 24,000.00
Total Disbursements.....\$216,925.33
Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1917.....\$8,651.04
F. J. HOLMAN, Ex. County Treasurer.

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