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OREGON LAWMAKERS' WORK AS REVIEWED

Initial Week is Remarkable for Work Accomplished.

225 BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

First Time in History Bills Introduced First Day—Senate Ahead of House On Vetoed Measures—Appropriation Bills Large—San Francisco Fair May Get Only \$250,000.

Salem.—The first week's session of the 27th legislative assembly was remarkable for the prompt manner in which the lawmakers got down to actual work and the great amount of business accomplished in strong contrast to the time-marking proceedings of previous sessions. In the past the first week has been frittered away with nothing accomplished aside from organization.

The presiding officers were practically selected in advance, and the vote on C. N. McArthur for speaker of the house and Dan Malarkey for president of the senate was a mere formality that took up little time. Both presiding officers promptly announced their committees and the business of legislation began the first day of the session, something heretofore unheard of. For the first time in the history of Oregon legislatures bills were introduced on the first day of the session and for the first time a bill was passed during the first week of the session.

In the house 150 bills have been introduced the first week as compared with 39 bills at the preceding session, and in the senate 75 bills have been introduced as against 36 bills last session—a total of 225 bills.

No bills passed the house the first week last session and none the senate. Four bills passed the house this week and one the senate. The house already has begun the consideration of senate bills and the senate of house bills. Last session the house did not reach the consideration of senate bills until the third week.

Senate Overrides Several Vetoes

The senate is ahead of the house on the vetoed measures of the last session, having acted on all of the bills originating in that body, and only one remains to be finally passed on. The house has acted on only a few of its vetoed bills.

In overruling the governor, the members as a rule showed independence, exhibiting neither a friendly nor unfriendly spirit. The presiding officers, who have the situation well in hand, assert that in their opinion there will be no effort on the part of this legislative assembly to punish West for his past activities in the legislative domain, while on the other hand he will receive the consideration due his office if he does not attempt any encroachments.

Appropriation Bills Large

Appropriation bills making demands on the state treasury of \$1,078,700 have been introduced. This is a record breaker, as it is the first time that appropriation bills have ever been introduced during the first week.

It seems to be a pretty well settled fact that the appropriation for Panama-Pacific Exposition will not get past the \$250,000 mark at the outside, although some of the members are boasting for \$300,000. A great number of them have settled on \$200,000 as the proper figures, while others are even anxious to go lower than that.

Measures Passed Over Veto

The measures passed over veto of governor in the senate were:

Forbidding spending where there is no available appropriation. Creating emergency board in time of need when deficiency exists. Providing livestock board; abolishing sheep inspector, state and county veterinarians. Method for dividing counties. Providing fish hatchery at Spring Creek. Increasing district attorney's salary in Fifth Judicial district.

The vetoes sustained in the house were:

A measure providing for second choice in primary elections. A measure modifying law with regard to diverting funds from ordained use.

May Abolish Purchasing Board.

The appropriation of \$15,000 for the biennial period, which has been introduced in connection with McArthur's bill establishing a state board of control, is really a substitute appropriation for a similar amount which is carried in the state purchasing board appropriation bill, which was passed two years ago. In event the McArthur bill goes through it will virtually do away with the state purchasing board by placing the duties of that board with the state board of control.

The appropriation of \$3000 a year which is carried for the salary of the governor's secretary is practically a duplicate of the present cost to the state for that office. Now he acts as clerk of several boards of the various institutions. In event the board of control bill goes through these duties would be taken from him and his salary dropped to \$1200 a year.

While numerous acts for the repealing of laws which provide for public offices and commissions have been introduced, at the same time, for the first week of a session, it is fairly well holding its own as to bills creating new public offices.

One bill creating the Accident Industrial commission provides for three commissioners, each to receive a salary of \$3000 a year, thus carrying provision in this bill for salaries alone of \$16,800 a year, or \$21,600 for a biennial period.

Another bill, which creates a chair of logging engineering at the Oregon agricultural college, carries with it an appropriation of \$65,000.

A bill has also been introduced to provide for the examination of rural credits in European countries which carries an appropriation for the expenses of the investigators.

The bill providing for a Bureau of Mines and Geology is practically creating a new bureau, although there is a Bureau of Mines at the Oregon agricultural college which will be done away with if this bill passes.

The bill creating a state board of control really creates no new board, but does away with a number of old ones and centralizes and expands somewhat the duties of the present state board, which is made up of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

Interstate Bridge Wins First Round

Multnomah won the first round in its battle for legislative consideration of an interstate bridge between Washington and Oregon over the Columbia river, when the senate indorsed a house resolution providing for a committee to meet with the Washington legislature.

The resolution provides that a committee of two from the senate and three from the house shall meet with a like committee from the Washington legislature to confer on the question of the advisability of the bridge and the ways and means to secure the desired result.

Invited to View Hill's Good Roads

Governor West and all the members of the legislature were invited by Samuel Hill to be his guests at his expense on a visit to Maryhill, Wash., to inspect his seven varieties of good roads.

It is thought favorable action will be taken, as the time set for the visit is either a Saturday or Sunday, when the work of the session will not likely be seriously affected. The legislature is given the choice of two dates, Saturday, February 8, or Sunday, February 9.

Changes in Oregon System Proposed

The initiative and referendum and the corrupt practices act are being made in prospect the subject of numerous amendatory acts at the present session, but according to indications the majority of the amendments to these acts which have already been proposed will meet with scant favor from the committees to which they have been referred.

Among the acts is one that provides that no more than two constitutional amendments nor five general laws shall be submitted to the people at any

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Tickets on Sale Saturday for Entertainment Tuesday

ONE NEW STUDENT ENROLLED THIS WEEK

Several of the Students are Accepting Positions in Different Schools of the State.

It has been our good fortune this winter to enjoy some rare entertainments given by artists of National and international reputation. The field of music, both vocal and instrumental, the field of oratory and the reader have all been represented; but the original Carolinian Jubilee Singers who will appear on the evening of the 28th carry a well selected repertoire of sweet Southern Melodies and camp-meeting songs which they render in their own peculiar way, as well as carefully selected patriotic songs and plantation jubilees, carrying one back to days rich in memories of the past. The company is composed of seven performers and any one who enjoys a colored troupe of cultured artists can not afford to miss this number. It is their first appearance in our course, and quiet naturally they will present their very best numbers. We feel justified in promising an unusually good program for the evening. Season tickets reserved Saturday.

one election. Another bill proposes that after an initiative bill has received so many adverse votes it shall not go on the ballot again for a period of six years.

The corrupt practices act is also the subject of a large number of bills which propose amendatory clauses.

Check on Campaign Expense is Urged

With the view of confining the expenditure of money, either in behalf or against any initiative measure, to the publicity pamphlets and newspaper advertising, Representative Blanchard, of Josephine, introduced a bill in the house which, if passed, will revolutionize proceedings with relation to initiating measures and waging campaigns with relation to them.

The bill, in brief, provides that it shall be unlawful for anyone to expend money in promoting a measure or defeating it, save in arguments in the publicity pamphlets and in the newspapers. This cuts off all distribution of private literature, and also all other means of expenditures.

Board of Control for Institutions

A bill introduced in the house by Speaker McArthur provides for a state board of control to take over the management and affairs of 11 state institutions, some of which now have separate governing boards.

The institutions included are the Oregon state hospital, the Eastern Oregon state hospital, the state institution for feeble minded, the Oregon state training school, the Oregon state penitentiary, the Oregon state school for the blind, the Oregon state school for the deaf, the Oregon tuberculosis hospital, the Oregon state soldiers' home and the capitol and supreme court buildings.

The board of control as provided for in the bill is to consist of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer. The board is to meet on the first Monday of each month, and all its meetings are to be open to the public. It shall be the duty of the members of the board under the law to visit each institution, with the exception of the Eastern Oregon state hospital and the Oregon state soldiers' home at least once in every three months, and to visit these institutions at least once every year.

January 25; single tickets, Monday, January 27.

Miss Parrott, of the English department, gave a very instructive talk on the trend and standards in Modern Fiction, in assembly on Thursday. Miss Parrott has a very clear, comprehensive grasp of this subject, and her presentation was very clear; she treated the standards of today from the standpoint of a careful student having full knowledge of the causes from the beginning and traced the various trends to their logical results. The effect of fiction on the student and citizen was clearly shown and the dangers lurking in a loose regard to these standards in the careless reader was emphasized; that a studied regard and a persistent following of the best standards resulted in all cases in a most beneficial effect on the individual and others within its influence. The work of the modern critics was carefully treated by Miss Parrott and the united effort now being made by these for an even better standard and a more persistent presentation of this to the literary and reading world, as well as to the theatrical and motion picture habitues, was brought out. Miss Parrott believes in presenting only the best, and that best in the most befitting way, that it is thus only possible to raise the general standards of the reading and seeing world of today.

Pres. Ackerman by invitation presented the claims of the Normal before the joint Legislative Ways and Means Committee last Wednesday night. He also attended the meeting of the Social Hygiene Society in Portland last Monday night.

Miss Annie Hardie, of Condon, enrolled on Wednesday, bringing the enrollment up to 176.

Miss Mary Whitman has accepted a position in the Airlie schools, and took up her work last Wednesday.

Miss Dicken has secured a position in Wasco County.

The Delphian and Vespertine Societies gave a very unique and original joint programme Friday evening of last week. The first number was a farce entitled "The Sweet Family" given by the Vespertines. This was a clever-take-off on the usual traveling "musical families." This was followed by three stunts put on by the Delphians. The Sophomore Delphians gave a pretty Japanese piece in costume. The Juniors followed with a representation of Madame Jarleys Wax Works which made quite a hit. The most enjoyable and original stunt was however the last one by the Seniors. This was an imitation of the animated dwarfs seen at circuses. These sang a number of songs and limericks which were chiefly enjoyable on account of the local hits contained therein.

On last Saturday night a very interesting program was given in Dallas for the benefit of that city's new library. Some very good musical numbers and reading were given. One special feature of the program was the folk dances given by a number

TO HAVE NEW DEPOT BUILDING

Monmouth to Have Better Railway Service

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS ARE MOVING

Already Conveniences are Had Which Formerly Were Strangers

The old saying is: If you want anything go after it, and this is proving true as to what the commercial club and citizens of Monmouth have accomplished.

They wanted more conveniences from the railway companies in the way of depot accommodations, the purchase of tickets to other places, the checking of baggage and shipping of stock.

The matter was taken before the railway commission which, in an order setting forth the different points in the premises, concludes thus:

That a reasonable practice and service for the said Southern Pacific Company and Independence & Monmouth Railway Company to afford and supply in the future would be to build, equip and maintain a depot building at said station of Monmouth, which said depot building shall contain a waiting room for passengers containing not less than 480 square feet of floor space, and a room for the reception and delivery of freight in less than carloads, containing not less than 960 square feet of floor space, which said building shall conform to the usual standards of depot buildings and be conveniently arranged.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, CONSIDERED AND DETERMINED that the said Southern Pacific Company and the Independence & Monmouth Railway Company shall, within 120 days from the date of the service of a copy of this order upon it, erect, and shall thereafter maintain a suitable, standard depot building as prescribed in the last preceding paragraph hereof, together with agent's office and facilities.

The application of this order is limited to the transportation of persons and property wholly within the State of Oregon.

The Commission further recommends that suitable and adequate stock corral and chute be installed to facilitate the loading of stock at said station of Monmouth.

of the Normal girls. The dances, which were given in costume, was very pretty and received with much enthusiasm by the audience. After the program, a reception was given.

On Sunday evening, January twenty-first, President and Mrs. Ackerman and the February Seniors of the Oregon Normal School were delightfully entertained at a dinner given in the Domestic Art room by Miss Butler, Miss Harlan, Miss Fridd and Miss Shearer. Carnations and ferns formed an exquisite decoration for the table. A course in "eatology" was a very original and diverting part of the evening's entertainment. The guests were required to write stories according to the ingeniously prescribed form. Having done so, each contributed to the edification of the company by reading aloud his or her production.