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OREGON LAWMAKERS' WORK AS REVIEWED

Legislators Living up to Pledges to Expedite Business

MUCH WORK ACCOMPLISHED

With Session half over Work Further Along that Previous Session—13 Bills Approved by Governor—Most Important Bill Abolishes State Land Agent

Salem.—The progress made during the third week of the legislative session seems to indicate that members of the legislature are trying to live up to their voluntary pledges to get down to serious work early in the session and keep at it and thus avoid the congestion of business witnessed during the closing hours of previous sessions. The early and diligent attention to business, however, has to some extent been offset by the large volume of business and poor work on the part of some of the committees, necessitating referring back to them many bills.

With the legislative session half through, the members of both branches find themselves farther along in their work than has marked any previous session, it is said. The amount of routine work accomplished is enormous, despite frequent snappy debates over the passage of bills.

Both houses have agreed to forbid the introduction of bills after the twenty-fifth day of the session, except upon consent of three-fourths of the body in which a bill is offered.

The close of the third week of the session finds 42 senate bills passed by the senate and 56 house bills passed by the house, with 13 bills that have gone through both houses approved by the governor. So far there have been no vetoes.

In the house the total number of bills presented is 433, where two have been voted down, 13 have been withdrawn and 16 indefinitely postponed, in addition to the 56 that have passed. In the senate 10 bills have been defeated on roll call, eight have been withdrawn, 12 indefinitely postponed, and 42 passed, out of 210 introduced.

No Bills Carry Emergency Clause

None of the bills carry an emergency clause and will not become laws until 90 days after the adjournment of the legislative assembly.

Probably the most important bill so far signed is that abolishing the office of state land agent.

Another act of some import is one providing that a wife deserter who is convicted shall be compelled to work on the county roads for the time for which he has been sentenced, and that the county shall pay his family \$1 a day for each such day worked.

Appropriations Have Light Week

Appropriation requests made during the third week of the legislative session reached a total of \$647,415, by far the lightest week so far. This brings the total of requests up to \$4,106,263, and not a general appropriation bill even in sight. This makes it certain that the amount of the requests will go well up to the \$9,000,000 mark.

This week will tell the story as to what anxious taxpayers may expect in regard to appropriations. It should be remembered, in this regard, that many appropriation measures are duplicated in senate and house and that many bills intended to assist in emptying the state coffers will be killed. The sum total, in any event, must be larger than it was at the last session on account of the money which should be expended in adequately advertising the resources of Oregon at the Panama-Pacific Exposition and at the San Diego Exposition and also for a comprehensive system of building and maintaining highways.

Contest on State Printer is Started

The expected state printer fight has appeared in the legislature. Only the skirmish line was thrown out, but that it will be a fight was indicated by the

appearance of three bills, two of them identical, but these two diametrically opposed to the third. One, introduced by Abbott, is to repeal the flat salary law of 1911, which is due to become effective in 1915 if not repealed.

The other two provide that the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer shall control the state printing office and that the state printer shall be appointed by the board at a salary of \$1800 a year and not later than December 15, 1914. All of the sections of the 1911 flat salary law are repealed in these bills.

Barrett Road Bill Passed in Senate
Passage of the Barrett county bonding road bill by the senate probably will mean the calling of a joint conference committee to act on the Barrett and Hurd bills. The Hurd bill passed the house and is known as the Grange bill. While both are county bonding acts they are by no means identical.

The Barrett bill provides that the county court shall be the supervising power in road matters, but the people of counties shall vote on the question of road bonds.

The Hurd or Grange bill provides for election of delegates in road districts, these delegates to attend a county road meeting to determine upon road questions.

House Overrides More Vetoes

The following vetoed bills were passed by the house:

Bill requiring depot agents to post at once information received as to delayed trains for the convenience of the travelling public. Requiring abutting property-owners on county roads to destroy thistles and other noxious weeds, and providing a penalty for not doing so. Requiring school directors to pay for material and labor where, through their own carelessness, contractors leave unpaid bills. Prohibiting expenditures over and above the sums appropriated for any public institution or department of the state and creating an emergency board to look after such work. Providing that no expenditure shall be made before an appropriation is made.

Question When Vetoed Bills Effective

Just when the veto bills of the governor that have been passed by the constitutional two-thirds majority of both houses go into effect is a question that has arisen in the light of the fact that a number of the governor's vetoed bills have gone over his head.

It also develops the point as to whether the vetoed bills, which have been passed notwithstanding the veto of the governor, are subject to a referendum of the people.

The members of the senate judiciary committee have reached a conclusion that the vetoed bills do not become laws until 90 days after adjournment of the legislative session and are subject to a referendum of the people if such is desired.

Saloons in Depots Prohibited

Under amendments which have been made to the Hoskins bill in the senate regulating the sale of liquor near depots, the bill now prohibits the location of a saloon in any depot, under the same roof as the depot, or in an adjacent building. Originally the bill was intended to prohibit saloons from being located within 300 feet of a depot. The bill is also amended to exclude drug stores from its provisions.

Bill Proposes Petition Regulations

The name of every person or company interested in an initiative measure must have his, her or its name plainly printed on the cover of any petition circulated under the initiative law and must make known to the world that he, she or it is so interested, according to a proposed amendment to the initiative law, introduced by Representative Latourette, of Multnomah county, in the house.

This bill also provides that no person may solicit for pay more than 250 names on any measure without first receiving from the governor a license, something like a notarial commission, after which he may proceed to solicit.

Protects Wages From Loan Shark

Protection against loan sharks is the object of a bill introduced by Senator

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Commencement Exercises at School Enjoyed By All

HON. P. O. BONEBRAKE GIVES ADDRESS

Committee Appointed to Secure Other Attractions for Lyceum Course.

The past week has been mostly devoted to the several events pertaining to commencement week. On Saturday evening the Senior class gave its class play which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. Wigmore and the several churches dispensed with their morning services thus enabling their members to attend services at the Normal. This was much appreciated by the Normal.

The commencement exercises, proper, were held Monday evening. Hon. P. O. Bonebrake gave the class address which was a most practical one and much appreciated.

The class consisted of twenty-two women and one man, all of whom completed the standard course. Among the out of town visitors were Hon. Thos. Brunk and Hon. Verde Hill.

The music for the several events was by the Normal students under the direction of Miss Farrell. It provides that no assignment of wages shall be valid to secure a loan of less than \$200, unless it is accepted in writing by the employer, and no such assignment is to be held valid, when made by a married man, except by the written consent of his wife.

Free Textbooks Advocated

Senator Day introduced a bill providing that free textbooks shall be furnished in all the public schools of the state except in high schools. The bill provides that each school district shall pay for its own books.

Any teacher or anyone connected officially with the public schools is prohibited from in any way being financially connected with the purchase of such books.

Legislative Brevities

Resolutions of respect on the death of Captain James Blakely, of Brownsville, were adopted by both houses.

Senator Calkins' bill fixing the salary of the governor's private secretary at \$3000 a year was passed by the senate by a vote of 18 to 12.

The senate defeated the house bill of the revision of laws committee to repeal an ancient act allowing counties to maintain tuberculosis sanatoriums.

Anyone wishing to teach music, either vocal or instrumental, will have to be licensed before so doing, according to the provisions of a bill introduced in the house.

Sale of liquor to a minor or allowing a minor to play any games around a place where liquor is sold will result in forfeiture of the license and a heavy penalty under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator Calkins.

The house has adopted Representative Blanchard's memorial to congress asking for the repeal of all patent right and copyright laws, as being one of the principal bulwarks of monopoly and the main cause of the high cost of living.

To give to the governor power to veto any part or several parts of a general appropriation bill where it carries appropriations of sums of money for various purposes, is the constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people at the next general election.

Harlan, Head of the Department of Music. Both the selection and rendition were of a high order.

Miss Shearer, who has made an enviable record as critic teacher in the training school, leaves the Normal to take up work in the Portland schools. Her many friends will miss her but all unite in wishing her the greatest success and happiness wherever her lot may be cast. Miss Maggie Butler gave a dinner in her honor last Monday evening. Her successor has had many years of successful experience in primary work and the Normal considers itself fortunate in being able to secure her.

During the past week, the following pupils have secured positions: Miss James goes to Prineville, Miss Shore to Scotts Mills, Miss Mary Kelly to Albany, Miss Clara Ireland near The Dalles.

President Ackerman has accepted an invitation to address the student body of the Oregon City High School next Wednesday morning.

On account of the disbanding of the Carmon Orchestra Company the entertainment that was to be given last Wednesday night was postponed. The committee is now in correspondence with other attractions and as soon as satisfactory one has been secured, the entertainment will be given. The time will be announced later.

The committee is pleased to announce that in all probability it has sufficient funds to offer an extra attraction without additional expense to holders of course tickets.

Many thanks are due the girls of the Young Women's Christian Association for their kindness in assisting on registration day. A committee from the Association met the new students at the train and assisted them in finding homes, and a committee was also in the halls and office to help them in making out their programs. During the afternoon the girls served tea and wafers in the Y. W. C. A. room upstairs. They had decorated the room and stairs with lanterns and fern, etc., and the rooms presented a very attractive appearance.

CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

Pays January Bills and Discusses Water Situation.

The city council met Tuesday evening, all members being present except E. H. Lorence, councilman. W. R. Graham took the oath of office and a seat with the councilmen.

The lists of claims following were read and submitted to the auditing committee, who examined them and recommended payment of same, for which an order was made.

ON GENERAL FUND.

G. W. Sullivan, marshal service, \$ 15.00
Oregon Power Co., light 27.50
Dallas L. & L. Co., cement and labor 48.65
D. E. Stitt, recorder's fees

SYSTEM SHOWS UP GOOD

The Reservoir Shows Up Substantial Work

FINAL TEST MADE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Contractor Keating Must Remove and Reset Plugs in Cross Ts.

Wednesday was set as the time to test Contractor Keating's work on the water works system. Mr. Keating and City Engineer Kelsey came up from Portland for that purpose and the testing commenced, but was brought to an end by the blowing out of a plug in one of the Cross Ts. When the plug gave way the city engineer stopped the testing and ordered that the plugs be removed and reset in all the Ts except those already reset.

This was the eighth one that has given way and there being thirty-two altogether, there are twenty-four more to be made secure.

The pipe lines are showing up well which gives rise to the belief that the system will prove all right as soon as the plugs are reset, with the probability that a few leaks in the couplings may develop and have to be plugged.

The reservoir seems to be in good shape and Mr. Keating is rejoicing over its showing.

Mr. Keating has employed C. G. Griffa to remove and reset the plugs, and the city engineer will be here next Wednesday to make the final test.

The water supply is the only thing that looks slim just now and the council feel that that difficulty will dissolve before long.

and printing, 12.30
Total \$103.45

ON WATER WORKS FUND.

G. M. Bennett, labor \$ 49.90
Winegar & Lorence, supplies, 37.95
C. G. Griffa, labor and supplies, 13.00
Sloper Bros., drilling well, 1,159.04
G. W. Sullivan, superintendent water works 35.00
Oregon Power Co., power 23.45
Dallas L. & L. Co., wood 13.75
D. E. Stitt, collecting water rent 3.00
Allen Johnson, wood 2.00
Ervin Stewart, labor .75
D. C. McNiel, blacksmithing .30

An order was then made authorizing the payment of the interest due March 1, 1913, on the city bonds, the amount, with cost of exchange, being \$750.45. The total amount allowed against the water works fund, at this meeting, being \$2,088.59.

Dr. J. O. Matthis was appointed health commissioner.

Mayor Powell reported the result of the conference of the well committee with Sloper Brothers, the terms of enlarging the hole in the well purchased from C. G. Griffa being the same as that of sinking a new one. The matter was laid over for a week to make investigation of the result of the blast which apparently has opened connections between the two wells.

The council then adjourned. The next regular meeting will take place Tuesday evening, February 11, 1913, at 7:30 p. m.