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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 employes 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 employe 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 employe 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.

## STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

### Next Number of Lyceum Course is Aller Trio

#### WILL BE HERE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

### Company Consists of Soloist, Violinist and Reader and is Well Recommended.

The next attraction of the Lyceum Course will be given on Thursday evening, February 27. The attraction secured is the Aller Trio. The company comes very highly recommended, and the committee feels confident that we will be pleased with the selection. The Trio consists of a soloist, violinist and reader. As previously announced the seats already selected will be the ones to be occupied on February 27, and those not having their seats reserved and holding season tickets will be able to reserve them on February 24 and all others on February 25.

The chapel period of February 12 was utilized in a memorial program to Abraham Lincoln in charge of Mr. Butler, of the History Department. Some opening remarks given by Mr. Butler about the life of Lincoln were thoroughly enjoyed, after which a reading by Miss Lyda Bell, an original essay by Miss Lois Simms, and music by the Misses Dunlap, White and Hershey, and

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 triplate 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 surplus carried by them.

Messrs. Bell and Ostien, were all much enjoyed. Patriotic songs were given by the whole student body. It is planned to have such programs from time to time, as they are very helpful, as well as interesting.

The triangular debate between the literary societies on last Friday evening was a gala day in the work of the year. The affirmative teams of each society traveled and were accompanied by a loyal band of rooters who made the welkin ring with their enthusiastic cheers. The Judges were selected from amongst the societies so that each society supplied two teams and one set of judges. The contest was won by the Delphians, they winning both sides of the question discussed, that of Capital Punishment. It is rumored that the Normals will ask for a "return game" from the Delphians, which will make a very interesting meeting. All those taking part acquitted themselves most creditably.

On Saturday, February 15, a large delegation of the Normal students and faculty spent the day in Salem for the purpose of visiting the legislature which is now in session.

A special excursion train was secured which arrived in Salem about nine-thirty o'clock. The remainder of the morning was spent in visiting the legislature, and was especially interesting to both students and faculty at that time. In the House of Representatives they were debating the question of changing the plan of the three day's county institute to a three week's summer school session, to be held in connection with the Normal school. In the Senate a most heated discussion was going on concerning the establishment of a reform school, or home, for the girls of Oregon. During the discussion the courtesies of the Senate were extended to Mrs. Baldwin, of Portland, who gave a most earnest plea, setting forth the needs of such an institution.

In the afternoon, Pres. Ackerman conducted the delegation to visit the asylum and penitentiary, by special permit. It was the first time many of the party had seen these institutions, and the visit was a source of interest and information. Later they returned to the State House and called upon the Governor. Although very busy, he graciously welcomed the Normal visitors in his private office and explained to the students his part in the legislature, in the matter of sending messages, signing and vetoing bills. Lastly, a visit was made to the state printing office, after which the party returned to Monmouth, having spent a very profitable day.

#### Y. W. C. A.

Chapel time on Friday was devoted to the installation services of the Y. W. C. A. While slow music was being played, the outgoing and incoming cabinets took their places. The following program was then carried out. Song, Association; Scripture Reading and prayer, Pres. of Y. W. C. A.; Quartet, Selected; Ad-

## MISS CHANEY LEADS DIST. NO. 2

### Several Have Equal Chance to Capture Capital Prize

#### EVERYBODY HELP OUR GIRLS TO WIN

### 3,000 Votes Allowed on Subscriptions to the Herald and Monitor.

The thousand dollar Prize Voting Contest being conducted by the Independence Monitor and in which the HERALD has joined in giving votes on subscriptions is becoming County wide in interest. Miss Tennie Chaney, of Monmouth, is at present leading in District No. 2 with several others close.

Let us get behind our girls with all the moral and material support we can give and capture the first prize; it will be a matter of town pride. Subscribe for the HERALD, which means votes, and thereby help our deserving young ladies to win.

Give your subscription to one of the candidates or send it direct to the HERALD office and your favorite will receive the votes.

The Star Theater gives votes.

dress of Welcome, Miss Copstable; Members of cabinet welcomed their successors; Address, representing advisory board, Miss Parrott; Response by new President, Miss Hogue; Closing Song, Association; Benediction.

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### Council Orders Deep Well Pump Shipped Here.

The city council met February 14 and authorized Mayor Powell to have the deep well pump, contracted for of Morse-Fairbanks & Company, shipped, after which Councilman Lorence was appointed and authorized to make arrangements to remove the tank and tower from the South lot.

The council then adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m., February 18.

February 18th there were not enough members present to do business and adjournment was taken until February 19, at 7:30 p. m., at which time a quorum was present and action was taken as recorded below:

The council authorized the city recorder to request C. G. Griffa to fill up all holes made in repairing the water system.

The mayor and city recorder were authorized to make arrangements with the Oregon Power Company for power to test out the new well.

Next an order was made to have Sloper Brothers clean out the new well preparatory to testing the water supply.

Superintendent J. A. Sturkin then submitted a list of tools needed in connection with the superintendency of the water system, the cost thereof amounting to about \$25. The council ordered the purchase of the tools.

The meeting then adjourned. The council meets again next Tuesday evening.