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Date of Final Adjournment Is Still Undecided

Governor Refuses to Accept Bills—McArthur Orders Members Arrested—House to Retaliate on Senate—Panama Fair Appropriation Passed—Women Not Compelled to Serve on Juries.

Session.—At the close of what is usually the final week of the legislative session complications came up which makes it difficult to tell just when final adjournment will be taken.

The understanding that virtually had been reached for the legislature to adjourn for five days after it had cleaned up its work and to come back for the sole purpose of considering the vetoed bills is presumed to be responsible for the action of the governor and his private secretary in absenting themselves from the executive offices.

Governor West dropped out of sight Saturday and received no bills from the legislative assembly, and it was said will receive none and will not appear at the state capital until after the legislature has finally cleaned up every bill that is on the desks of the respective houses. This much became known from an authoritative source.

Governor is Criticized.

West was severely criticized Saturday by members of the senate and house, as well as by attaches and employees, whose salaries have been held up by his failure to sign the general appropriation bill.

The governor declared during the week that Saturday being a holiday, the senate and house had no right to remain in session, but lawyers in both branches of the legislature declare that it is a legislative day and that the legislature could work and be well within the law.

It was believed to be the plan of the governor, in order to circumvent the legislature in its determination to remain here until all vetoed bills are acted upon, to force receipt of all bills this week. This will make possible the holding of all bills in his office until Friday or Saturday of this week, as he has five days on each bill to veto or sign or send to the secretary of state without signature one way or the other.

Houses May be Swamped.

In event that the governor should hold in his office all of the bills yet to be passed by the legislature, together with those already passed, he could turn in such a bunch of bills late in the week that both houses would be literally swamped and in as bad a condition then as they have been at any time during the session. Should the governor do this, it is believed that the legislature will remain here and act upon all bills, no matter how long it takes. That is the sentiment of many members, who began to scent a scheme by the executive to "get even" for their action in deciding to remain here another week.

Viewed from any standpoint, it is certain that a big fight is coming between the governor and the legislature.

Speaker Orders Arrest of Members.

Speaker McArthur Saturday threw the house into a fever of excitement by refusing permission to any member to leave for home, ordering the doors locked and instructing the sergeant-at-arms to go out and arrest every member who had left the session without permission.

The trouble started when it was discovered just before the 4 o'clock train pulled out for Portland that there was but a bare quorum present. Some of the members, who live too far away to be able to get home over Sunday, raised objections to remaining over unless there was to be a session of the house. The house adopted a resolution to the effect that any member who leaves the house without the permission of the speaker is to be fined \$5.

House Irritated by Senate.

Senate bills which have passed the house and in which senate members are particularly interested will be recalled by the house, taken into that body and laid upon the table until the senate agrees to stop slaughtering house bills, according to an agreement which is being formulated among a coterie of the house members.

Some of their pet bills have been put to sleep in the senate and they are incensed. In a spirit of retaliation for the wholesale slaughter of house bills in the senate, the house Saturday turned on the senate and began slaying bills from the upper house.

Novel Procedure in Bill Selection.

The senate indulged in a novel procedure when it agreed to allow each one of the 30 senators to select from the vast grist of house bills, which is before that body, one bill each, to be given preference and receive immediate action.

The procedure itself appeared to be no more novel than some of the selections made. Some of the bills, which seemed to be of first import to the senators included such as those governing the running of stock at large or providing for expediting the payment of witness or juror fees.

1915 Fund is \$175,000.

Agreeing to the report of the conference committee and concurring in amendments made in the house, the senate passed the Panama-Pacific appropriation bill, and Oregon will appropriate for its share in the exposition \$175,000. The senate intended to stand pat on \$200,000 and the house on \$150,000, but from the very nature of the stubborn opposition from both sides it was apparent there could be no solution but a compromise.

Jury Duty Still Optional.

Women in Oregon do not have to do jury duty unless they wish to. The house refused to pass a bill amending the law so that women would be compelled to serve on a jury when summoned, the same as men.

A number of the members of the house expressed the belief that regular jury duty is not for a woman to perform and the measure therefore went down to defeat.

House Votes Home for Girls.

The bill for a state industrial home for girls and women went through the house and was passed by a vote of 39 to 2. The bill appropriates \$50,000 for the two-year term, which is to be used in establishing and maintaining the proposed home. Women and girls are to be sent there as a corrective. The bill was introduced in the senate and passed that branch without a dissenting vote.

Report Upholds Prison Policy.

Governor West was upheld as to his prison policy and the management of the state penitentiary was praised in a majority report filed with the house by Senators Hollis and Ragsdale and Representative Laughlin. No censure whatever was given, the nearest thing being that some prisoners were found who complained of having no underwear sufficient to their needs, and this condition, it was pointed out, was easily remedied.

Representatives Lewelling and Smith submitted a minority report, in which several severe charges were made as to the management of the prison, and Governor West was censured for his official actions in a number of instances. The house filed both reports.

General Appropriation Bill Passed.

Without making a single amendment, the senate passed the general appropriation bill for state offices and boards just as it went through the house.

Further expediting business, so far as appropriation bills are concerned, the senate passed all the University of Oregon and agricultural college bills, 11 in number, aggregating \$317,833 for the university and \$305,500 for the agricultural school, these sums being in addition to the annual continuing appropriations.

Scarcely had the bills been passed before it was announced that referendum petitions will be circulated to keep the schools from receiving the money the legislature has voted, ex-

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Legislature Grants \$15,000 Appropriation

JUBILEE QUARTETTE HERE ON MARCH 10

Normal and Training Schools to Give Programs for Polk Co. Teachers Saturday

The following program, commemorative of Washington's birthday, under the direction of Mr. Butler, Head of the Department of History, was given at chapel period last Friday:

Short address, Mr. Butler; Music, By the School; Recitation, Mr. H. Lynch; Solo, On the Victor; Stories of Washington, Carlotta Crowley; Music, By the School; Flag Drill, 13 young ladies; Reading, Miss Bolton; Music, By the School.

Each one reflected credit upon the department represented, as well as upon themselves. The program was greatly enjoyed by all and the students are looking forward to similar programs.

The Normals gave a dancing party last Saturday evening in honor of Washington's birthday. The gymnasium was appropriately decorated, and the participants report a most enjoyable time.

The Normal and training schools will be in session next Saturday in order that the teach-

cept one bill for each institution carrying an additional maintenance fund of \$50,000 for each institution.

Eight Hour Bill Now Dead.

The minimum wage bill, which has now been signed by the governor, played an important part in the defeat of Lawrence's bill providing for an eight-hour working day for women, with a limit of 48 hours a week.

The committee returned three reports on this bill, one the majority report, being that it do not pass, signed by Kiddle, Fay and Wood. They reported back adversely on the ground that a minimum wage bill had already been signed by the governor and that this bill was unnecessary and uncalled for under the conditions.

Revised Assembly is Plan

Under the provisions of a constitutional amendment which the legislature is asked to put on the ballot for the next general election in a resolution introduced in the house, the Oregon legislature, after 1916, would consist of 34 senators, one from each county, and 69 representatives.

The amendment proposes to change the whole system of legislative representation. It would place it on a proportional basis, with each county entitled to one senator and no more, and to at least one representative.

Irrigation Bill is Passed.

With only slight opposition, the senate passed the big \$450,000 appropriation bill for the Columbia Southern irrigation project in Crook county. This bill will enable the state to take hold of the work of reclaiming the lands under the original Carey project, where private capital has failed.

All of those who have tried the project and failed have made quit claims to the state. Under the bill the state will take over the entire burden of reclamation, and will get its money back from the settlers in 10 years by the installment plan after it has been made ready for productive farming.

Trust Companies to be Examined.

A senate bill by Kiddle was passed by the house regulating trust companies and giving the state bank examiner the authority to inspect them and to have the same jurisdiction over them as he does over state banks. There was scarcely any opposition.

ers of Polk County may have an opportunity to see the daily work of the schools. The ordinary daily programs will be carried out until 2:45 in the afternoon, when there will be given in the chapel a declamatory contest between the seventh and eighth grades, to which the patrons and friends are cordially invited. The following is their program: Music, Orchestra of Training School; Chorus, Pupils of Grammar School; The Building of the Ship, Mabel Smith; An Afternoon at a Hotel, Wilda Fuller; 'Patsy', Grace Parker; Music, Girls' Trio; The Black Horse and His Rider, Donald Portwood; How the Church was Built at Kehoe's, Frances Hawley; Music, Orchestra.

President Ackerman has accepted an invitation to address the student body of the Medford high school next Monday.

The Normal School is well pleased at the action of the Legislature in granting the \$15,000.00 asked for by the Board of Regents. This will enable the Board to make several needed additions to the equipments and grounds. Special praise is due the Polk County delegation for carrying it through so successfully.

Miss Butler, Head of the Domestic Science Department, is taking much of her spare time in assisting in the purchase of equipment for the dormitory.

In line with the industrial movement, and in an effort to comply with the demand of the public for teachers trained for this work, the Training School, working in conjunction with the Science Department, is inaugurating school gardening. About fifty boys from the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades, are given instruction in the principles of gardening. A plot of ground on the campus has been plowed, and as soon as weather conditions are right each boy will begin to make his small garden. Every merchant in town has indicated to us his interest in the movement, and as an evidence thereof has promised to give a small prize for efficient work. These prizes will be announced later. In addition to the prizes offered at home, the boys may compete for the prizes offered in the Polk County, and State, Fairs, to school children. For some of the prizes offered any boy or girl in school may compete. Those not taking the work at school may make their gardens at home if they wish. The parents may plow the ground for the child's garden, and may advise him as to what to do and how, but under no circumstances do the work for him if the child expects to compete for the prizes.

After their visit to the Oregon Legislature two weeks ago, the students have decided to organize a mock Legislature. Counties were drawn by lot and an organization effected at a meeting held about ten days ago. Different members of the Faculty were elected to positions as pages and messengers. At a second meeting last week a number of bills were introduced and warmly debated but a few thoughtless intent on a hayrack ride, (temperature outside 29 degrees) rushed off to protect the rack from the Sophomores and thus left less than a quorum. Another meeting however will be held today and a lively time is expected.

After a spirited contest Clarence Hesseltine was elected Speaker of the House. Grace Henderson is the first woman Governor of Oregon and W. H.

A MASS MEETING IS CALLED

By Commercial Club to Take Action on Proposition of S. P. Co. to Relocate the Depot

The officials of the S. P. Co. were in town Tuesday interviewing members of the council, and officers of the Commercial Club relative to the proposition they are making for the relocation of the depot site on which will be erected the new depot ordered by the railroad commission as a result of the hearing held in this city in December.

According to the statement of D. W. Campbell, superintendent of the company, they propose to build a much nicer and larger depot provided they can have Jackson street for the site, and will ask the city council to vacate the street for a half block east of the present track running north through town.

The council naturally want to know the wishes of the citizens and especially the property owners, and the Commercial Club has taken the matter in hand and called a mass meeting for Friday evening, at 7:30, at the Star Theater, to discuss the effects of the change and the railroad's proposition for better improvements and the service they propose to give.

This change will enable them to complete the Y and avoid backing trains into and out of town and otherwise be a great accommodation to them; but the depot would be in the center of the street, which may or may not be objectionable, owing to the way interested residents near by look at it, and dependable upon the character of the building and how the premises are to be kept.

The club desires the attendance of every person who can come, and this without question includes the ladies, who have always shown an active interest in the civic conditions of our city.

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CALIFORNIA

Jubilee All Star Quartette

Composed of four noted colored entertainers, will appear for the first time on Monday evening, March 10, at the Normal Assembly hall. All are recognized artists of large reputation. They have studied and traveled across the water and the performance is above question. Their program carries both the masterpieces as well as the choicest of the rich melodies of the old South. All who enjoy a blending of well trained male voices, accentuated with the peculiar rhythm of the negro artist, can not afford to miss this. You will find the kind of music you like on the program. This is not a Lyceum number. Farther notice will appear next week.

General admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents.

Burton is President of the Senate. E. R. Peterson is prominent as engineer of the House steam-roller.