

RESUME OF WORK OF LEGISLATURE

Session of 1913 Places 377
Laws on Statute Books

THIRTY VETOS OVERRIDDEN

Workmen's Compensation — Good Roads Laws—Agricultural Extension Work—Widows' Pensions—Minimum Wage for Women and Minors—Survey of State Resources—Investigation of Cello Power Project.

Salem.—The labors of the legislative assembly of 1913 have added 377 new laws to the Oregon codes. Of the new laws 10 are due to the passage of bills of the 1911 session and 30 of the recent session over the veto of the governor, including the general appropriation bill, while 337 were either approved by the governor or filed without his signature.

Three features marked the final session of the legislative assembly prior to sine die adjournment. One was the ease with which bills were passed over the veto whenever desired; another the consideration of vetoed measures on their merits, and the third the speed shown in the transaction of business.

Unquestionably many of the measures passed were of first importance, the list including the workmen's compensation act, good roads legislation, the agricultural college extension work bill, the minimum wage measure for women and minors, the widows' pension bill, laws affecting judicial procedure and the appropriations for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, the Columbia Southern irrigation project, detailed survey of state resources and investigation of water power at Celilo.

Bill Opening Rogue River Passed. Abbott's printing measure was decisively defeated, but the bill opening Rogue river passed easily.

The bill abolishing the office of State Printing Expert Harris was not sent to the governor after temporary adjournment.

Just before final adjournment, when the bill finally reached West he vetoed it, making no report of the veto until after the legislature had adjourned.

As regards bills increasing salaries in counties, one argument sufficed to cause passage over the vetoes—that in every case the amounts to which such salaries were raised were less than the ones given in the Gill bill, the passage of which the governor said in every veto message would make such increases unnecessary.

A Few Measures Killed

A few measures were killed, the veto being sustained, by request of the authors, because of amendments which made them worthless. Fafrell, for instance, asked that the Morals Court bill veto be sustained; Joseph, the recall amendment; Latourette, the superior court measure, and Carson, the law relating to judgments and decrees. The arguments against the Day bill to investigate Celilo water resources were nullified by the showing that the state engineer had recommended an appropriation of \$50,000 and the governor one of \$25,000, while this measure called for only \$15,000.

In relation to appropriations, when the standing appropriations of more than \$1,200,000 are deducted from the approximately \$6,000,000 appropriation the total amount of drainage from the state treasury is reduced to a figure more nearly commensurate with the growth of the state and its institutions. There were also certain unusual features calling for large appropriations. It should be borne in mind also, that the legislators did not pile up the expenses of the taxpayers appreciably by extending the session beyond regular 90-day limit, as they draw no salary for the additional period worked and had to pay their own expenses.

Women Important Factor

The part played by women at this legislative session was remarkable. That the lawmakers have taken them into consideration as a political factor is shown by the consideration displayed in the case of measures peculiarly affecting their interests. At the 1911 session such bills as now have become laws were thrown into the scrap heap without compunction.

As a rule the investigations made by the legislature were perfunctory. Relative to killing bad bills, two are worthy of special mention—one which would have created a plumbers' trust, and another which would have created an electricians' trust. With very few exceptions the record of this legisla-

ture as to so-called "hold-up measures" is excellent.

The following is a list of the important measures which will become laws:

Important Bills of the 1911 Session Passed Over the Veto.

S. B. 6.—Requiring local agents of railway companies to report accurately the time of arrival of trains.

S. B. 43.—Creating a livestock sanitary board and appropriating \$50,000 therefor.

S. B. 127.—Prohibits the auditing by the secretary of state of claims of indebtedness against funds the appropriation for which has been exhausted.

S. B. 129.—Creates an emergency board to deal with deficiencies necessitated under the provisions of the preceding bill.

S. B. 151.—Providing for the creation and organization of new counties.

H. B. 185.—Providing for the drainage and disposition of swamp lands in the southeastern part of the state.

H. B. 119.—Amending the law requiring road supervisors to keep weeds from county roads by imposing such duty on the owners of property.

Important Bills of the Present Session Passed Over the Veto.

Numerous bills increasing salaries in counties.

H. B. 167.—Repealing the initiative law closing Rogue river to commercial fishing.

S. B. 283.—Providing for a detail survey and investigation of the Columbia river power project near The Dalles, with an appropriation of \$15,000.

H. B. 628.—The general appropriation bill, aggregating \$1,231,216.90.

Important Bills Signed and Filed or Merely Filed by the Governor.

H. B. 16.—Relating to ballot titles on measures referred to the people.

H. B. 17.—Repealing sections 3441 and 3442, relating to terms of office of the secretary of state, state treasurer, printer and supreme judges.

H. B. 41.—Abolishing office of state land agent.

H. B. 84.—Limiting indebtedness for irrigation districts.

H. B. 91.—Amends sections 512 relative to maintenance and custody of children affected by divorce.

H. B. 34.—Making 100 pounds the standard weight for a sack of potatoes.

H. B. 104.—Relating to milk inspectors.

H. B. 136.—Authorizing school districts of 20,000 population to establish trade schools for dependent girls.

H. B. 169.—Widows' pension bill.

H. B. 81.—Increasing salaries of all circuit judges to \$4000 a year.

H. B. 79.—Relating to the inspection of railroad track scales.

H. B. 173.—Providing for the suspension and investigation of the interstate schedules of railroads before same become effective.

H. B. 69.—Providing for sterilization of habitual criminals and moral perverts.

H. B. 185.—Repealing sections relating to road poll tax.

H. B. 160.—Protecting co-operative associations in the use of the terms co-operative.

H. B. 243.—Relating to the sale of commercial foodstuffs.

H. B. 143.—Regulating the business of commission merchants.

H. B. 210.—Authorizing county courts to establish assessment road districts.

H. B. 319.—Making county judges ex officio fire wardens.

H. B. 209.—Creating a state board of accountancy.

F. B. 258.—Consenting to the purchase of the locks and canal at Oregon City.

H. B. 433.—Creating the state board of control.

H. B. 78.—Makes it a crime to threaten or advocate the commission of a felony, the penalty running from a \$50 fine to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Aimed especially at persons threatening others' lives and soap-box orators.

H. B. 73.—Appropriates \$50,000 for detailed survey of the water resources of the state.

S. B. 117.—Prohibits officers, directors and stockholders of a bank from receiving a percentage or profit of any kind or gift for inducing such bank to make a loan.

H. B. 279.—Relieving those authorized to perform marriages of the necessity of filing evidence of such fact in more than one county of the state.

H. B. 122.—Known as the "loan shark bill," prohibits higher rate than 3 per cent as interest on small sums loaned workmen and others in unfortunate circumstances.

H. B. 27.—This is the workmen's compensation act, for which an appropriation of \$50,000 is made. It has the elective feature, which is recognized as its main weakness, but a compulsory feature, according to the best authorities, would be unconstitutional. By the operation of this act it is estimated that from 20 to 30 per cent of the damage suits due to personal injury will be eliminated.

H. B. 38.—Declaring policy of state as to wage workers and limiting the hours of certain workmen to 10 hours.

H. B. 610.—For maintenance of East Oregon asylum; appropriates \$284,329.80.

H. B. 102.—Giving cities and towns power over public parks.

H. B. 110.—To prevent spread of tuberculosis.

H. B. 166.—Relating to misbranding articles of food.

H. B. 177.—Columbia southern project appropriation of \$450,000.

H. B. 306.—Regulating sale of condensed milk.

H. B. 379.—For prompt payment of jurors and witnesses.

S. B. 41.—Amendments relating to roads or gateways for lands not reached by convenient roadways.

S. B. 36.—Regulating tare for the weight of sacks in the sale of grain.

S. B. 10.—Providing free meeting

places for G. A. R. posts.

S. B. 71.—Amendment relative to the transportation of livestock by railroads.

S. B. 80.—Creating a right of action against any person who gives or sells liquor to an habitual drunkard or an intoxicated person.

S. B. 103.—Amending section 3444 relative to the time of meeting of presidential electors.

S. B. 108.—Protecting sub-contractors, material men and laborers and declaring eight hours to be a day's work.

S. B. 77.—Minimum wage bill for women and minors; appropriates \$3,500.

S. B. 47.—Requiring electric headlights on locomotive engines.

S. B. 52.—Declaring county roads in towns and cities to be streets.

S. B. 154.—Fixing commencement of the term of office of the governor.

S. B. 24.—Requiring goat and kid meat to be labeled.

S. B. 35.—Making Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday and Columbus day legal holidays.

S. B. 232.—To provide for support of Ashland normal school.

S. B. 178.—Regulating the administering of anesthetics.

S. B. 131.—Fixing salary of governor's secretary at \$3000.

H. B. 147.—To secure interest on county money and place safeguards around deposits.

H. B. 65.—To regulate railroad and highway crossings.

H. B. 249.—Fixing standard of seeds.

H. B. 269.—Relating to display of goods, wares and merchandise.

H. B. 304.—Authorizing cities to operate water works.

H. B. 328.—Providing for state budget.

H. B. 367.—Relating to damages in opening roads.

H. B. 419.—Making state insurance commissioner state and county auditor.

H. B. 482.—Fixing the date for the general election.

H. B. 594.—Prohibiting circulation of false reports regarding banks.

H. B. 615.—Appropriation for deaf mutes school of \$50,000.

H. B. 616.—Appropriation for feeble-minded school of \$202,243.31.

H. B. 617.—Appropriation for blind school of \$37,235.

H. B. 625.—Making appropriations for Soldiers' home and state fair of \$50,500.

H. B. 626.—Making appropriation for state penitentiary of \$216,000.

S. B. 149.—Relating to publication of delinquent tax list.

S. B. 156.—Relating to condemning for county roads.

S. B. 235.—Limiting time for foreclosing mortgages.

S. B. 236.—Making uniform warehouse receipts.

S. B. 253.—Prescribing duties of parents in regard to school census.

S. B. 336.—Relating to special taxes for roads and highways.

H. B. 265.—Creating bureau of mines and geology and appropriating \$40,000.

H. B. 265.—Creating county sealer of weights and measures.

H. B. 273.—Making of \$50,000 appropriation for provision for state fair grounds.

H. B. 375.—Making appropriation of \$20,000 for salmon hatcheries.

H. B. 447.—Providing for taking up estrays.

H. B. 580.—Amending law for determining heirs for estate.

H. B. 174.—Appropriating \$2000 for Yamhill walnut experiment station.

H. B. 211.—Providing for use of voting machines.

Sub. H. B. 360.—To create state highway commission.

H. B. 422.—To provide for state printing board.

Sub. H. B. 474.—Blue sky law.

H. B. 448.—Providing for county attorneys.

H. B. 508.—Relating to incorporation of cities and towns.

H. B. 524.—Providing for assessment of damages in laying out roads.

H. B. 604.—Interstate bridge bill.

H. B. 470.—Authorizing purchase of site for fair grounds.

H. B. 497.—For maintenance of University of Oregon, \$100,000.

Sub. H. B. 531.—For levying tax for research in agricultural problems.

H. B. 614.—Levying tax for maintenance of O. A. C.

H. B. 428.—County fair millage bill.

H. B. 461.—For collection of tax on personal property.

S. B. 75.—Appropriation for board of inspectors of child labor, \$5000.

U. of O., \$75,000.

H. B. 287.—For building at U. of O., \$100,000.

H. B. 288.—For additional funds for the U. of O., \$30,000.

H. B. 289.—For improvements at U. of O., \$100,000.

H. B. 290.—For equipment at O. A. C., \$50,000.

H. B. 382.—Relating to local option law.

H. B. 498.—Relating to national committee.

H. B. 219.—Relating to railroad fencing.

S. B. 114.—Creating 12th judicial district.

S. B. 145.—Game code.

H. B. 85.—Commission to investigate European rural credits, \$2400.

H. B. 270.—Providing for demonstration farms.

H. B. 346.—For celebration of 50th anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg, \$5000.

H. B. 527.—To prevent failure to support wife or children.

H. B. 609.—For state insane asylum maintenance, \$612,853.50.

S. B. 64.—Providing marking of packages of intoxicating liquors.

S. B. 330.—Forbidding sale of firearms.

S. B. 334.—Providing for screens for irrigation ditches.

H. B. 480.—Giving preference to union soldiers and sailors on public employment.

S. B. 84.—Prohibiting sale of liquor outside incorporated cities and towns.

H. B. 322.—Relating to impairment of capital stock by banks.

H. B. 344.—Relating to amount to be kept on hand by banks.

H. B. 613.—Relating to railroad schedules.

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