

OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONVENES

Governor's Message Heard; Many Bills Offered; Norblad Senate President.

Salem, Or.—With such speed did the 35th legislative assembly get under way that in the first day it not only organized, elected presiding officers and listened to the governor's message, but swung into the receiving of bills, more than 140 bills being introduced in the house before the lawmakers "knocked off work and called it a day. The senate received the first two bills. Such expedition and efficiency has not been observed in many years.

Organization was completed and committees ready for announcement before noon, at which time recess was taken until 2 o'clock to listen to the message. Following this came the first of the flood of bills from the vast number dumped into the hopper of the house, and submitted by a committee appointed in 1927 to dig out and recommend for repeal obsolete laws.

No contests developed in connection with organization of the senate.

Norblad is Senate President. Senator Norblad of Astoria was nominated for president by Senator Moser and received 27 votes. Senator Brown voted for Senator Reynolds of Marion, while Norblad cast his ballot for Senator Eddy of Douglas.

The committee on rules is composed of Senators Marks, Eddy and Moser.

Organization of the senate was completed in less than an hour.

The committee on credentials was appointed by Representative Potter as follows: Briggs of Jackson, Fisher of Douglas, McPherson of Benton, Norvell of Umatilla and Clark of Clackamas.

After a ten-minute recess the committee on credentials reported. After adoption of the report, Chief Justice Cosbow, escorted to the speaker's desk by Henderson of Multnomah and Hazlett of Hood River, administered the oath of the office to the members.

Hamilton Chosen Speaker.

Ralph S. Hamilton of Bend was then placed in nomination as speaker by Lonergan of Multnomah and was the unanimous choice. He received 57 votes, Burdick of Crook, Deachutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake, and Winslow of Tillamook being absent. Speaker Hamilton was escorted to the speaker's desk by Collier of Crook, Deachutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake, Kuhl of Multnomah, and Childs of Linn. After being sworn in he announced that he would defer his formal message to members until a later date.

Pointing to the failure of the income tax measure passed by the last legislature to meet Oregon's \$2,000,000 deficit, through its rejection by the people at the general election, Governor Patterson, in his message to the 35th legislative assembly's joint session, declared the state's lawmakers responsible for "providing revenue adequate for discharging expenses of state governmental activities" and eliminating "any deficit that may exist." Emphasizing this he said: "As I see it, this is the foremost duty which faces you."

Governor Makes Recommendations.

Highlights of the Governor's message follow:

Taxation.—Declaring that the matter of taxation and state finance "never has been more vital" to Oregon than at present, the governor called on the legislature to provide funds for governmental expenses and for wiping out the deficit of approximately \$2,000,000.

Purchasing Bureau.—Declaring that centralization of all purchases for state departments in the board of control showed a saving of over \$200,000 since October 1, 1927, the governor declared allocation of funds for continuation of this department justified.

Building Program.—Authorization of the board of control to make a survey "of the needs of the various state institutions and to draft a well-constructed program for meeting these" over a period of ten years was recommended.

Educational Institutions.—Pointing to the advancements made by Oregon institutions of higher learning, recommendation was made that the United States bureau of education "be invited to make a building survey of these institutions to form a basis for a capital outlay" from available appropriations.

Water Power.—Devoting consider-

able attention to the hydroelectric development of the state, the message pointed out the need for safeguarding Oregon's interests and urged amendment of the present law so as to define the state engineer's duties.

Auto License.—Asserting his firm belief "that the people of the state want a reduction in license fees of old or used cars," the governor urged early relief along this line "without specific suggestion" as to how this should be accomplished.

Penitentiary.—Calling attention to the fact that "for the first time in the history of the penitentiary every man who is physically able is at work every day," Governor Patterson declared this fact due to the "excellent discipline and morale which prevail." He recommended an appropriation of \$35,000 for remodeling the former training school to give room for additional prisoners and also funds for a "much needed" garage, with quarters for trustees.

In planning revision of automobile license fees, the senate special committee decided to recommend submission to the people of an amendment to the constitution which would permit taking the assessed valuation of an old auto into consideration. Under the present law, this distinction in the same class of property is impossible and the value of a car with relation to the license can only be adjusted by a constitutional amendment.

It is the agreement of the commission to try to make a 25 per cent reduction on the present schedule, but whether it can be worked out is not known.

Under a plan to be submitted to the legislature soon, the senate special committee studying automobile license fees could cut the revenue \$1,219,112 and by an additional 1-cent tax on gasoline produce \$1,211,601, so that the tax would come within \$8512 of equaling the amount lost by the reduced motor fees.

The committee will recommend in its report:

Proposed Auto License Changes.

An additional tax on gasoline of 1 cent.

A flat fee of \$10 a year on all cars weighing 1700 or less.

A 90-cent charge for each hundred weight on cars over 1700 pounds and not exceeding 3000 pounds.

Motor vehicles weighing over 3000 pounds and not over 4500 would pay \$1 per hundredweight and part thereof.

Cars over 4500 pounds would pay \$1.10 per hundredweight, or part thereof.

All motor vehicles equipped with one or more solid tires would pay 50 per cent in addition to the foregoing fees.

Cars registered on or after April 1 and before July 1 of any year would pay three-fourths of such annual fee. The law already provides for a half-year license taken out July 1, and a last-quarter year on October 1. The three-quarter year license would permit many cars to come out which under the present yearly license are left in the garage the early months of the year.

Ask Oregon to Cede Territory.

A daring proposal to have the state of Oregon cede 3000 square miles to the state of Idaho is to be presented to the legislature soon. The territory involved represents almost 50 per cent of Malheur county and includes the famous Jordan valley.

Governor Patterson announced when apprised of the scheme, that he will resist any attempt to yield a single acre of Oregon to any adjacent state.

The plan, briefly, is this: The Oregon highway commission is not likely to build a road from the Jordan valley country to McDermott, which is on the Oregon-Nevada line. Therefore, in order that the road be constructed, the scheme is to cede the section in Oregon to Idaho and have Idaho build the road.

Bank failures in Oregon, particularly at Seaside and Astoria, have aroused Representative Robison of Clatsop to a point where he says he intends to see that steps are taken to remedy the situation.

"Clatsop county has been hit hard first with fire and other adverse situations, and then came the bank failures," he said. "As a representative of the people I am going to find out why depositors don't at least get some modicum of return for the money they invest in banks."

"I contend that there is something radically wrong with the banking department, when even small amount realized from the wrecks seem to be dissipated and the depositors get little or nothing."

He asserted that if no better explanation of conditions is forthcoming he will demand legislative investigation.

State Institutions Want Help. State institutions which are asking

MAUPIN HI TIMES

High Notes

Several of our boys have been trying their luck in the fighting ring and earning a few dollars for spending money. Elton Snodgrass, Kenneth Snodgrass and Robert Shepflin have participated in several "smokers" lately, each giving a good account of himself when under fire.

Wapinitia's team came down Tuesday night and engaged in a little scrimmage with the local High school team. Wapinitia gives promises of having a very good basketball team and we hope that we may have the privilege of having an encounter with that aggregation soon.

Grade Notes

The Second grade is making a new chart which is composed of sounds learned in the first grade and new sounds learned in the Second grade.

The First grade is learning games which are instructive in their studies.

The Second grade is using the principle of the cafeteria lunch counter in their arithmetic.

Miss Harris feels very forlorn because her flowers are dying on account of the cold weather.

Ernie Confer is back in school after a three weeks' absence.

Mrs. Bothwell, Mrs. Hedin, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Slusher, members of the school board, visited the grades and High school on Tuesday.

Points of Interest

(Editorial by Kenneth Snodgrass) The English III class has been discussing points of interest in the vicinity of Maupin. Nature has many wonders here at our door yard which many people fail to notice and appreciate.

The most interesting location discussed by the class is Sherar's Bridge, because it offers many points worthy the pen of a genuine author. Sherar's Bridge is in a canyon, scorched by the sun in summer and subject to varying winds of winter. The walls of the canyon are of lava formation eroded narrowly and deeply by the waters of the Deschutes.

Although he knew nothing of engineering, John Sherar readily saw that a bridge could be constructed over the river and that over a narrow gorge scarcely 35 feet wide, thus linking the sides of the stream, and to promote settlement of the country. By charging tolls the bridge was paid for and four roads built from the extra proceeds. A hotel was a necessity and he built such a structure, and it was rated as the best in the country at that time. Mr. Sherar was rated as being a wealthy man, but an unfortunate investment in sheep at a wrong time caused him to lose everything. The bridge then became a public crossing and the business of the hotel declined with the building of auto roads.

Railroads on either side of the river now carry people past the pioneer bridge of this part of the west, people who know little of its history. The dust of time quickly obscures the past; old ways and old scenes are forgotten in the progress toward newer and better modes of life.

SPORTS

Maupin—Dufur

Despite the blizzard Friday night the Dufur hoopers came to Maupin

for financial aid from the present legislative session will all be visited by members of the ways and means committee during the next few weeks.

Sale of the present state-house grounds for business purposes and aquisition of the Bush "pasture," to be used as a location for new state buildings is said to be interlocked with bill introduced in the senate to repeal the act of 1927 authorizing construction of a new state office building.

Governor Patterson signed house bill No. 142, the first bill to pass both the house and senate this session, authorizing an appropriation of \$25,000 to care for the legislative expenses. An additional appropriation probably will be necessary later in the session.

Appropriations aggregating \$53,000 were authorized by the joint ways and means committee of the legislature for improvements at the Oregon state penitentiary.

MINSTRELS ALL SET TO SHOW PROGRAM TO OUR PEOPLE

High School Actors Will Show Repertoire of Jokes, Songs and Skits Friday

Dan Poling, who has the preparation of the High school show in hand, promises to give Maupin people the biggest treat in the history of the town when his bunch of minstrels appear here tomorrow night. Everything pertaining to the presentation has been diligently studied, carefully rehearsed and costumed, and each member of the cast is whole-souled in the success of their attempt along minstrel lines.

Below we "pick up" the cast as published last week, and advise our readers to cut it out of the paper and take it with them to the hall when they go to see the show. The program follows:

Opening chorus—"Old Folks at Home"—Song by entire troupe.
Song—"Stay Out of the South"—verse and chorus by troupe.
Song—"Loading Up the Mandy Lee"—verse and chorus by troupe.
Song—"Harrigan"—verse and chorus by entire troupe.
Song—"Herpsicle"—sung by End Men.
Song—"So Long Mary"—Verse by Ariene Linn, chorus by troupe.

Oleo
Song—"Ol' Man Rivers"—Merle Snodgrass, Leah and Mabel Weberg.
Piano—"Little Brown Baby"—Irene Mathews.

Skit—"Jerry, or the Family Resemblance"—Beth, Rutherford, Aliene Greene, Richard Crabtree, Eldon Allen.
Song—"Blame it on the Two Black Crows"—Ina Linn, Alice and Dorothy Davis.
Skit—"Colonel Bullets"—Etel Stovall, Andrew Crabtree, Charles Bothwell.
Song—"She's Dixie all the Time"—Dor's Kelly, Mary Greene.

Finale
A-M-E-R-I-C-A, America, Menas I Love You my Yankee Land—troupe.

Members of the chorus: Irene Mathews, Merle Snodgrass, Crystal Stuart, Avis Crabtree, Aliene Greene, Doris Kelly, Nina Mathews, Leah Weberg, Gladys Martin, Alice Davis, Ethel Kidder, Bessie Starr, Mabel Weberg, Alto Chastain, Mary Greene, Beth Rutherford, Andrew Crabtree, Clarence Hunt, Harold Kramer, Kenneth Snodgrass, Estel Stovall, Richard Crabtree, Cyril Fraley, Robert Shepflin, Glenn Alexander, Eldon Allen, Ivan Donaldson, Charles Bothwell, Tom Slusher.
End Men—Elton Snodgrass, Edmund Wilson, Harry Rutherford, Arthur Appling.

Accompanist—Nova Hedin.
Interlocutor—Dan Poling.
Stage Director—Cyrille Fraley.
A sistant—Ira Kidder.

GROUND HOG DAY DANCE

Whether the Hog Sees His Shadow or Not, All Will Dance

"Ground Hog Day," February 2, will be celebrated this year with a dance at the Tygh Valley High school gym. The students of that school are awake to all prominent dates and that they have chosen the second of next month on which to give another of their pleasant and entertaining dances will be good news to devotees. The High school orchestra has been augmented by the return to school of Roe Ashley, violin player while Miss Thelma Bonney is leader and director. That orchestra plays real music, as is attested by the many who attend the dances at which they are employed.

Objects to Coasting—

Road Foreman Addington objects to youngsters coasting on the highway hills. He has been to much trouble in clearing the roadway of snow, and when bob sleds are used by kids to coast down hill on they make the road slippery and glassy, rendering it unsafe for auto travel. Mose threatens to take some of the coasters before the court in order that others may be deterred from the practice.

SMOKER DREW MANY FANS AND PROVED ENTERTAINING

Maupin's Favorite Loses to Bend Pug—Bouts Fast and Well Received by All

The smoker put on by the local Legion post last Saturday night was one of the best entertainments of the kind ever attempted in this part of the state. From the curtain raiser to the main event the patrons were kept on the qui vive at all times.

The first event was the bout between Elton Snodgrass and Nick Hollamon. The boys mixed at the last smoker and such was their content that Manager Morris signed them up for the late show. Their bout was really the best of the evening, for each of the boys showed a willingness, alertness and ability to give and take punishment that won the large attendance. The bout was rightly declared a draw. A prominent feature of their mix was an absence of clinching, both boys fighting free and giving the referee no trouble.

Kenneth Snodgrass and Alva Hammer were next to show their wares. In this bout Hammer threw himself down two and one-half times, such were the violence of his swings. The judges voted the bout a draw.

Cyril Fraley and Albert Hachler next entertained the customers. Fraley led in advances while the Wapinitia boy seemed content to guard against a possible knockout. The judges decided the affray was even, but to a majority of the on-lookers it seemed that Cyril was entitled to the decision.

Ivan Mott of The Dalles and Billy Breedlove of Bend next showed their ability as pugilists. The up river boy demonstrated that he had a working knowledge of the game of fisticuffs and in the second round handed out a slight punch which seemed to satisfy the county seat lad. At any rate he remained prone on the canvas until Johnny Williams, referee, had counted the necessary 10 seconds to give his antagonist the decision. The fake was so plain that Mott got no sympathy from the audience, and young Breedlove did not add to his popularity by the decision.

The main event was between Floyd Hollamon, a local product and Jack Breedlove from Bend. The latter is a seasoned pug and showed his experience and training by keeping close to Hollamon during the six rounds of the bout. He had been put wise to the fact that Floyd usually set himself for a knock out, therefore mixed in close formation during the bout. Breedlove excelled in in-fighting, but seemed wary of the Maupin lad. He fell into clinches in many instances and on two occasions was cautioned by Referee Williams for hitting low. Breedlove was given the decision on aggressiveness.

The smoker was attended by many home fans as well as by many from out of town. Many were out to boost for Maupin's favorite and that he lost the decision does not detract from his popularity.

After the smoker the floor was cleared and given over to those who cared to dance, which was kept up until a late hour.

SCOUT CHARTER RECEIVED

Contains Names of Many Noted Men Of United States

The charter recognizing the troop of Maupin as a part of the national organization of Boy Scouts, was received by Dr. Stovall, scout master, Monday. The charter is signed by many noted men of this country, some being active officials while others hold their offices as honorary only. President Calvin Coolidge heads the list, he being honorary president. Wm. McAdoo and Wm. H. Taft's names are also attached as honorary vice-presidents. The other names are Walter W. Head, president; Chas. H. Livingstone, James E. West and Dan Beard.

Persons desiring to read the charter may find it on the wall of the prescription case at the Maupin drug store.

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