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OREGON LEGISLATION FAIRLY UNDER WAY

Many Bills Offered in House; Motor License Considered Very Important.

Tax Equalization First Object—\$12,000,000 Bonds for Highways Proposed—State Departments to be Self-Supporting—State Library Flourishing—Annual Fish War is On Again.

Salem, Or.—First steps toward the big program to be considered by this session of the legislature were taken the first of last week, when the roads and highways committees of the senate and house met to consider readjustment of motor license fees, and when the house committee on taxation and revenue decided to lead out the first two measures of the list recommended by the property tax relief commission.

There are eight main subjects in the tax program, but the committee concluded the best policy is to feed out the measures a little at a time so that they can be absorbed and understood, rather than dump the entire complicated series of bills into the hopper at once.

Equalization First Object. Equalization, regarded as the fundamental principle of the program, will be the keystone, represented by two bills, the first on centralized control and assessment and the second calling for a full-time state tax commission, which will supplant the present commission consisting of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and state tax commissioner.

Under centralized control of assessments it is hoped to obtain the true value and the equalization of assessments of property, but to attain this end the state tax commission must be empowered to exercise general supervision over the entire administration of the assessment and taxation laws. This would enable the commission to step in and adjust the glaring inequalities which exist in the same class of property in different counties.

With the exception of the proposed extra tax on banks and an individual income tax, all of the recommendations of the property tax relief commission were spread before the legislature Monday, when the session resumed.

Not before most of the taxation measures are well on their way will the controversial bill for a personal income tax be offered.

All things considered, the heavy business of the session is now fairly under way. How many, if any, of these taxation measures will manage to pass the house and senate and be enacted into laws is unknown. There appears to be little, if any, opposition to the tax relief program in the house, but one cannot tell.

\$12,000,000 Highway Bonds Wanted. Both Eddy and Upton, as well as President Norblad and Senator Hall are interested in trying to force through a mandate to the highway commission to sell bonds up to the constitutional limit—about \$12,000,000—and "peddle" this on a basis of 40 per cent for eastern Oregon and 60 per cent for western Oregon. Involved in this measure is an abundance of politics for personal and home consumption.

It has the aspect of being excellent material for log-rolling. And it is no secret that the governor does not want more bonds sold, for he wants to see the bonded debt decreased rather than increased. Of course, if money was needed to match federal aid, a sufficient amount of bonds may be sold for that purpose and this can be done without materially increasing the load.

During the first two weeks of the 1929 session of the house 253 bills were introduced, 47 passed and four indefinitely postponed. Of these 137, or more than one-half, were repeal bills offered by the interim committee appointed at the 1927 session to eliminate dead timber in the Oregon code. Many of the other repeal bills have been reported back by committees with the recommendation that they be passed.

Total disbursement plus cash on hand, of private institutions for dependent and delinquent children under the jurisdiction of the child welfare commission, aggregated \$963,835.08 during the past biennium, according to the report of the commission filed with the legislature last week.

Self-Supporting Departments is Aim. Placing a number of state departments, now supported by public funds,

One proposed amendment provides for increasing the fees for electrical inspections, while another would increase the fees charged for plumbing inspections. A new bill authorizes the collection of fees for boiler inspection.

Among the important bills affecting labor introduced in the house during the past week is one that gives the labor commissioner authority to take assignment of and force the collection of wage claims when such action becomes necessary. It is known as house bill No. 174.

The general laws for 1925 make it a criminal offense for an employer in certain industries to fail to establish a monthly payroll and to pay in full on that date; employers must post notices in conspicuous places designating what date of the month will be the regular payday.

In event the employer fails to meet his payday, then the employe can file criminal proceedings against him, or the labor commissioner can act as the employe's agent. Some district attorneys insist that complaints be taken before the grand jury, which means that in many cases hearing of the complaints has been delayed for a month it was found. In the meantime the workers have left without obtaining the wages due them.

Library System Flourishing. The library system of Oregon is made up of 82 independent free public libraries, 705 traveling library stations and 28,816 mail-order patrons, according to the biennial report of Mrs. Walter M. Pares, nee Cornelia Marvin state librarian until January 1 of this year. The report was filed with the legislature recently.

The usual statistics showed 48,782 shipments containing 276,855 volumes during the biennium. In addition to these activities the state library, as purchasing agent, bought annually with the county school library funds and distributed to the school districts \$20,000 worth of books.

By unanimous vote, house joint memorial No. 2, by the committee on horticulture, was adopted, memorializing congress to place a duty on bananas in order to protect fruits harvested and marketed in this country. Wealthy Oregonians of Union and Johnson of Benton, speaking for the adoption of the memorial, pointed out that by the importation of bananas duty free the market for domestic fruits has been greatly affected. They urged that the fruit industry of the country be placed on the same base of protection against foreign products as lumber, wheat and other commodities.

Corporations May be Regulated. Rumors that something would be done in the way of regulation of corporations at this session began to materialize the past week, when a measure was peddled around to senators which was so drastic that no one has yet been found to introduce it.

The tentative bill would have the effect of preventing present incorporations from increasing their growth from their current status. To quote: "Any corporation now or hereafter doing business in this state shall not control, vote, hold, own or purchase more than 10 per centum of the number of shares of capital stock of any bank or trust company or national bank, now or hereafter doing business in this state."

Steelheads swam into the legislature again this session and the biennial wrangling over fish legislation started. One of the most important developments was a promise made to Governor Patterson that illegal fishing would be stopped in the Clackamas and Willamette rivers, now closed commercially, if these streams were opened from November 15 to April 1. This promise was made by a delegation of fishermen from Oregon City.

The steelhead is a game fish, legally, in the Rogue, Nestucca, Willamette, Clackamas, Necanicum and Wahana. Only with hook and line can this variety of fish be taken in these streams. The sportsmen want included the waters of New river, Pistol river, Sixes, Ghetco and a couple of other small streams in Coos and Curry counties.

Commercial Fishermen Opposed. Arrayed against the sportsmen are the commercial fishermen, who want to reopen the Willamette, Clackamas and Nestucca rivers; the latter closed by vote of the people. Also the fishermen want to change the open season in several commercial streams, including the home of the royal chinook salmon, the Columbia river.

Representative Lockwood has favored a measure declaring the steelhead a game fish in all waters.

Head H. S. Press Group at University of Oregon



These promising young journalists head the Oregon High School Press conference for 1929-30. They were elected at the 1928-29 conference at the University of Oregon. Left to right, they are: Duffey McClure, editor of the Benson "Tech Pep," Portland, president, who also carried home the Arnold Bennett Hall cup for putting out the state's best high school paper; Julia Creech, editor of the Salem "Clarion," secretary and winner of the Eugene Guard cup for best paper in schools of more than 500; Dick Gobel, editor of the Grant "Grantonian," Portland, vice-president.

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Last Saturday afternoon the Maupin High school basketball teams went to Madras. Maupin came out the small end of the horn with a score of 20 to 27. The boys played a hard and fast game but were outplayed. The score stood 8 to 11 at the half, but in the third quarter Madras made five baskets. They were then checked, making but two more field goals during the remainder of the game. The return game here February 8, will be a different story.

The high school basketball teams have added two new games to their schedule. Next Saturday Mr. Broughton will arrive with the Wapinitia boys. Although this is the first year Wapinitia has had basketball they have an excellent squad and will give the local five an interesting game.

The Maupin schedule follows:
Feb. 1—Dufur, there.
Feb. 2—Wap, here.
Feb. 15—Odell, there.
Feb. 16—Parkdale, there.
Feb. 21—The Dalles 2nd. team, here.
Mar. 1—The Dalles 2nd. team, there.

BOY SCOUTS (Ivan Donaldson and Elden Allen) Members of the Troop No. 33 met at the Legion hall Wednesday night in order to practice military drills for a coming program. After playing the customary games, the meeting was called to order. They decided that sky blue and gold would be their royal colors for the kerchief. Rudimentary First Aid was studied in which they learned how to give First Aid to someone who had an artery severed by applying a tourniquet to points of pressure between the heart and the cut. There are twelve in this organization at Maupin. Later on, when more members have been enrolled, the group will be divided into patrols.

APPRECIATION (Merle Snodgrass) The Student Body and teachers of the High school wish to extend their thanks to the Legion for the use of the hall; Messrs. Semmes for the advertising which helped to draw such a large crowd; to the music students of Mrs. Bothwell who played the piano duet during the intermission. Without the pantratrope from Mr.

on a self-supporting basis through the adoption of a fee system, is the problem that is now being considered seriously by the joint ways and means committee of the legislature. At a recent meeting of the committee it was decided to confer with C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, in regard to placing his department on a self-supporting basis. Mr. Gram offered his cooperation, and amendments have been prepared proposing adoption of an equitable fee schedule.

Creation of a separate fish and game district for all of Tillamook county, under jurisdiction of the county court, is proposed in the bill. It provides that all expenditures of funds collected through fish and game sources in the county shall be administered by the county court.

One of the main purposes of the bill is for the protection, preservation and propagation of salmon, shad and sturgeon, other food and shell fishes, and also for game and game fish.

SCHOOL MINSTRELS MAKE HIT WITH MAUPINITES

Production Showed Careful Preparation and Each Number Heartily Applauded

After one postponement and added rehearsals the minstrel show put on by the Maupin High school at Legion hall last Friday night added to the laurels of the school as a producer of entertainments that really entertained. Dan Poling, who had direct charge of the preparation and production, should be given great credit for his painstaking instruction, knowledge of settings and choice of characters.

The minstrel show was a potpourri of jokes, gags, songs, humorous skits and music. The circle setting on the minstrels proper was as it should have been and showed an originality and taste seldom seen among professionals. The chorus was up to the minute, the skits, especially pleasing while the singers and musicians seemed to vie with each other in making harmony and tuneful melody.

A large and appreciative audience was present, as was shown by the box office receipts, which totaled the sum of \$107.00. It is the plan to stage a senior class play in the near future and at that time our people may expect something out of the ordinary, as the stereotyped school dramas and comedies have been thrown into the waste basket, and a play entirely new and appropriate will be produced.

WATER SCARCE LAST MONDAY

Rams Went Floody and Users in Great Dilemma

Some time Sunday night the rams used in elevating water from the springs to the reservoir, evidently got tired of their job and laid down. The result was that what water there was in the tank ran back thru the feed pipes, thereby leaving the upper part of town waterless.

When informed of the condition Chief Chalmers and Mayor Henneghan, with Chief of Police Kramer, proceeded to investigate. When the top was removed from the rams the valves in both were found to be broken. One of the pumps had been out of commission several days and it was discovered that a piece of lead had dropped back into the ram, breaking the valve.

While the men were at work the mayor kept a fire going, thus saving the mechanics chilled fingers. The breaks were repaired and at noon water was again flowing from the reservoir in copious quantities. It might not be a poor suggestion on our part that a cover be built over the rams. If that were done working on repairs would not be so uncomfortable when the weather was chilly or when a rain was falling.

Visited at Prineville

Dr. W. A. Short took Mrs. Jean Wray to Prineville last Saturday, he remaining there over Sunday, returning to Maupin on Monday.

The genial tooth puller said the weather at Prineville on Monday opened up bright and clear with but little snow. As he proceeded this way he encountered more and more of the beautiful and some exceedingly cold weather. Mrs. Wray will remain at Prineville for an extended visit.

Made Tunnel

H. D. Hollis and Jim Baxter made a trip to The Dalles Tuesday, going in Jim's new Ford coupe. Jim said that on the way home they encountered several huge drifts and that the little old Ford could not be stopped thereby. It deliberately put down its head and made a tunnel through the largest drifts.

Showed Ford Construction

Joe Kramer installed one of his moving picture machines in the show room of his garage Monday night and then showed two full reels of Ford construction. The picture illustrated the many parts entering into the makeup of the new car, the assembling of same and then switched to the completed machine. The pictures were most interesting and instructive and greatly impressed those who saw them.

Valentine heart assorted chocolate boxes, an excellent gift, 75 cents and \$1.50 each, at the Maupin Drug store.

MAN INJURED WHEN PULLED FROM HIS WAGON SEAT

Mover From Terre Bonne Meets With Mishap and Suffers Severe From the Zero Weather

An man named Patterson, moving a load of household goods from his ranch near Terre Bonne to The Dalles, met with mishap on the Criterion grade Monday. Mr. Patterson stopped at the Dave Wilson place Sunday night and Monday proceeded on his way. While on the Criterion grade his wagon crowded the team, causing it to become restive and back the wagon into the bank. During the melee one tug became loosened and in trying to make a get-away the horses pulled the old man over the dash board, he striking on his face. The impact split his nose and severely bruised his face. When he reached Maupin he went to the drug store where Dr. Stovall washed him up.

Patterson then hunted up Rev. Hazen, he having been a United Brethren minister, and was taken care of. Tuesday morning he discovered one of his hands had been frozen, also that his feet had been badly chilled. He remained here until yesterday, when he proceeded on his way home, going with the mail wagon. He left his horses and load here.

Over 12 Inches of Snow

The late snow storm completely covered this section. In Maupin fully 12 inches fell up to Tuesday noon, and intermittent falls brought that depth to over 15 inches by today. This snowfall meets with the approval of wheat growers; as it will guarantee sufficient moisture to bring on a bumper crop.

County Gets Another Truck

Wasco county officials purchased another Ford truck from Kramer Bros. on Tuesday, and it will be used in road work. The truck will be taken to Portland and there fitted up with a body as was the first vehicle purchased of Kramer Bros.

Some Pig Litters

Lew Henneghan and Art Gutzler are pig raisers par excellence. Last week they had 12 sows to litter and the number of pigs born numbered 128, of which 108 were saved. This is some record and speaks loud for the care and understanding of pig raising by Art. They have 19 sows due to litter soon, and if the ratio keeps up will have the premier honors as pork producers.

Big Ford Stock

Kramer Bros. have a pretty fair stock of new Ford cars on hand. At this time they have on their garage floor five passenger cars and two trucks. Joe Kramer and Phil Starr went to Portland last Friday, returning Saturday, each driving a new car. The new inventory consisted of a phaeton and twodor sedan.

Not So Healthful

The State Board of Health's report for this week shows that Wasco county had 15 cases of flu and five of chickenpox. This is somewhat in excess of last week's report. At that Wasco is one of the most healthful counties in Oregon. If the reports sent to the Board may be taken as a criterion.

Visited Salem

Billy Hunt was a visitor in Salem last Friday, going there for the purpose of interesting our legislative members in a proposed bill which seeks to do away with the county fair board and investing their prerogatives in the board of the Wasco County Fair. Representative Egbert was willing to foster such a measure and introduce it in the house but Senator Kuck desired the concurrence of the county court before he would take action in the matter.

Arranging Basketball Game

Prof. L. V. Broughton was down from Wapinitia on matters connected with a basketball game on Wednesday. Mrs. Broughton came with him to meet her sister, who was expected from Madras.

Salem—State prison will get new \$53,000 building.