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COMMITTEES SLOW IN REPORTING BILLS

With Half of Session Gone Only Six Unimportant Measures Have Passed Both Houses.

Salem.—When the legislature assembled Monday for the fourth week of the session there was very little to its credit in the way of bills passed and sent up to the governor. Only six unimportant bills had passed both houses. Most of the failure to accomplish results during the first three weeks is attributed to failure of the committees to report out bills referred to them for attention.

With one-half of the session gone by without any legislation of major importance, both houses must turn in and do some real work this week if they wish to keep the legislative wheels from being clogged late in the session. Doubtless both houses will quit cutting out Saturday's hereafter, and in the future work Saturday mornings and hold a short afternoon session, instead of suspending activities Friday afternoon.

At the close of the third week of the session the house had a total of 191 bills before it and the senate 104, a grand total far less than any session in recent years.

Not many of the bills before either house are of much controversial moment, and ought not to require much time for their disposition once they get out of committee and up for final action.

Insurance Bills Missing.
Some big pieces of legislation much talked of before the session have not made their appearance. Particularly, the measures bearing on the industrial accident commission, expect to come from both sides of the fence, have not been put in. One of these bills from the labor side would be to propose a constitutional amendment to make the act compulsory, and the other from the employers' side would open the act further to stock insurance companies and self-insurance. While measures covering both of these have been prepared, and have been at the capitol for some little time, appearances indicate that neither may materialize.

Practically all of the general appropriation bills have yet to come in, only one deficiency bill having been put through to save interest charges, and one of the measures to provide partially for legislative expenses.

The Hall consolidation bill will take its place upon the calendar of the senate for final passage this week.

Senator Johnson, whose bill was sidetracked by the committee in favor of the Hall measure, abandoned his plan of attempting to substitute his bill for that of Senator Hall. The Hall bill received the indorsement of Governor Pierce in a speech in Portland last week.

Five interlocking bills looking to the consolidation and elimination of state departments, boards and commissions, were introduced by Senator Hare.

Consider Income Tax Bills.
Actual consideration of the three income tax bills introduced in the legislature began Monday night when the joint committee on assessment and taxation began a series of sessions with members of the state tax investigation commission, Frank M. Warren, chairman of the state audit commission, and Dr. James Gilbert, head of the economics department of the University of Oregon.

The apparent lack of authority under existing laws to check the expenditures of approximately 40 offices, boards and commissions now operative in Oregon, was criticised severely in a letter sent by Governor Pierce to C. J. Smith, chairman of the senate ways and means committee, and W. D. Fletcher, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house. Correcting the existing evil by placing these offices, boards and commissions under the jurisdiction of the ways and means committees was suggested by Governor Pierce in his communication.

One notable feature of the present session is the absence of "salary grab" bills. Instead of increasing salaries the present legislature seems inclined not only to cut them, but abolish jobs as well. Bills intended to abolish a number of offices and boards have appeared.

Representative Randal has introduced a bill which would make a flat cut of 20 per cent in the salaries of all public officials, and Representative Carsner has sponsored a bill which

CURRINSVILLE ITEMS

Mrs. R. S. Coop went to Portland Wednesday where she is taking treatment for a repeated attack of throat trouble. We hope she may soon be able to return.

Mrs. A. J. Kitehing and family were dinner guests with Mrs. Robert Currin Sunday evening.

Mrs. Shankland of Portland, spent the week-end with relatives at Currinsville.

The Currinsville Community Sunday School has purchased an organ from the Garfield Grange.

A farewell party was given on Tuesday evening to the Bishop children, who have moved to Rainier, Oregon. Those who attended the party were, Floyd Hale, Ruth Hale, Vernie Foutz, Wilbur Linn, Erma Jones, Clair Whitcheil, Wilma Kitehing, Harold Kitching. The evening was spent in playing games and light refreshments were served. All present enjoyed a pleasant time.

Miss Gladys Shankland has returned to her home in Portland after an extended visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Spring of Seattle, who was formerly a resident of this place, spent several days last week visiting friends in this community and returned home Sunday.

Means Much to Estacada

E. L. Meyers of the investment department of the P. R. L. & P. Co. reports that Estacada will be made a terminal division point for the Oak grove extension project. All men will stop off here and register at an office to be opened in the room by Dinty Moore's restaurant. This will mean a continual stream of men passing through and remaining some hours in Estacada.

The company is preparing to lay the rails to the intake power tation and 25 cars of rails have been ordered for delivery.

The sale of the Co's. preferred stock exceeded all its previous records during the month of January.

Council Favors Asphalt

The following resolution was passed at the city council meeting Tuesday night, to be forwarded to the County Court of Clackamas County:

That we, the City Council of Estacada, go on record as favoring an asphaltic type of paving similar to that on the Base Line and Powell Valley roads, to pave the road between Estacada and Barton. We wish to see a road of this type in order that we can get as wide a road as possible.

We, therefore, recommend that the County Court of Clackamas county give this careful consideration when bids are received for we wish to have a wide road and eliminate continued shoulder maintenance as well as reduce accidents incident to narrow pavements.

We particularly call your attention to the above mentioned roads, the Base Line and the Powell Valley roads to Gresham, which are two-inch asphaltic pavement laid seven years ago and are in excellent condition and no maintenance. We wish a similar road.

Notice

There will be a community supper and entertainment given at Currinsville school house Friday evening, February 16. The proceeds of this entertainment will be used for the purchase of an organ and other needed equipment for the Sunday school.

This organization is now a reality in the neighborhood and by our united and persistent effort we will make it a power for good to all who may come within its fold. Watch the paper for more detailed information regarding this program and supper.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Thomas Yocum was a Portland visitor Monday.

S. E. Wooster of Portland visited Estacada Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Moore was a Portland visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duus went to Oregon City Tuesday.

Mrs. James Smith went to the Metropolitan Tuesday morning.

T. H. Morton was a business visitor in Portland yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dawe spent the week end in Portland.

G. P. Rose is slowly improving but not yet able to come to the store.

Attention is called to the auction sale ad of Sam Bishop in this issue.

Miss Ethel Douglass was out from Portland last Thursday to spend the day.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next week at the home of Mrs. H. C. Gohring.

Mrs. L. C. Possen and Jack Hayden and wife were Portland visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harper from Hubbard, visited in this vicinity a few days last week.

Dinty and Andy can stay a little longer—Uncle Bim came across with fifty thousand beans.

Miss Ethel Douglass came out from Portland last Thursday for a short visit with her parents, returning Friday morning.

Dinty Moore has rearranged his showcases, so as to make more room to accommodate his table guests.

Mrs. Viola Douglass was very sick last week, but is improving now. Her daughter, Mrs. Will Bell of Sandy, was here for a few days, to take care of her.

Mrs. F. J. Harkenrider is now a victim of the same malady from which her husband and son have recovered. This will necessitate a continued quarantine of those in the house.

C. S. Allen was operated on at a Portland hospital yesterday morning and he had passed a restful night.

Dr. and Mrs. Adix and daughter Jean of Gresham, visited at the A. E. Sparks home Tuesday evening. The doctor was called here on professional business.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Mort went to Portland Sunday night, on the last train, for a couple of days in that city, as Mr. Mort wanted to do some studying at the library.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilcox and Miss Mabel Wilcox motored to Vancouver, Wash., last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox returned Monday, while Mabel remained for a more extended visit with relatives.

Attend the meeting this evening of the Oregon Fruit Growers' Association which meets at the hotel beginning at 7:30. It is called to further the interests of the local cannery and promote its operation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Possen and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayden entertained at the Possen home last Friday evening. The invited guests were the line men and their wives, mostly of whom live in Portland. After a delightful dinner, the rest of the evening was spent in playing cards.

A. E. Sparks is to be commended for his public spirit in offering a site for an auto park on his land across the river. Such a camp will induce tourists to stop on their way. An abundance of springwater is available and with a few simple conveniences this spot will make an ideal camping location.

SPRINGWATER NEWS

The lecture given by Rev. Weir last Wednesday evening, January 24, on Cuba, for the Missionary society, was well attended. The ladies took in \$11.20 on the lunch they served. Another lecture will be given in the near future.

Mrs. Wm. Still and children went to Portland Saturday to visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Masson.

David Horner of Dodge, spent Sunday with the Harold Horner family.

A number of ladies surprised Mrs. Anna Hull Friday afternoon with a farewell party. She left on Saturday to join Mr. Hull in Idaho where they expect to locate.

Young Wife Passes

Mrs. Leona Johnston wife of W. R. Johnston who has been working up the river, died Tuesday night, January 30, from pneumonia with complications. She was ill about two weeks, but it was not thought necessary to call in medical aid until eight days ago. Dr. Rhodes attended her and Drs. Leonard of Portland and Adix of Gresham were summoned for consultation. The body was taken yesterday to Oregon City by Holman & Pace, and the funeral will be Saturday at Clackamas. She was only 21 last May and leaves a three year old boy.

LOCAL ITEMS

Tomorrow is ground hog day. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones of Portland, formerly of this place, visited Estacada friends last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Penner have returned to Estacada and Mr. Penner has again taken a position with the Estacada Meat Co. They have leased the Sommer residence, recently vacated by the Einarsons.

Misses Norma Randolph, Elizabeth Weir and Ethel Young and Clyde Davis, of the high school debating team, visited Portland Saturday to get material for their next debate.

In response to a call for cookies for the American Legion hospital, the Ladies Auxiliary at this place last Saturday, packed and got ready for shipment, one hundred dozen of the most delicious home made variety of these cakes.

Walter A. Holt, county farm agent of Oregon City, was in town yesterday, and with A. W. Botkin was arranging for a farmers' school to be held in Estacada next Wednesday. Notice and particulars are given elsewhere in this issue.

Kellie Boyer returned yesterday from a Portland hospital, where he has been recovering from an injury. About two weeks ago, while working at one of the camps up the river, he was kicked in the face by a mule.

Farmers' School at Estacada

The subjects of farm marketing and the cost of production will be discussed at an all day farmers' school at the Odd Fellows hall in Estacada, on Wednesday, February 7. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a. m. and continue through the afternoon. Everyone is urged to attend.

R. S. Besse, farm markets specialist from O. A. C., will handle the subject of marketing and will discuss the marketing of farm products as it affects this community.

R. V. Gunn will bring some very important facts in connection with the cost of producing farm products and the relation to selling prices.

The Eastern Clackamas Community Club will furnish hot coffee for those who care to bring lunch.

The equal of this program has never been brought to the farmers of this district before and none should lose the opportunity.

SPARKS OFFERS SITE FOR CITY AUTO CAMP

There was an unusually large attendance at the meeting of the Community Club in Oddfellow's hall Friday night. After the regular order of business, discussion for the good of the order touched on several questions of interest to the people of the community.

President Bartholomew reported that A. E. Sparks had offered ground across the river to the city for an auto park. The place mentioned is on the river bank, nicely located, and could be furnished with plenty of spring water. The greatest expense for accepting Mr. Sparks' generous offer, would be getting the road to the place in good condition. A committee of ladies, with Mrs. W. J. Moore as chairman, was appointed to attend the next meeting of the city council and place the matter before it. There was a general discussion in regard to procuring a dumping ground for the city, and this matter was also to be presented to the city council.

It was decided that at every third meeting of the Community club refreshments in the way of a regular supper should be provided, beginning with the February meeting. The refreshment committee was asked to look after the kind of supper to be served and notify members what each one was expected to bring. The February supper will be served at six o'clock and the meeting will follow.

After the business session had been concluded, a splendid program was rendered. Mrs. J. E. Gates gave a piano solo and then followed community singing led by H. W. Mort, which proved very entertaining. Ten girls from the high school gave a Folk dance, the march music being played by Miss Nova Smith. As the gentlemen of the quartet advertised to take part in the program were not prepared, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lawrence kindly volunteered with a German song, which they sang and acted out very cleverly. The other musical numbers consisted of pleasing solos and a duet by Mesdames Harry Kitching and Sam Barr, with Mrs. W. J. Moore as accompanist. Miss Irma Gates gave a reading, and also responded to an encore. The whole program was very entertaining. As Friday was the birthday anniversary of the Scotch poet, Robert Burns, musical numbers appropriate for this occasion were given.

In Interest of the Cannery

The board of directors of the Estacada Packing Co. extends on invitation to all the business men and those who are interested in the development and progress of our community, to a meeting to be held in the hotel, on Thursday, February 1, at 7:30 p. m. Representatives of the Oregon Fruit Growers' Association will address the meeting and plans will be discussed for the operation of the cannery. We are out to make a success of this enterprise which can only be brought about by the interest and co-operation of business men as well as the growers. Nature has richly endowed us, with all her gifts for the production of small fruits. Let us do our part in accepting these gifts by encouraging and boosting the producers.

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