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16 BILLS PASSED IN 4 WEEKS AT SALEM

With But Two Weeks of Session Left Legislature Must Speed Up.

Salem.—Both houses resumed work Monday after the usual week-end adjournment with but two weeks in which to accomplish most of the real work. While the various committees have been busy whipping proposed legislation into shape and a number of measures of minor importance have received attention in either house, the consolidation program and income tax legislation, the two most important issues to be acted upon at this session, had not been passed upon by either house.

After being in session four weeks only sixteen bills had passed both houses, all of minor importance, with the possible exception of the Roosevelt highway bonding bill, a measure sponsored by the coast counties, which in effect continues the Roosevelt highway act of 1921. It will require diligent work on the part of both houses if their calendars are cleared before the forty day constitutional limitation expires.

Hall Bill Tabled.

With the tabling of the Hall bill in the senate the issue of consolidation of state departments stalled in the senate last week. The Hall bill, passage of which was urged by Governor Pierce, was laid on the table by a vote of 17 to 11, and it is generally believed this action means the death of the bill, so far as the senate is concerned.

Senator Corbett introduced a consolidation bill, which in effect brings all the functions of the state government under the supervision of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, who sit as a commission of three to administer state affairs. Representative Carlin, who joined with Senator Johnson in the introduction of a consolidation bill in both houses, has prepared a consolidation bill of his own, which differs radically from the Corbett bill, in that it leaves the secretary of state and state treasurer out of the scheme entirely and divests these two constitutional officers of all the authority and duties they now have in connection with the administration of state business as members of the board of control.

The sentiment in both houses seems to be in favor of rearrangement of the state government, and efforts will be made to harmonize the conflicting views.

Income Tax Compromise Likely.
Income tax legislation made no progress during the past week, but a compromise measure is in the making and it is believed the various factions will be able to get together on a bill that will be acceptable to the legislators.

The McMahan bill, which was the administration income tax measure, is being used as the basis for the compromise. Amendments have been drawn which are said to have the approval of Governor Pierce.

Many bills dealing with assessment and taxation have been introduced and they are still in committee. There are 35 such measures in the hands of the house committee and 16 in the senate committee, so that in the joint committee on assessment and taxation there are 51 bills. These include all the measures intended to remedy some of the ills of the taxpayer. And more are promised.

There is little prospect of a severance tax, such as Governor Pierce suggested in his campaign. The governor wanted a severance tax on timber on land not now on the tax roll. The severance tax bill which has appeared in the house places a tax on all natural resources in the state, above or under ground and in the water. It goes far beyond anything the governor wanted.

Road legislation has received little attention so far and irrigation, which was expected to be a center of interest, has scarcely been mentioned.

Allen Land Bill Passed.
With only one dissenting voice raised in objection the American Legion's anti-allen land holding bill passed the house.

Representative Fletcher of Polk county opposed the passage of the bill on the ground that it would drive out a valuable type of farm laborer which could not be replaced by Americans, since they will not do the menial labor now performed by Japanese.

The bill prevents the owning or leasing of land by aliens not eligible to citizenship.

CURRINSVILLE ITEMS

George Walters spent a few days in Portland last week.

Grandma Kitching is "beating us to it" with her spring cleaning. Last Thursday a number of good ladies assembled there and papered her bedroom for her. Of course a generous feed was in the bargain. Those present were, Mrs. Wilbur Wade, Mrs. J. A. Kitching, Mrs. J. C. Kitching, Mrs. Lester Hale, Mrs. Elsie Linn and Mrs. Elya Kitching.

Atley Erickson was in Portland Saturday.

Three new pupils were enrolled in the Currinsville school last week. Their names are, John, Joseph and Walter Brown.

The birthday of Mrs. J. A. Kitching and Mrs. Earl McConnell was the occasion of a delightful surprise at the Kitching home last Thursday evening. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Currin, Mr. Geo. Kitching and family, Misses Zipple and Nelson and the McConnell and Kitching families.

Mrs. Charles Hively and son George visited George's grandparents at Errol station this week end. George can beat his grandfather playing cards.

Mrs. Fuller and daughter Elsie were in Portland last Saturday.

The Bishop family experienced considerable difficulty while enroute to their new home by truck. When they were near Rainier because of bad roads and a steep hill they were forced to unload and haul their goods by team the rest of the way.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Alsbaugh.

Miss Kathleen Currin came over Saturday from Salem where she is a stenographer in the state legislature, to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Currin.

New Planing Mill

A new industry is being inaugurated in Estacada, which will give employment to a number of men. Charles Ross who owns a body of timber in Dodge, where he has a sawmill, has leased the old Estacada lumber yard from the Reed estate, and is setting up a planing mill for his lumber. It will be run by electric power and used for all kinds of lumber.

Oregon City Church Burned

Another fire of presumably incendiary origin, occurred in Oregon City last Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, when the Congregational church burned down. A year ago the Presbyterian church was burned and since then the Elks lodge building and other structures. There is a mystery about these fires, which all seem to point to the work of fire bugs.

Music Recital

Mrs. J. E. Gates gave a recital of her pupils yesterday afternoon. Those taking part were, Mildred Rhodes, Lavina Grabeel, Harry Wooster, Virginia Dubois, Irma Gates and Margaret Gates.

Mrs. Clemie Richards returned to her home in Portland last Friday after an extended stay in Estacada at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harkenrider. She was caught with the family when placed under quarantine.

Legion Boy Passes

As we go to press, word comes that Percy Sharp of Gresham, formerly of this place, died at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. The funeral will be at the Baptist church in Gresham, Friday at 2 p. m. with interment in the Veterans cemetery at Mt. Scott.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Best Cane Sugar \$8 per sack at Rose's.

G. P. Rose is still confined to the house.

Miss Mildred Douglass was an Estacada visitor from Salem last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Einarson and Miss Curry visited Portland Saturday.

Our spring millinery is coming in. See first showing on display in window at Rose's.

Miss Hazel Morehouse of Portland is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Gates.

Mrs. Iva Mahrt and baby left Estacada Tuesday morning for Seattle where she will reside with an aunt.

Our thanks are due Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Young of Garfield for a box of fine apples and some delicious dried greengages.

Jim Smith has bought a meat market in the Irvington district, Portland, and will move his family to the city after school closes.

Mrs. Ella Chellis of Portland, who has been visiting her friend Mrs. J. E. Gates for several days, returned to her home Tuesday.

The Garfield Dorcas society will meet at the Grange hall, on February 15, all ladies please bring lunch. Mrs. Ida Prima-ter, Sec'y.

W. H. Woodruff, who lived in a small house in Terrace Addition last summer, is in a Portland hospital recovering from an operation.

Among the passengers on the first car bound for Portland Saturday morning, were Mrs. H. C. Stephens, Mrs. A. E. Sparks and Miss Leila Howe.

Gold Medal Flour makes more pounds of bread. That means true economy. You can get it at Rose's.

L. D. Held, who was very ill with pneumonia at the Estacada hotel, is rapidly recovering. His wife was sent for and arrived from Seattle on Friday.

Mesdames H. C. Gohring and D. E. Eshleman will entertain the officers of the Rebekah lodge at the home of the former, on Valentine's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Lawrence accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson the parents of the latter, drove to Estacada Tuesday from Portland, to visit Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lawrence.

A. E. Sparks has had the tops of the large fir trees in front of his residence, cut off, and the lower branches trimmed, which gives more light to the house.

Mrs. F. J. Harkenrider and daughter Edith went to Portland Sunday morning. This was Mrs. Harkenrider's first visit after being released from a long spell of quarantine.

The many friends of C. S. Allen rejoice to learn that he is doing very well at St. Vincent's hospital, where he was operated on last week for ulcer of the stomach. Mrs. Allen has returned home for a short time.

Very True

The Eddy school bill prescribing certain studies in the high schools has passed the senate. In opposing it, Senator Bruce Dennis made some pertinent remarks which deserve attention.

He said: "This is a day of peon pants and flappers, and the parents are too busy attending the moving picture shows to care for their children. At first I felt inclined to support the Eddy bill, but I have now reached the conclusion that it would not be right to pass the buck to the teachers. Less joy-riding and other frivolous recreation on the part of the parents and more thorough care of the children would go far toward correcting the existing evils."

UPPER EAGLE CREEK

Mrs. W. J. Evans and Mrs. Reinhart were guests of Portland relatives the first of last week.

Mrs. C. H. Paddison was a Portland visitor one day last week.

Mrs. R. B. Gibson was the guest of her sisters Mrs. M. S. Horsman and Mrs. S. J. Eddy of Portland, last week going down Monday and returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Paddison and Miss Naoma, Frank and Harry Paddison were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglass Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglass gave a party last Saturday night inviting their friends and neighbors in to spend the evening. The time was pleasantly spent in playing games, cards and dancing, after which refreshments were served.

Dave Douglass of Cherryville, was the overnight guest at the Fred Hoffmeister on Monday. He once lived in this neighborhood and he walked from Cherryville thinking he could witness the improvements made since residing here by so doing, but it was so foggy he was unable to see very much.

On Monday evening a party was given Fred Paddison in honor of his birthday. A few of the young people came and all had a pleasant time.

GARFIELD ITEMS

The nickel social, given by Garfield Grange last Wednesday, was greatly enjoyed. A good program and refreshments rounded out the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kinser and daughter Ann were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moreland. Also Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kunz and sons were Sunday visitors at the Moreland home, all motoring back to Portland Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Shearer of Springwater and Mrs. Clara Hiebenbothem of River Mill, were guests of Garfield Grange last Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Moreland left on Tuesday for Palo Alto, California, for a two months visit with her parents and friends.

Oppose Transfer of School Territory

A petition to the School District Boundary Board, was circulated in Estacada Tuesday, and generally signed. It was to oppose the transfer of territory now included in the Estacada School district, No. 108, to the Garfield district, No. 112. This territory is adjacent to Estacada, in the Clackamas river valley, and connected by rail to Estacada, to which it is easily accessible. The Garfield school is on a high hill above this territory, involving an arduous and difficult ascent. Moreover the Estacada district has for the last seven years been paying three and a half times as high in special school taxes as the Garfield district. On these grounds the transfer is opposed as unjust to the Estacada district, and inconvenient to those living within the disputed territory.

N. O. W.

The Neighbors of Woodcraft will give a "500" party Friday evening, February 16, in the I. O. O. F. hall. Everybody invited.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our most grateful thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy to us, at the death and funeral of our beloved baby, MR. AND MRS. G. E. KIGGINS.

URGE CO-OPERATION ON FRUIT GROWERS

The fruit growers meeting at the Estacada Hotel last Thursday night was a big success, about one hundred fruit growers being present. The meeting was called to order by B. Schoenberg, chairman of the Prune Growers of Estacada, who introduced Mr. Newhouse, representing the Prune Department of the Oregon Fruit Growers Association. Mr. Newhouse being familiar with every detail in growing and marketing prunes, gave a lengthy lecture on the supply and demand of this product, showing how California as a state-wide cooperative organization by systematic advertising increased the consumption of all their fruits, while other states are going behind. This system is the only solution for the success of the Oregon grower.

There are approximately 23,000,000 acres of tillable land in Oregon and only 5,000,000 acres under cultivation and a large percentage of this uncultivated land is suitable for fruit raising. What a prospect if a demand is created for the supply. If we are to have a prosperous state we must have prosperous farmers and this can only be brought about by cooperation.

The speaker stated the association at this time has a membership of 1347 and is steadily adding to that number, and that the time is rapidly approaching when they would have the majority of prune growers in this state enrolled. With 103 distributing points in different parts of the world and having five objects in view, quality, price, publicity, finding new markets and new ways of packing there is a great future for the prune growers in Oregon.

A short recess was declared and the meeting was again called to order with Earl Day in the chair. Mr. Pearcey, field manager of the association then gave a talk of interest to the berry growers and made a proposition for the association to operate the cannery here. The speaker stated the association would lease and operate the cannery, finance and market the pack, the packing cost to be charged to the grower. This places the grower of Estacada on an equal footing with any in the state. The fruit will be packed in such manner as the market may demand, will be superintended by a competent manager, and the very best market assured. All the berry growers present with two exceptions were enthusiastic about the proposition as they all realize that if Estacada berry growers are to make a success they must have something more than their own system of packing and marketing. The speaker stated the best fruit to set out at this time is the Etterberg (121) strawberry, Oregon Champion gooseberry, Cuthbert red raspberry, and the black cap. He did not consider there would be any excess of these berries.

As there were not sufficient application blanks for those desiring to become members of the association they may be had at any time from J. G. Hayman.

Twenty-four percent reduction on all Furs until March 1st when we put them in storage for the summer. It will pay you to buy now and save one-fifth of the purchase price. You can wear them the balance of this winter and have them ready for next. Remember, this price is good only to March 1st, at Rose's.

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Subscriptions during the week, were received from the following: J. W. Miller, C. P. Woodie, W. H. Mattoon, E. Krigbaum, Mrs. Laura Jochimsen, Henry Johnson, W. F. Coleman, J. C. Moreland, J. F. Moger, R. H. Currin, A. DeMoy, S. E. Wooster, Henry Wink.