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SESSION AT SALEM ENTERS FINAL WEEK

Governor Sends Special Message Asking Legislature to Expedite Measures.

Salem. — Following precedent, the legislature started on the final week of the 40-day session with the usual jam of unfinished business. It seems to be a habit of legislatures to put off final action on important measures until the closing days.

Governor Pierce took occasion in a special message delivered to both houses to call attention to the fact that after being in session for 34 days practically none of the legislation recommended in his inaugural address had been passed.

The particular legislation that the executive urged the legislature to expedite included the income tax bill, the consolidation measure, the series of taxation bills, several bills increasing the tax on foreign corporations, irrigation measures and a bill creating a state market agent.

When the house and senate reconvened Monday morning all the major measures remained to be considered. The income tax, general tax revision, consolidation of state departments, appropriation bills, fish bills and irrigation and road legislation were unsettled.

The measures which have passed both houses are mostly unimportant and of no great interest to the state at large. During the first five weeks 205 bills were introduced in the senate and 249 in the house, a total of 554 measures. Sixty-five bills received the approval of both houses; 35 senate measures and 30 from the house.

Compromise Income Tax Bill Appears.

A compromise income tax bill has been introduced in the house. The measure provides for a graduated rate on personal incomes and a flat rate on business and corporation incomes. The exemptions are similar to those provided in the federal income tax law and the tax on personal incomes will range from one to ten per cent, while the corporate and business tax will be four per cent.

A feature of this bill is the exemption granted to owners of real property.

Both the individual and the business schedule carries a right of deduction covering all taxes paid other than inheritance taxes, income taxes of the state and taxes assessed for local benefits of a kind tending to increase the value of the property assessed.

It is also provided, however, that further deduction of "the fair rental value of all real estate owned" by the taxpayer may be made from the gross earnings, provided that such deduction does not exceed 6 per cent of the assessed value of the property. The same deduction runs to the business schedule as well as to the individual.

New Consolidation Bill.

A new consolidation bill was introduced in the senate Saturday, bearing the names of 17 senators as joint authors, or enough senators to pass it. This bill is said to have been tentatively approved by the governor, and if he really wants it the house will undoubtedly pass the measure.

The new senate bill provides for a state welfare commissioner, state commissioner of agriculture, state corporation and insurance commissioner, each to receive \$4000 a year.

Offices of state industrial accident commission, inspectors of child labor, board of conciliation, commissioner of labor and statistics and board of health are abolished and their duties turned over to the state welfare commissioner.

Offices of food and dairy commissioner, scaler of weights and measures, pure seed board, lime board, sanitary livestock board, board of horticulture and the like are abolished and their duties handled by the commissioner of agriculture.

Offices of state water board and water superintendent are abolished and the duties attended by the state engineer.

Offices of corporation and insurance commissioners are consolidated.

Oregon bureau of mines is abolished and its duties transferred to the Oregon Agricultural college.

State vocational education board is abolished and the duties transferred to superintendent of public instruction.

Committee Approves Astoria Relief.

Legislation for the relief of Astoria was approved by the ways and means committee. The measure approved provides that the state purchase Astoria bonds at par in the sum of \$250,000.

SPRINGWATER NEWS

Mrs. F. E. Erickson went to The Dalles Friday, called by the illness of her grandfather.

Mrs. William Still and children returned Saturday from Portland where they visited with relatives for the past week.

Mrs. Guy Grable and daughter are visiting with Mrs. A. M. Grable.

James Closner returned to his saw mill last Saturday near Eugene.

The heavy snow broke down the roof of the machine shed at Ed. Closner's Monday night.

Reduce Land Clearing Cost

The cost of clearing the 100,000 acres of big stump land in Clackamas county can be reduced one-half according to information given out in a new bulletin, "Stump Land Reclaimed in Oregon," by H. D. Scudder, professor in farm management. This bulletin describes a new method of land clearing to which the Oregon Experiment station has given years of study and on which it has reached conviction.

The new method is a modified "char-pitting" process in which the fire for burning the stump is started from the inside, thus overcoming a fault in the old method where a larger percentage of the roots remained in the ground unburned. The burner method is simple and practical.

By means of the burner—furnace, hood, draft pipes and chimney—a hole is burned through the base of the stump and the stump converted into a stove. Thus, with its own draft, chimney, and fuel, a fire is developed in the stump interior so intense as to burn out the stump and roots. The stump is banked in with earth and the crown and roots are burned out below plow depth. Careful following of directions and a little patience and study are essential for the beginner in learning the method.

The firing appliance was invented by S. F. Zysset, an Oregon farmer. The necessity of finding a cheaper and easier method than powder and puller for the big stumps on his own land was the mother of his invention.

Benefit Entertainment

The manual training class of the Estacada high school, under Percy Dawe, is to make the tables for the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis, which is being built by the W. C. T. U. of Oregon, The W. C. T. U. of Estacada is planning for an entertainment to be given February 27, at the M. E. church, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the expenses of making the tables. The entertainment will be in the nature of a lecture and pictures, given by Rev. V. A. Weir, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Springwater. There will be a good musical program in connection. The admission price is to be 25 cents.

Methodist Episcopal Church

When a man falls it is usually toward the side he is leaning!

Sunday School Orchestra on Sunday morning, the time is 10 o'clock and there is a class for you. Be on time for the singing.

Morning service at 11 with a sermonette for the children.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Senior League at 6:30 p. m., you belong in one or the other.

Pictures at the 7:30 service, on Java. Lots of interesting things you will want to know as well as some amusing scenes. Bring the children, we will be through at 8:30. You are always welcome.

HOWARD W. MORT, Pastor,

LOCAL BREVITIES

Miss Olive Humphrey of Portland, visited her mother Mrs. C. S. Allen a few days last week.

The thermometer was 22 degrees at 6:45 this morning. The groundhog sure saw his shadow on the 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow of Portland, spent the week-end with Mrs. Morrow's father, E. E. Saling.

Some of the farmers dug out their old bobsleds and a few have been seen on the streets of Estacada since the storm.

There was no mail on yesterday's morning train, as the clerk failed to connect with the train at Portland, owing to the snow.

Mrs. R. H. O'Neil and baby daughter of Portland, arrived today to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Harkenrider.

Mrs. B. O. Sarver returned from a visit of several days with her sister at Parkplace, last Friday and is feeling somewhat improved in health.

Clyde Schock has bought the property just north of the Pesznecker garage building on Main street and will remodel and fix it over for a residence.

Some time last week about \$75.00 worth of hides were stolen from the slaughter house belonging to H. C. Gohring, located across the river from Estacada.

The income tax measure in the state legislature is so complicated that it is said a Philadelphia lawyer could not understand its provisions. It probably won't pass because of its defects, and there is hardly time now to correct these.

Last Sunday was the birthday of A. E. Sparks and H. C. Gohring and their "better-halves" planned and successfully carried out a surprise dinner for them at the Gohring home. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. John Blauth, father and mother of Mrs. Gohring, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hauech of Portland.

The Belgians are now getting back at Germany, having seized the two Rhine ports, Emmerich and Wesel. The French are strengthening their grip on the Ruhr district and the Germans are now knowing what it is to live in an occupied territory. It is a pity that Messrs. William Hohenzollern, Hindenburg and Ludendorff are not resident within its confines.

Rebekah Benefit

The Chowder party last Saturday night given by the Rebekah order at the I. O. O. F. hall, was very much of a success, both socially and financially. The proceeds netted \$25.00. Among the notable guests present were Jiggs and Maggie, Mrs. Katzenjammer and Mutt and Jeff; John Ely made a good impersonation of Jiggs and Mrs. H. C. Gohring as Maggie proved a stunning substitute, although she was too busy assisting with the serving, to use the rolling pin to much advantage and the Rebekah ladies so far have not reported the smashing of many dishes. Mrs. G. E. Lawrence assumed the role of Mrs. Katzenjammer very cleverly while J. E. Gates and J. G. Hayman as Mutt and Jeff assisted materially in amusing the large number who patronized the supper.

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DODGE NEWS

We are experiencing the worst snowstorm of the winter, the snow being about fourteen inches deep Sunday evening. School has been closed until the weather changes.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis from Garfield, visited at the W. E. Myers home on Monday.

Ben Stowell, the agile pond monkey at the Ross lumber mill being in a hurry to attend the noontide banquet, stubbed his toe against a knot on a log as he was crossing the pond, and falling in was completely immersed, but he arrived at the "bank-wet" on time for dinner.

Mrs. Baldwin came out from Portland on Monday.

On Saturday evening the Community club held its monthly meeting in the schoolhouse, and although the weather was very wintry, yet there was a good attendance. The stereopticon pictures of Oregon scenery and industry were enjoyed by all.

The school children sang Oliver Wendell Holmes', "Angel of Peace" and were accompanied by a band of six pieces. "The Village Blacksmith" was sung by Fred Horner and a quartet sang "Sweet Oregon." Several pieces were played by the band. All of the items were much appreciated and everybody seemed to have a good time.

Priscilla's Meeting

The Modern Priscilla club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Abbie Armstrong at Garfield last Thursday. After the usual excellent luncheon was served, a short business session was held, with president Mrs. G. A. Lovell in the chair. Following this a short time was spent in the pleasant diversion of "hunting hearts," the largest number being found by Mrs. Marie Heiple. Mrs. Erickson at Currinsville Station will be the next hostess.

"500" Party

A committee of ladies of the Rebekah order gave a public "500" party Monday evening in the Estacada hotel dining room, for the benefit of the lodge. On account of the inclement weather, not as many were present as were expected, however those who did attend enjoyed the event very much. In keeping with the St. Valentine season, red hearts predominated in the decorations. A number of hearts hung from the numerous chandeliers and small red hearts were in evidence when the refreshments were served. Mrs. Gerald Wilcox won the ladies' high honors and B. Zimmerman was the successful winner of the gentleman's prize.

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ELECTION CALLED TO AMEND CHARTER

Attention is called to the notice calling for a special city election on February 27, to amend the city charter, so that the council may have authority to issue general obligation bonds, not to exceed \$14,000, for street improvement.

As the county road will be paved to within a mile of the city this year, it will be advisable for obvious reasons that this intervening strip be also paved. As the charter now stands the council is not empowered to issue any more bonds for this purpose, and so it seeks the necessary power. A fuller presentation will be published next week. It is to be understood that this project will not interfere with improving the water system as some fear, but the council has this in mind, and is making plans to form a sinking fund for this purpose.

Farm Reminders

Apple scab and pear scab are likely to cause much more damage this season than last, reports the O. A. C. Experiment station. Winter or dormant sprays will not control these diseases. Two sprays of lime-sulphur applied in early spring before blossoming are necessary to get the cleanest fruit and greatest profits. The first application should be made just after the winter buds unfold and the second just before the first blossoms open. Use one gallon of concentrated lime-sulfur to 30 of water for the first spray and one to 40 for the second spray.

Bridge grafting is a simple method of grafting that may be used to cover girdling of fruit trees by mice or other animals. The work should be done when the sap is beginning to flow as the bark peels better. It is better to cut the scions for the graft before that time though it is not necessary that they should be dormant.

Oil sprays alone will not control fungus diseases such as scab anthracnose, brown rot, leaf curl, peach blight or mildew. Oils are of advantage only for the control of certain insect pests and cannot be used as a substitute for the proper fungicide.

Spring wheat should be planted as soon as conditions are right for prompt germination. Houston or Defiance or Blue Chaff Club Wheat should be planted as early as possible in the spring and the planting should be shallow; 1 to 1½ inches is deep enough. Putting the seed down deep in cold soil early in the season is likely to cause a good deal of it to rot. Two bushels an acre is a good rate of seeding for spring wheat.

Bad Oregon Advertising

The Literary Digest shows that upon inquiry an eastern man with money to invest found Oregon the highest taxed state in the nation. With two million circulation the Digest publishes a half-page diagram of highest taxed states and Oregon leads the rest. A big New York bank sends out tabulations and diagrams to show that Oregon is the highest but one (South Dakota) in per capita state debt.

Pyramid upon this \$140,000,000 to \$150,000,000 more of municipal and improvement district lien obligations, and you may have some conception of the burdens of our people and that slow state development lies ahead.—Industrial News Review.