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SESSION AT SALEM RUNS OVER 40 DAYS

Lawmakers Unable to Complete Labors Within the Constitutional Limit.

Tithing Bill Opposed in Senate—Wilson River Toll Road Bill Vetoed—Increase in Property Assessment Proposed—Old Age Pension Law Falls.

Salem.—The legislature was unable to complete its work within the 40-day constitutional limit, so it was necessary to extend the session over into this week. The most important piece of legislation left for consideration when adjournment was taken over the week end was the so-called tithing bill, which would divert to the general fund a percentage of all special funds except trust funds such as school and funds of the state accident commission.

The tithing bill passed the house with little or no opposition, but there was strong opposition in the senate, very largely due to the fact that it was believed it would affect the state highway program because of the very considerable sum it would divert from road funds.

Only three votes were cast against the administration state income tax bill in the senate. There were 27 votes in favor of the measure, which had previously passed the house of representatives.

Special Election in June

In the latter part of June probably on Tuesday, the 23d, the people of Oregon will be called to the polls to say through the ballot box whether they approve, or disapprove, the income tax bill put through the senate Wednesday by so decisive a vote.

Secretary of State Koser, through whose official hands the election machinery operates, is checking up the time that necessarily must elapse between the end of the legislature and a convenient date for a special election.

The Wilson river toll road bill was vetoed by Governor Patterson. In giving his reasons for returning the bill without his approval the governor says that he fully appreciates the value and convenience of the proposed road, but that it is a local road and "its construction at this time would constitute a radical departure from the program of economy which is of such vital present necessity."

Owing to the financial condition of the state, the governor says he does not believe that a new and expensive project in any department of the state should be instituted at this time.

Bills carrying appropriations aggregating \$1,285,250 in connection with the state's building program during the current biennium were approved by both houses.

Shortage Almost \$4,000,000

Official figures furnished by the clerk of the joint ways and means committee show the state's financial shortage to be \$3,882,266.41 if the legislature approves and the governor signs all bills from the committee. The total of the recommended appropriations and continuing appropriations is \$12,097,478.41 and estimated receipts for the two years are \$8,215,272.

Governor Patterson signed a bill which provides that the heads of the various state institutions shall be known as superintendents. The board of control is authorized to fix the salaries of these officials. It also is provided that the board may fix the salary of its secretary.

The senate, after adopting a report recommending passage of a bill extending until December 31 of this year the time for making operative the initiative measure approved at the last general election eliminating fish wheels from the upper Columbia river, defeated the bill by the narrow majority of one vote.

Dead Laws Repealed

One thing this legislature is notable for above other sessions is the effort made with considerable success to wipe off the law books a lot of dead timber in outworn, obsolete and overlapping laws. No fewer than 85 bills were introduced by the committee on repeal of laws, each aimed at some musty statute believed by the committee to have outlived its usefulness.

The senate, by a vote of 27 to 2, approved a bill providing for the abolition of the state emergency board.

Overriding the adverse report of its committee on labor and industries, the house passed a senate bill which would strike from the law the section providing for a biennial appropriation of a sum sufficient to cover half the administrative expenses of the indus-

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Something is to be doing in the old town Monday night, February 28. The center of activities will be in the high school gym. Since the constable only reads the first page and this affair is to be kept from him, please turn to page -8-

trial accident commission for the two year period.

Increase of the property assessment in the state by approximately \$250,000,000 is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Hamilton, which was approved by the senate.

The bill gives the state tax commission supervisory control over the assessment and tax laws of the state, county assessors and county boards of equalization. The commission also would have authority to fix the valuations of any property in the state. The purpose of the bill is to obtain uniformity of assessments and taxation. As a safeguard to taxpayers under this bill, the senate approved a measure introduced by the committee on assessment and taxation which provides for limiting the amount of revenue that can be raised under fixed millage taxes. Under the latter bill, these revenues cannot be increased more than 3 per cent annually based on the millage returns for the preceding year.

The old-age pension law failed to pass the house by a vote of 22 to 19.

The house refused to join with the senate in repealing the present law requiring medical certificates of physical fitness from male applicants for marriage licenses, and voted down a senate bill which would have brought that about.

"For Hire" Carriers to Pay More

"Anywhere for hire" trucks, and passenger automobiles not designated as common carriers will be required to pay an additional amount of 50 per cent over their regular license fees under the terms of senate bill passed by the house. The bill also removes the owners of commercial travelers' cars from the class of machines having to pay this extra amount. Heretofore, "anywhere for hire" machines paid on a capacity and mileage basis, as have common carriers operating between fixed points.

The house killed a bill which would have provided that the state highway commission have jurisdiction over all highway signs erected in the state. Opponents held that it might prohibit communities from erecting signs tending to draw traffic in their direction. Following a vigorous attack by representatives from many corners of the state, a house bill providing for preliminary party conventions went down to defeat in the house.

Compulsory liability insurance for automobile owners was voted down in the house.

A bill proposing to change the method of appropriating school money by basing it on the number of elementary school teachers employed instead of on the basis of school census, was defeated in the house.

State to Build Grade Crossings

The house, by a vote of 31 to 27, passed a senate bill which would place the cost of grade crossings on the state highways entirely on the state highway fund, whereas at present it is borne jointly by this fund and the individual county in which the crossings are constructed.

Sheriff's Salary Bill Killed

Senator Upton's general salary bill for sheriffs was indefinitely postponed and killed in the senate on adoption of an adverse committee report. It provided that the sheriffs be placed in six classes with salaries ranging from \$2760 to \$6000.

By practically unanimous vote, the senate passed the bill providing that members of the public service commission should be appointive instead of elective as they now are. The appointments would be made by the governor.

A bill providing that tax levies in Oregon be made as of January 1, instead of March 1, one of the measures presented by the special committee that studied taxation during the last two years, was killed by indefinite postponement in the senate on adoption of an adverse committee report.

A bill introduced by Senator Moser authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of the state penitentiary also was approved. Under this bill the superintendent of the prison would appoint a warden and deputy warden, subject to confirmation by the state board of control.

A resolution referring to the voters the question of repealing the interest guarantee law as it affects irrigation and drainage districts was indefinitely postponed.

PARKER NO MATCH FOR BILL THORNTON

Portland Man Wears Out the LaDee Strong Man

The customers were not disappointed in the wrestling match Tuesday far from it. Although the sympathy of the whole crowd was with LaDee Parker who only took one of the three falls in his match with Bill Thornton, Portland grappler, there was no doubt as to which is the better man.

Parker is in the class with Jack Dempsey. He knows his stuff but lack of training puts him at the mercy of a man who knows his stuff and keeps in training. Parker hopes to put himself in better shape for a return bout some time in the future.

The first fall went to Thornton after 19 minutes pretty even grappling, the LaDee logger's friends from camp keeping up a barrage of remarks which threatened to undo the morale of the Portland man. A vicious leg cradle was fastened on Parker which compelled him to give up.

After the intermission, which was stretched five minutes at the request of Parker, he came back with vigor and clamped on three headlocks in succession which were broken with difficulty by Thornton and as he got away from the last one, Parker tied him into a knot with a step-over toe hold. This took four minutes.

The third fall came in 20 minutes. The LaDee fans were kept dancing between hope and fear and were hoarse from encouraging their man and haggling the Portlander. Thornton looked as though he would rather be down in the crowd mixing it with some of the fans than on the stage with Parker who was weakening. All at once he straightened up with Parker helpless on his shoulders and glared at the gang in front.

They knew what was coming and after a few whiffs, Thornton dumped as burden on the floor and held him until the referee, Moose Norbeck, tapped his shoulder. That he used no more force than necessary although he was thoroughly razzed speaks well for Thornton's sportsmanship. The Aeroplane spin, as the trick is called, which was used by Thornton in the last fall was made famous by Ira Dern of Salt Lake City, whose slogan was "Once spun stay spun." He seldom used it but what he caved in his opponent's chest.

The exhibition match put on by Moose Norbeck and one of his pupils, Bill Donovan, was well received. They demonstrated many holds and how they could be broken.

Terrible Ben Blaisdell, the Eagle Creek logger challenged the winner for a bout on March 8. Blaisdell wants the winner to take the whole purse, he is that confident of winning. He lost to Thornton here a few weeks ago but says that he was taken by surprise and thinks he can win if given another chance. Many fans expressed the opinion that Thornton had a harder job throwing Blaisdell than he did in upsetting Parker in the last match. At any rate the next card will be worth seeing.

MOUNT HOOD FOREST NEWS

District Ranger Armstrong attended the gathering at the Dodge school house last Saturday evening. His suggestion of mobilizing and equipping a co-operative fire unit was well received and resulted in 15 citizens signing as volunteers. Jim Marrs was selected as their chief and John Keller as lieutenant. The Springwater grange was represented by a committee and through their representative offered to furnish a reserve force of Springwater citizens to back up the Dodge unit. The school children put on a very interesting program appropriate to Washington's birthday; a bountiful lunch was served, and a good time was had by all.

You rob your children of education when you fail to prevent or suppress forest fires. Educational funds come largely from timber.

The heavy rains and resulting high waters are raising havoc with culverts and trails in the mountains. Maintenance work will be much heavier than usual prior to the fire season.

In order to standardize sign posting in the forests, the forest service have adapted a new peaked roof sign board for uniform use. All signs now up will be replaced with the new, neatly-painted signs as fast as funds are available for the purpose. Replacing the old with the new will commence with this season.

PICTURES TO SHOW FOREST RESOURCES

The community club and all others who accept the invitation to attend will be treated to an interesting lecture tomorrow evening at the Estacada hotel. George Griffith of Portland will show pictures on the screen in illustration of his talk on forest resources. An interesting program is also arranged and everybody is urged to be present.

STUDENTS TO PLAY PETER B. KYNE STORY

The play, "Cappy Ricks, or the Subjugation of Matt Peasley," will be presented by the senior class of the high school. The plot of the play is similar to that in the story of "Cappy Ricks" by Peter B. Kyne.

Cappy is a man with an iron will, an explosive temper, a shrewd business sense, and a mania for having his own way. In spite of all this he has a loveable disposition that endears him to every one. His two pets are his daughter, Florry, and his business, the Blue Star Navigation Co. When Matt Peasley interferes with his authority over both, Cappy sets out to subdue him in short order. Many amusing incidents occur before matters are settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The play will be given in the high school auditorium, Friday, March 4. Tickets will be on sale at the drug store next week. Fifty cents will be charged for reserved seats and 25c and 35c for general admission. A hundred seats will be reserved. Proceeds to go toward the publication of the high school annual.

The cast is as follows:
Cappy Ricks.....Vernon Marshall
Florence Ricks, his daughter.....Edna Bates
Lucy Ricks, his sister.....Lura Berry
Mr. Skinner, general manager of the Blue Star Nav'g'n Co.....Grant Robley
Matt Peasley.....Bernard Whitaker
Ceil Bernard.....John Whittaker
Mr. Singleton, a lawyer.....Shirley Burnett
Ellen Murray, secretary to Cappy.....Edna Carter

ENTERS PROFESSIONALS

Ray Lovelace has signed up with the Beavers, the Portland baseball team, and will leave Sunday for training quarters in California. An equally good offer had been made Lovelace by another coast league manager but he preferred the home team. The All-Stars basketball team will be handicapped in the state tournament without Ray's spectacular playing but his success in base ball will be watched with interest.

TO GIVE ALL HIS TIME

Manager A. Smith of the Estacada Telephone company returned Monday from Stayton, Oregon, where he spent several days of last week.

Smith has disposed of his business interests in Stayton and will now devote his whole time to the affairs of the telephone company. He is especially anxious to get out a new telephone directory and says that there will be little delay if the advertisers will send in the copy for their ads. It will take much longer if he has to call on each one personally.

PIONEER PASSES

William DeLapp, 72, was found dead Monday afternoon at his home in Garfield. He had been living a lone for about 30 years and was declared to have been a victim of apoplexy by the county coroner.

FUNERAL

The funeral of Wm. Wallace DeLapp was held at the Christian church on Wednesday, February 23, 1927, at 2:00 pm., interment in the L. O. O. F. cemetery under the direction of Gates Funeral Home of Gresham.

Mr. DeLapp was 72 years old born in Indiana May 29, 1854. He leaves three sons and two daughters. George E. DeLapp of Marvelmount, Washington; Dr. S. L. DeLapp of Roseburg, Oregon; Wm. E. DeLapp of Marvelmount, Wn.; Mrs. Florence Miller of Yoncalla, Ore.; Mrs. Lulla Bernard of Marshfield; and two brothers and one sister, B. F. DeLapp and John DeLapp of San Jose, Calif. and Mrs. A. M. Briggs of Watertown, S. D.

He had resided in this district for 30 years.

TROUT PLANTING NOW COMPLETED

Anglers will have a paradise in Eastern Clackamas county this season if they can catch but a fraction of the trout which have been planted in the streams of our mountains. There have been raised in the local hatchery on DePh Creek a total of 4,500,000 fish during the past year according to Superintendent J. C. Moreland. These have been liberated in various streams in the state. During the past months, however, eastern brook trout from 4 to 8 inches in length have been set free in Clackamas county as follows:

Sand river, 120,000; Eagle Creek, 4,000; Clackamas river, 364,000; Dubois creek, 14,000; Deep creek, 126,000.

This makes a total of 638,000 trout nearly ready for the pan and will furnish many a meal for Oregon sportsmen and their families.

DePh hatchery is not a large unit but it compares with any in the state in the number of fish liberated.

WHERE TO WORSHIP

SPRINGWATER CHURCH

Thomas I. Kirkwood, Pastor
Sunday school at 10:00 a.m., Mr. Shearer, supt.
The service of worship at 11, subject: "The Secret of an Abundant Life."

Christian Endeavor in the evening topic: "Practicing World Brotherhood" Mark 3:31-31; Rev. 7:9-10.
Sunday school at George at 2 p.m. and church service at 3.

EAGLE CREEK CHURCH

The special gospel services under the leadership of Reverend Jas. A. Smith will close Sunday night, Feb. 27.

Friday night will be young people's night again. The subject will be "What Jesus Thinks of Me." The young people especially are invited. There will also be a service Sunday morning immediately following the Sunday school which meets at 10:30. Remember, Sunday night is the last night. Last Sunday there were 70 out to the meeting. Let us make it 100 this Sunday.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT

Ira Gabrielson of the U. S. Biological Survey visited the county agent's office recently and mixed six hundred pounds of poisoned bait for killing gray diggers in Clackamas Co. The poison may be secured from the county agent or from various distributors throughout the county.

H. E. Cosby, poultry specialist of the Oregon Agricultural college will be a Clackamas county visitor March 1st, second and third. The county agent has arranged meetings for Mr. Cosby as follows:

Tuesday, March 1, Clackamas, 7:30 pm. A large attendance is expected from Logan, Carver, Sunnyside, Clackamas, 82nd street and Milwaukie.

Tuesday, March 1, Barlow, 7:30 pm. Maplewood grange hall, Thursday, March 3, Molalla 2:00 pm, high school.

Mr. Cosby and the county agent will spend Wednesday in visiting some of the new poultry raisers in the county. The public is invited to all meetings at which Mr. Cosby will take up general poultry subjects. Brooding and rearing of baby chicks will come up for special discussion. Persons having diseased birds may bring them for post-mortem examination.

The blasting demonstration meetings held by Mr. C. E. Johnson of O. A. C. at Canby Ferry, Sandy and Colton were attended by 130 interested people. Mr. Johnson demonstrated safety methods and electrical blasting of stumps on the places of William Koellermeier and W. Bosholt and on Mr. Wades' place at Colton demonstrated rock blasting and wood splitting gun in addition.

The county agent recently left a supply of gray digger poison with W. Danielson, at Colton, for distribution in the community.

John J. Inskeep
County Agent

BUYS SNYDER TIMBER

J. W. Hassell completed a deal yesterday whereby he takes-over the timber holdings of H. B. Snyder in the Dodge district and will be associated with his brother, A. S. Hassell, who has sawmill equipment already installed, in cutting for the market. The brothers expect to start operations on March 1.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Henry W. Young, publisher of the Coquille Valley Sentinel at Coquille, is dead, aged 79.

Six alleged young auto thieves were arrested in Medford and Ashland and are in the county jail.

Oregon City has passed an ordinance by which all dogs must be kept from public places, unless led by a leash.

Four hundred and eighty-two students are enrolled in the various departments of Willamette university at Salem.

The Dufur school is closed because of the influenza epidemic. Out of 61 pupils enrolled 37 are suffering from the malady.

L. Albert of Portland was elected president of the Oregon Bottlers' association at its 12th annual convention in Salem.

Dr. Henry Waldo Coa, head of Morningside hospital in Portland and donor to the city of four important statues, died in Glendale, Cal.

The next annual forest fire conference will be held in Portland in 1928. It was decided at the meeting of the conference in Tacoma.

The Bandon high school debating teams won the Coos county championship when both negative and affirmative orators scored victories.

Seymour Jones, for many years a rancher of Marion county, has been appointed state market agent to succeed C. H. Spence, who resigned.

Three principals, ten teachers and a large number of children were absent from the city schools of Eugene because of illness from influenza and colds.

Chinese pheasants and Hungarian partridges weathered the severely cold weather in eastern Oregon recently in much better condition than was first thought.

Linn county has received a draft on the treasurer of the United States for \$198,346.47, its share of the Oregon & California land grant refund recently authorized.

Influenza rapidly is becoming epidemic in the state, 359 cases being reported by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health, for the past week.

The Harrisburg city water has been found in a recent official analysis to contain but two bacteria to the cubic centimeter or as nearly a perfect grade as water may ever show.

Seventy-two persons, of whom 47 were immediate relatives, attended the family reunion and observance of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sutton at Port Orford.

Thomas McCormick Jr. of Keno is near death and Aaron Moore, grocery man of the same town, is under arrest on an open charge as the result of a shooting affray on the main street of the town.

A scarcity of logs, due to inability to operate its camps in the deep snow, caused the sawmill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company at Dallas to suspend operations until weather conditions improve.

The state board of education at a special meeting at Salem voted to sign contracts with the publishers for textbooks adopted at the last annual meeting of the state textbook commission held last November.

The Dalles will furnish an improved site for the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital and a macadam connecting road, it was decided in a special city election. A \$15,000 bond issue for this purpose carried, 773 to 118.

A coyote carcass sent from Izen, Grant county, to the United States biological survey office in Portland, has been examined by William Levin, laboratorian for the state board of health, and found to be affected by rabies.

A group of Salem and Woodburn men has made application to the national forest service for the lease of Terwilliger hot springs on the south fork of the McKenzie river, seven miles above its confluence with the main stream.

The Hood River valley lost two of its oldest apple trees when Charles Metcalf used the axe on an old Gravenstein and a Russet tree. The trees were part of the home orchard planted by M. B. Potter, pioneer of the Belmont district, 66 years ago.