

### The Salem Sampler

(Written by Representative Ralph T. Moore before the legislature adjourned sine die last Wednesday)

Former Representative J. H. McCloskey was honored in a resolution passed in the House on Friday afternoon.

The resolution was introduced by Representative Chindgren. It expressed appreciation for the long and efficient service and for the superlative qualities of character possessed by Mr. McCloskey. It extended to him the sympathy and best wishes of the House.

Before introducing the resolution, Mr. Chindgren was kind enough to first show the draft to me and I assured him that the resolution expressed my feelings towards Mr. McCloskey except that I would go just twice as far up in praising him as one of Coos county's foremost citizens. He made a mark here as a legislator that will be hard for his successors to equal. Coos county can well be proud of his record.

As it appeared possible for the House to complete its work on Saturday night, a resolution was introduced to the effect that the House adjourn sine die on Saturday evening, March 6.

Despite protests from several older members that this would mean hasty and ill-advised action on several important bills, the motion carried. Most members were very anxious to return home and were rather tired of it all.

But the Senate refused to concur and the session extended into the next week.

Aside from the appropriation bills, there was little essential legislation left. Most of it could just as well be postponed for the duration. It would seem to be more in the good interest of the war effort if we all went home and got to work on the farms and in the factories to produce the munitions of war for our armed forces.

Besides, the session costs about \$2000 per day which is a high price to pay for minor legislation.

Several measures that are corollary to the sales tax referendum measure were passed in the House on Tuesday.

None of these measures will take effect if the sales tax is defeated. Therefore, they will all be on the ballot at the next election and there will be plenty of chance for arguments pro and con to be heard.

The Barbers' bill came up for a vote Tuesday afternoon and a general exodus of members, who were secretly opposed to the measure but did not wish to be forced to vote, took place.

The bill carried by a substantial majority. It is now up to the Governor for signature.

The reputation of the Barber shops as dispensaries of political news frightened timid members from the halls. The lack of strong feeling on the measure, coupled with the urge to get it over with and go home, prevented members from demanding a call of the House.

The measure seemed to have been demanded by most of the organized barbers in the state and opposed by the small independent shops.

Argument for the bill centered solely on the premise that it was needed by the barber industry.

Opposition centered on the argument that this is another NRA for the special benefit of the barber, was therefore class legislation, and should not be enacted at this time with so many of our young men in the war.

The measure will probably result in uniform prices throughout the state which will be higher than those now set by free competition.

The measure is of no great concern to the average person who will merely let his hair grow a little longer rather than visit the barber too often.

The conference committee on the proposed income tax finally arrived at an agreement and the results have been publicized by the big dailies.

The move to give relief this year was side-tracked in favor of prospective and greater relief next year.

As the committee were persons of integrity, and outstanding leadership, we must presume that their decision is the right one. At any rate, it safeguards our state finances for the biennium.

After hearing the debate I have not seen fit to change my views that the state could have well afforded to have given relief this year.

The uniform motor vehicle Safety Responsibility Act passed the House on Tuesday.

It requires, chiefly, that every person, after he has become party to a motor accident, be required to prove financial responsibility to pay for damage to the amount of \$5000 to \$10,000 for bodily injury or death and \$1000 for property damage.

Argument centered about the question of whether there was popular demand for protection to Oregon motorists from those irresponsible people who travel our highways.

The act is patterned after those now in use in the states of New York and Massachusetts. It is a noble experiment that will only work if the public really wants it and will cooperate to see that its terms are carried out. Otherwise, it will fail. It is another one of those measures which will depend on public good will. The fact that traveling during the next two years will be light is a thing in its favor because no great harm can come during the next biennium and any faults can be corrected in 1945 legislature.

During the session, a couple of members got into a feud with the superintendent of the Fairview Home regarding the incarceration of a Jackson county family.

The members contended that this family was held unjustly in the institution when they should have been released to lead a normal life in their home community.

The speaker appointed a committee to look into the matter, and the report was read the morning of the last day.

The report absolved the Superintendent of any blame and showed that the family was far below normal in intelligence and probably would not have been able to live a normal life. It was one of those unfortunate things that no one can do much about.

An amusing part of the report was the mistake made by the Reading Clerk who said that it was recommended that the "Committee" should be kept in custody at the Home when he meant "Family." Many members leaped to their feet and suggested that they were strongly in favor of the Committee being kept at the Home. It was the first time during the session that the Reading Clerk's face got red.

The Senate Bill No. 275 was passed by the House on Tuesday. It is interesting to Coos county because it provides for distribution of the Elementary School Fund on a teacher basis instead of a pupil basis.

It will result in advantage to Coos county and other counties having the low ratio of pupils to assessed valuation. It will be to the disadvantage of the wealthy counties such as Multnomah. The theory is to equalize the burden of education throughout the State.

Despite the strong opposition of the Multnomah delegation the bill was passed because the members felt the primary responsibility for the education of our children rested in the State. The writer subscribed to that view.

Senate Bill No. 284, being the Occupational Disease Bill, was passed by both Houses after a conference committee had agreed on a compromise amendment.

The original bill introduced and passed in the Senate was amended in the House to conform more nearly to the Ohio Act. The Senate refused to concur on the House amendments, and the bill went to conference committee. The committee recommended amendments that were a compromise but still followed the general plan of the Ohio Act.

Both Houses passed the bill by an overwhelming vote and if the Governor signs, the State of Oregon will have its first Occupational Disease Act. In my opinion the lumber industry will not be very much affected by the act which is aimed mainly at the ship-building industry.

Senate Bill No. 279 providing for a small fee to be paid into the State Industrial Accident Commission for the purpose of prosecuting a safety program was passed by the House and sent to the Governor for his signature.

This bill affects only those employers who are not under the S. I. A. C. or private carrier or self insured. It affects only the employers who have provided no means of insuring their men against industrial accidents.

There can be very few such employers in our county, and this bill will affect us very little. It was aimed at the small tie-mills operating mostly in Clatsop county. It does point out that all employers, no matter how small the operation, should be careful to keep their men insured against accidents. It is the will of the people of the state that they should do this.

Senate Bill No. 311, the special election bill providing for a sales tax election next September, was the last order of business in the House

before adjournment.

The Governor wanted the bill passed because he feared that his Old Age Pension Program would be upset because of the uncertainty of the liquor revenues in view of recent O. P. M. restriction on manufacture of alcoholic beverages. The Governor is fearful that revenues will drop below the point necessary to attain his \$40.00 per month goal. The sales tax would provide funds sufficient for that purpose.

After several futile attempts to get the bill through the House (it having previously passed the Senate) a motion to adjourn sine die was unanimously carried and the issue was dead.

The vote was a tie on the last count, 30 to 30. Many members felt that it would be a bad policy to call a special election for such a purpose during war time. Others thought that the situation was uncertain enough to warrant the election expense.

This issue reveals to the public the strength of character of the 42nd House. A great majority of them are men who make up their minds rather slowly and only after careful thought. But when they have made their decision no outside pressure or lobbyist or even the Governor himself could alter their stand. I think it is to their credit that this matter ended as it did. I feel that they have done a good job for the people and have merited public approval.

Before I sing my swan song as a columnist, I would like to pay tribute to other members of the Coos county and Curry county delegation with whom it has been my pleasure to serve.

Stella Cutlip, who has been sitting in a desk adjacent to mine during this session, has done a very good job. Some people were fearful that she would become confused and easily led astray in the heat of debate or under pressure by lobbyists. But I wish to testify to the fact that she has used very good judgment in her voting and has steered a very consistent and intelligent course throughout the session. Although she is popular and attractive and much in demand at social events, she stands up under fire like a little warrior and has earned the respect and admiration of every member in the House. I feel that the judgment of the voters has been vindicated in selecting her for the job.

I doubt whether many people in the county are aware of the influence exerted by our own Senator, Bill Walsh, in the legislature.

An earnest, eloquent, and forceful speaker, and one well versed in legal technology he is listened to attentively when he speaks and is in great demand for committee work on measures requiring legal analysis. He has been worked so hard during this session that I have had only fleeting conferences with him. Yet, I feel that Mrs. Cutlip and myself have worked closely with him and have done fairly well as a county team.

As for myself, I have enjoyed the session which has proven to be of great educational value to me and I am deeply appreciative of the honor given me by the people of Coos county. Any mistakes that I have made have been of the head and not of the heart. I have tried to keep the welfare of the people in general and of no one in particular foremost in my thoughts at all times. I know it is impossible to please all but I hope I have pleased most.

In closing this little column, I wish to express my appreciation for the many kind things said about it throughout the county.

What started out as being a weekly letter to the Western World of Bandon turned out to be a column that was read state-wide.

My purpose was to try keeping the folks at home in touch with the main issues of this legislature and to spice it with a dash or two of interesting off-the-record happenings that otherwise only the people of Salem would enjoy.

The editors of all of the weekly papers in the county have been most courteous and considerate and I feel that they should share equally with me in any credit accruing to this column.

I wish to express further my appreciation for the able and efficient work of my secretary, Miss Helen Ann Huggins, who has worked long hours to insure the placing of the subject matter for the column in the hands of the newspapers on time.

I would like to know whether the people of the county feel that this sort of thing is of value to them during our legislative session. If so, I would suggest that my successor, whoever he or she may be, should carry it on at the next session.

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by LANS LENEVE

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The last day of the past season a scarcity of the birds was encountered in most of the marshes in this district. The very next day there were thousands of them strung clear from Riverton to Arago. They were within gun shot of the highway and appeared almost as tame as barnyard fowl. It appears that they surely must be endowed with super-instinct. This not only applies to ducks, but to deer as well. In most districts before the opening of deer season there are always bucks in evidence, close into civilization, round farmer's fields. But when the season opens they disappear and are mighty hard to find.

Poets and naturalists always speak of the Spring appearance of the robin

red-breast. While this may be true concerning many localities, it certainly does not apply to Coos county. For always it is during the late fall and the winter months that the robin appears in far greater numbers than in the spring. During December, thousands and thousands of robins may be glimpsed throughout the fields and of an evening the migration from the fields to the low hills where the birds fly to roost is really something to marvel at. This season more of these birds were in evidence than at any other time in the remembrance of the writer. The robin is protected in every state in the Union and has only natural enemies warring upon it. That is why there is an annual increase in its ranks. But take any game bird that is governed by an open season and it is seldom, if ever, you note an increase in their ranks. And gradually, slowly and surely their numbers decrease, until in the course of time they are finally erased entirely from the picture.

The big blue, or sooty grouse is fast disappearing. Time was, when its

booming voice could be heard wherever there was a stand of fir timber. I have seen them feeding in my Dad's back yard, right in Coquille and heard them hooting from the branches of the big firs near the old Harlocker residence.

These birds always hoot during the nesting season in the early spring, but at the present time their number are pitiful in most districts. In my opinion they are one of the finest game birds in existence. There is no wild meat that can compare to a young fried grouse, and what a wonderful dish is an old "hooter" with dumplings and gravy!

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