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REVIEW OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

No Important Measures Introduced in Initial Week of Session.

Both Houses Organize Speedily—Few Bills As Yet Have Appeared in House—Senate Bills Number 58—Work on "Bone Dry" Amendment—Committees Consider Legislation Before Introduction—Elimination of Some Commissions Considered.

Salem.—While very little of importance was accomplished aside from organization during the first week's session of the state legislature, yet if the celerity with which both houses organized is an indication of the manner in which the business of the session is to be conducted, it augurs well for a successful session. R. N. Stanfield, of Umatilla county, was elected presiding officer of the house and Gus C. Moser, of Multnomah county, selected to preside over the senate without opposition, desk clerks chosen and all details of organization completed without a bit of bickering.

One of the remarkable features of the initial week was the small number of bills introduced in the house as compared with previous sessions. With four and a half days of work only 64 bills and a few routine resolutions appeared on the calendar, while two years ago 102 bills appeared during the same period. If the house keeps up this record it will have approximately 650 bills before it, whereas during recent sessions the bills introduced have approximated one thousand, and should this proportion be kept up during the session, the present house will have established a record for having introduced fewer bills than any house in the past decade.

Bills Come in Slowly. But all this seeming slowness is to the credit rather than the discredit of the house, for it is not the quantity but the quality of legislative work that the public is interested in, and a great multitude of measures usually means feverish haste, tumult, logrolling and riot in the closing days of the session.

Speaker Stanfield has been urging members to get busy and introduce their bills, believing that if they are going to introduce bills they should get them in and out of the way before the important work of the session is taken up.

In the senate no encouragement for the introduction of bills is needed, as the record is slightly greater than two years ago. There were 58 bills on the senate calendar as compared with 49 at the opening session.

First Measure is Dry Memorial. The first measure of any kind considered by both houses at this session was the joint memorial, by Senator Eddy, petitioning congress to vote the District of Columbia dry. The senate put it through unanimously, but seven representatives voted no.

None of the important measures that are sure to come up made their appearance during the first week.

The joint committees on alcoholic traffic, roads and highways and insurance have been worrying over the various relative problems confronting them under this same plan. The committee on alcoholic traffic expects to unify all the conflicting suggestions and proposals that have sprung up surrounding the proposed bone dry measure. It will sit in open hearings to hear and discuss the various arguments that may be presented for or against the measure, either by members of the legislature, or the general public.

New Insurance Code Scanned. The insurance committees of house and senate have been scanning the insurance code prepared by Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells, and are now ready to hold open hearings on that measure, section by section and class by class.

The committees of the two houses are following a new course this year, sort of a reversal of previous practices, and it is proving to be a decided improvement. The committees are considering the proposed legislation in advance of its introduction. This is true of the military committee, the insurance committee and, to a certain extent, the alcoholic traffic committee. It always has been the practice of the ways and means committee to discuss appropriations before the bills providing for them have been introduced.

The advantage of this plan is that time will be saved on the floor of the two houses. When the insurance code, the military code, the prohibition bill and some of the road bills come before the house and senate the committee members will be fully informed on them and will be able to advise other members.

Consolidation of Commissions Likely. Every indication points to the fact that the legislature means business on the question of consolidation of commissions and the elimination of

duplicating features of the work of such boards.

The question of consolidations and abolishment of departments or commissions also will enter into the calculations of the two committees and it is probable that they will make an effort to save money in this direction. In order that more funds may be secured for meeting institutional needs.

Joint meetings of the two committees will begin this week and a steady grind will be kept up until all the appropriation bills have been prepared and submitted. An effort will be made by the joint committees to get the appropriation bills into the house as early a date as possible in order that they will not be caught in the usual rush at the end of the session.

Appropriation Bills to Be Hurried. No stone will be left unturned to grind out the great grist of business before it in a rapid-fire manner, according to a decision reached by the joint ways and means committee. Chairmen Wood and Kubli have agreed to hold a session of the joint committee each working night of the legislative session until all the business of the committee is transacted and the various officials will be called before the committee to make their statements as early as possible.

The present committee probably will depart from old-time custom of passing on some requests for appropriations and pruning them without giving a hearing to the persons interested. It is understood that all of the officials and institution heads will have "their day in court" and that before any changes are made in requests a complete defense of such requests will be allowed.

Homestead Exemption Law Proposed. A more workable homestead exemption law than the one now in force is proposed by Senator Olson. He says that while the present law contains a \$1500 exemption clause, property valued at \$100,000 can be claimed as a homestead and held out on creditors in case of bankruptcy. Also that a mechanics lien for repairs can be defeated by claiming the property as a homestead. Remedies are provided for these exemptions in the Olson bill, which was introduced and passed in the house last session, but lost in the senate during the closing hours.

Illegitimate Child Given Recognition. Two bills relating to the illegitimate child were introduced in the senate. Senator Olson introduced a bill providing for the prosecution of the father of such a child if he refused to make a settlement with the mother or provide for the child's maintenance, while Senator Smith of Josephine introduced a bill providing for a forced marriage of the parents of an illegitimate child.

Both bills give such a child the same rights of inheritance of the property of its father as are accorded a legitimate child. Would Make Streams Log Highways. To open the streams of Oregon as public highways for the rafting and floating of logs and other timber products is the apparent purpose of a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Olson of Multnomah.

The bill provides that all corporations organized for the purpose of driving, catching, booming or rafting of logs or other timber products shall be under the jurisdiction of the public service commission, which shall provide a method for marking logs for identification and prescribe reasonable rates for floating logs.

Would Know About Traveling Money. The house passed, under suspension of the rules, a resolution directing every state official, department, board and commission, from the governor down, to furnish a "complete, detailed statement of all money expended in the payment of traveling expenses during the years 1915 and 1916, with the date of expenditure, by whom expended, and for what purpose." This information is requested not later than January 18.

Legislative Brevities. Sentiment in both senate and house is strongly in favor of any law that will be acceptable to the prohibition forces.

The first money bill to make its appearance from the hands of the ways and means committee came into the house in the shape of an appropriation of \$25,000 for the payment of mileage and per diem of the members of the legislature.

Oregon's normal school at Monmouth will receive an appropriation of \$81,000 for the biennial period beginning this year, according to a bill introduced by Representatives Staffin and Fuller, of Polk county.

After a lively debate the senate adopted a resolution authorizing the employment of G. Walter Griffin, a prominent Eugene business man, to serve as clerk for Senator Bingham, who is in New York, and will not be in attendance during the session.

Members of the senate went on record as favoring prohibition when, without argument or discussion, the joint memorials introduced by Senator Eddy, asking congress to prohibit the use of the mails for liquor advertising purposes, and one for the submission of a national prohibition amendment to the states, were adopted unanimously.

Examinations

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service) The eighth grade examinations began Thursday with twelve candidates for diplomas. Arithmetic was taken first, and was considered by many to be the most difficult set of questions given for some years. Mrs. C. A. Howard had charge of the grade. The physiology examination was taken by the Sixth A class and the geography questions by the Seventh A.

Examinations for the other grades and high school will begin early this week and promotion day will be on Friday, the 26th.

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SUMMONS
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos

Cutlbert Peart, Plaintiff,
vs.
John Peart, Will Peart, Art Peart and C. K. Kistner, Partners, doing business under the firm name and style of, Peart Brothers and Company, Defendants.

To John Peart, Will Peart, and Art Peart, defendants above named:—
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON:—You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in this above entitled action, on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, which prescribed time is six weeks, the last day of which time is Tuesday the 20th day of February, 1917, and if you fail to so appear and answer the said complaint by said time the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his said complaint, a verdict of judgment in his favor to be entered on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, together with his costs and disbursements in this action, and for an order of sale of the real property and the personal property attached herein.

Service of this summons is made by publication in pursuance of an order made by the Hon. James Watson, County Judge of the County of Coos, Oregon, dated the 6th day of January, 1917, directing the publication thereof in the Coquille Herald, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, once a week for a period of six consecutive weeks, commencing on the 9th day of January, 1917, and ending on the 20th day of February, 1917.
R. H. BARROW,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Residing at Coquille, Oregon. 1-9-17

Sheriff's Sale of Real Property on Foreclosure

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Coos and dated on the 14th day of November, 1916, upon a judgment and decree duly rendered and entered of record and docketed in and by said Court on the 30th day of October, 1916, in a certain suit then in said Court pending, wherein William Norris was plaintiff and Florence A. Barton, J. S. Barton, her husband, C. F. McKnight, E. D. Sperry, and Geo. A. Robinson, were defendants in favor of plaintiff and against said defendants by which execution I am commanded to sell the property in said execution and hereinafter described to pay the sum due the plaintiff of \$1108.00 with interest, Attorney fee of \$100.00, Taxes paid by plaintiff on said premises \$55.87 and costs and disbursements taxed at \$23.90, and to pay the sum due the defendant, Geo. A. Robinson, of \$259.20 with interest and the further sum of \$50.00 as expenses of said execution I, W. L. O'NEILL, Sheriff of the County of Coos, Oregon, on WEDNESDAY, THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1917, at the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, for sale and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand on the day of sale all of the right, title and interest of the said defendants, Florence A. Barton and J. S. Barton, her husband, and all persons claiming under them subsequent to the plaintiff's claim in, of and to said mortgaged premises, said mortgaged premises herebefore mentioned are described in said execution, as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the South boundary of the extension of Spurgeon Street, in Coquille City, now City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, 971.1 feet South and 918 feet West of the quarter Section corner on the North boundary of Section 1, in Township 28 South of Range 13 West, of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence South 680 feet, more or less, to the North line of the land of William Kistner as now established; thence East 100 feet; thence North 680 feet, more or less, to the South boundary of said extension of Spurgeon Street; thence West 100 feet along the South boundary of said extension of Spurgeon Street to the place of beginning, containing 1.56 acres of land, more or less.

Said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1917.
W. W. GAGE,
Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon.
1-9-17

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned did on the 12th day of January, 1917, file in the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, her final account in the matter of the administration of the estate of Isaac N. DeLong, deceased, and that said Court has set Monday, the 19th day of February, 1917, as the day and the County Court room in the County Court house at the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1917.
ANNE DELONG,
Administratrix of the Estate of Isaac N. DeLong. 1-16-17

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The High School Herald

Edited by Students of Coquille High School Herald's Special News Service

Wins From Marshfield

The Coquille High school basketball team again came off with flying colors Friday night when they defeated Marshfield in a closely contested game on the local floor by a score of 21 to 19. The game was featured by rough, fast playing, and suspense as to the final outcome increased throughout the game as the score fluctuated back and forth and neither team succeeded in securing what could be called a safe lead.

Coquille drew first blood by scoring a field basket shortly after the game opened and several more were added to this before the visitors succeeded in dropping the ball through the iron hoop. Crouch was playing a brilliant game at forward and succeeded in marking up three field goals to his credit during the half and added two more in the second half. Toward the latter part of the half Marshfield got into the running and scored three field goals and three fouls. The score at the end of the first half stood 12 to 7 in favor of Coquille.

Rumors from the Bay, which had reached here before the game, were to the effect that Chapman, playing guard for the visitors, was a player of extraordinary ability. During the first half the reputed star, while he played a good game seemed to be easy money for the guarding of the Coquille team and but one basket was credited to him. In the second half he secured two more.

At the beginning of the second half the Marshfield quintet reduced the lead of Coach Gary's team to one point and the playing became fast and furious. Each team saw a chance for victory and went right out after it. When the final whistle blew, however, Coquille was two points in the lead.

The most spectacular feature of the game was a basket made by Crouching, playing guard, on a long shot from the middle of the hall.

The lineup was:
Marshfield: Forward—Davis; Center—Crouch; Guard—Stanley; Guard—Lorenz; Guard—Onas, Oerding.
Coquille: Forward—Myrtle; Center—Lloyd; Guard—Barbara; Guard—Rube; Guard—Rube; Guard—Rube.

A preliminary between a small boys' team from Marshfield and one from here resulted in a score of 12 to 10 for the visitors.

The other preliminary was played by the Freshmen and "Outlaw" girls' teams of C. H. S. and the score was 13 to 10 in favor of the "Outlaws."

The next game to be played by the best team will be at Myrtle Point a week from Friday. Supposedly to get a line on the method of the local quintet, the Myrtle Point team was present at the game Friday night and witnessed the defeat of the Marshfield aggregation.

The report comes from Bandon that

that team defeated North Bend Friday night by a score of 47 to 7. Coquille now remains the only team in the county that has not been defeated this year and the hopes of the school are high. However, there are some hard games yet to be played and there will be no let-up in the strenuous practicing which the team has been doing.

After the game Friday night the High school entertained the visiting team at a dance given in their honor at the Ko-Kel Club rooms which was an unqualified success.

Outlaws and Freshies

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service) The freshmen girls and the "Outlaws," as they are called, played a very interesting game of basketball last night of the big game between Marshfield and Coquille.

The final score was 13 to 5, in favor of the Outlaws. The Freshies went into the game with the intention of wiping their opponents off the earth, but they were sadly disappointed.

There was a resolution made before the game that the losing team would give the winning team a good feed. This was to prevent any hard feelings on the side of either team. But the Freshies refused to do so after they saw who won.

The line-up was as follows:
Outlaws: Myrtle—Cunningham; F. A. Anderson; L. Curry; F. K. Price; M. E. Law; C. M. Cunningham; M. Norton; G. June-Willey; E. McLeod; G. R. McDonald.

Barbara Tröfcher was put in to play the second half, but before the game ended she was disabled and after some delay Rube McDonald was put back in to finish the game.

Merey Mentioned

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service) Jan. 15, Miss Bay gave a very interesting talk before the High School on Lloyd George, Prime Minister of England. She gave some interesting facts of his life history, before he became prime minister and down to the present time. It was very much enjoyed by the entire student body.

At last Monday's assembly Mr. Gary and the various members of the basketball team gave a short talk. All said that the large number of rooters helped them to win.

Last Tuesday Mr. Glen J. McAdams gave a very interesting talk to the high school. Mr. McAdams is a manager of the Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau. He graduated from Willamette University in 1915, and is an old friend and schoolmate of Mr. Gary's. In his talk he spoke mostly of the value of sticking to school and securing an education. He also said, in regard to the next number of the lyceum course, that it was sure to be excellent. He knew of no better speaker than Mr. Herbman.

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