

OREGON LAWMAKERS' WORK AS REVIEWED

Tension Between Legislature and Governor Acute.

VETOED MEASURES PASSED

Talk of Organizing Two-Thirds Majority to Pass Possible Vetoes—Governor Will Draw Deadline on Appropriations—Liquor Bills Numerous—Widow's Pension Bill Passes House.

Salem.—The only important work accomplished during the second week's session of the legislature, aside from the election of Dr. Harry Lane to the United States senate, which was a mere perfunctory matter devoid of the old time political interest, was the passage of several vetoed bills of the last session over Governor West's head. The important bills introduced this session are mostly in the committee stage, or have only passed one house.

The vetoed bills passed included the Thompson bill, relative to land drainage, the bill relating to formation of new counties, leaving division to people in counties affected, salary increases for district attorneys in fourth and fifth districts and bill creating livestock sanitary board and appropriating \$5,000 for eradication of contagious diseases.

The tension between the legislature and the governor became acute during the week and the indications pointed to a lively scrap between the executive and the lawmakers. The inception of the warfare was the action of the house in lining up with the senate in passing vetoed bills over his head. The governor was particularly irritated over the prospect of the passage of the Warner Lake bill, which he claimed was not for the interest of actual settlers but for land speculators. He gave notice that he would use the veto as freely on bills. There was talk among members of organizing the two branches with a two-thirds majority to pass bills by the wholesale over his veto. It was also suggested that the session might be extended over the usual forty days, in order to override the governor's vetoes.

Deadline on Appropriations
The governor announced that he would draw a deadline on appropriations and that nothing above a certain amount would receive his approval. He explained that he will have a chart drawn, which will be placed in a conspicuous place in the state house, on which a line will be drawn at the top, in red ink, and it will carry in figures the limit he is willing to go on appropriations. This chart will be prepared some time this week, and each day the money bills will be posted on it. As they become laws the total will be shown and after the deadline is passed the ax will fall no matter who is hit.

The temper of the legislature seems to be to take issue with the governor, and unless oil is poured on the troubled waters there will be some fireworks before the close of the session.

449 Measures Introduced
With adjournment at the end of the second week 296 bills had been introduced in the house of representatives and 163 bills in the senate, or a total of 449 bills so far this session. Last

session at the close of the second week 172 bills had been introduced in the house and 125 in the senate.

During the second week of the session six house bills passed the senate and two of them were signed by the governor. The two signed by the governor, both repeal old sections of the code. In addition to these two Campbell's bill, relating to the term of office of certain state officers; Lewelling's bill, to abolish the office of state land agent; Heitzel's bill, relating to the manner of executing the satisfaction of mortgages and Hinkle's bill relating to limitation of indebtedness for irrigation districts, all house bills, have passed the senate. The house has so far passed no senate bills.

Many Liquor Laws Proposed
This session of the legislature has seen the introduction of more bills relating to the liquor business and morals than any for several years past. Many of them, in fact a majority of them, have emanated from the governor. This is not true of one of the more important, which came in the shape of a resolution to place before the people at the next general election a constitutional amendment providing for the repeal of the home rule amendment. It is introduced with his approval, however.

The house has passed Blanchard's bill striking at the owners of places of ill repute, and the senate has passed Calkin's bill to give a right of action for damages to the family of an habitual drunkard or intoxicated person to whom liquor is sold in violation of law. This week the senate is expected to pass Hoskin's bill prohibiting the sale of any kind of intoxicants outside the limits of incorporated cities and towns.

Radical changes in the judicial system are proposed by a bill introduced by Representative Latourette, of Multnomah. If it becomes a law, circuit courts and county courts will be abolished, and their places will be taken by superior courts.

Under the terms of the bill, there are to be no judicial districts in the state, but in each of the organized counties of the state there shall be a superior court for which at least one judge shall be elected by the voters of that county, or group of counties.

Bar Outside Money From Campaigns
It will be a felony for any person, firm, association or corporation within the state of Oregon to receive either directly or indirectly any pay, compensation or reward of any kind from any person, firm or corporation from outside the state of Oregon for the purpose of assisting in the adoption or defeat of any measure proposed under the initiative, if a bill in the senate by Thompson becomes a law.

The bill is framed with the purpose of striking at such organizations as the Fels fund commission.

Will Investigate State Institutions
The membership of various committees of investigation of state institutions authorized by the Lewelling resolution, consisting of two from the senate and three from the house, was provided in a joint resolution introduced in the house by Representative Lewelling of Linn.

The house passed the resolution, but the senate voted it down. By special request of Governor West, however, this action was reconsidered and the resolution adopted.

Widow's Pension Passes House
The house passed by unanimous vote house bill 169, which provides for financial assistance from the various

counties for women with one or more children who are unable to work, and whose husbands are dead or inmates of some Oregon institution.

By the provisions of the bill, the county is to pay \$10 a month to dependent women having one child under 16 years of age, and \$7.50 a month for each additional child. Women only partially dependent are to be paid enough to bring their incomes to the same figure. Administration of the act is to be under exclusive jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

Provides Recall From Congress
To make it possible to recall United States senators and representatives in congress from Oregon is the purpose of a bill introduced in the house by Representative Lawrence of Multnomah. The bill requires that any person who shall be a candidate for the United States Senate or for Congress shall, at the time of filing his declaration of intention to become a candidate, sign one of two statements. If he signs one he agrees that if at any election a majority of those voting on the question of recalling him shall vote for his recall, he will resign the office within 24 hours after he shall receive the official returns of the recall election. If he signs the other statement he plainly says that he will not resign in case a majority of the voters shall vote for his recall.

Marriages May Be Easier
Instead of having his operations confined to one county in the matter of uniting two souls with but a single thought, a regularly accredited preacher will be able to perform marriages in any county in the state, if a bill introduced by Representative Howard, of Douglas, himself a minister, becomes a law. The bill also provides that county clerks, on issuing a marriage license, are to obtain from the applicants certain information which preachers ordinarily desire before performing a marriage ceremony, which is to be attached to the license.

Legislative Brevities
A bill to create a state fire marshal, carrying with it an appropriation of \$15,000, was presented in the house.

The state senate adopted a memorial addressed to President-elect Wilson, asking him to appoint a man from the Pacific coast as secretary of the interior.

Bills to appropriate \$371,000 for the University of Oregon and \$317,833.73 for the Oregon Agricultural college were introduced in the house by the ways and means committee.

Ne more will the traveler by train or steamboat go thirsty for lack of a drinking cup, if a bill introduced in the house by Representative Belland is passed. He would compel steamship and railroad companies carrying passengers to furnish sanitary drinking cups free.

With the passage of Senator Wood's bill for the creation of new counties, which has become a law without the approval of the governor, the way has been opened to the formation of new counties without a vote by the people of the state, and without a fight in the legislature.

A bill that proposes every pound of meat offered for sale in the state of Oregon, and not subject to government inspection, shall be subjected to an inspection to determine its wholesomeness for food, was introduced in the house by Representative Westerlund, of Jackson county.

At the close of the second week the appropriation bills proposed amounted to \$3,422,081, to say nothing of numerous minor demands for per diem and expenses which probably will figure an easy \$100,000 more.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Baker Will Vote On Water Bonds
Baker.—A special election for the purpose of voting on bonds for the sum of \$165,000 to complete the Baker water system will be held in the near future, the city attorney having been instructed by the board of commissioners to prepare an ordinance to that effect. Two questions will be submitted. One will authorize the issue of \$94,703 to repair six and three-quarters miles of line between the settling tank and reservoir, and the other the issuance of the whole amount of \$165,000 to do the work and construct new feeders to several other streams to which the city has title.

Medford Plan is Unique
Medford.—Medford's newly-elected mayor, W. W. Effert, launched what is believed to be an innovation in American municipal government when at his formal installation he announced that in addition to the office of mayor and council he would appoint an advisory cabinet of prominent citizens from different walks of life who would be asked to attend every meeting of the city council and confer with the city officers regarding all matters of municipal administration.

MERCHANTS END SESSION

Le Grande Chosen for Next Meeting at Oregon Retailers Convention
Albany.—After recommending important legislation affecting mercantile conditions, electing officers for the ensuing year and choosing Le Grande as the meeting place of next year's convention, the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association adjourned its seventh annual convention here.

J. L. Stockton, of Salem, was unanimously re-elected president of the association and Leo R. Merrick, of Portland, was unanimously re-elected secretary for the ensuing year. Other officers were chosen as follows: W. A. Bell, of Eugene, first vice-president; F. J. Fletcher, of Albany, second vice-president; J. G. Snodgrass, of La Grande, third vice-president; Thomas C. Watts, of Reuben (re-elected) treasurer; W. F. Isaacs, of Medford, C. H. Burkholder, of McMinnville, C. H. Burkholder, of Cottage Grove, Emil Gunther, of Portland, J. C. Mann, of Portland, John E. Malley, of Portland, E. Alexander, of Pendleton, E. Polack, of La Grande, and T. A. Leohey, of Astoria, directors.

"Movies" to Depict Poultry

Corvallis.—Professor James Dryden, head of the department of poultry husbandry, will spend the next three weeks in touring the state, giving lectures on poultry-raising and illustrating the subject by means of the moving picture film which was made at Oregon Agricultural college and which has proved an innovation in teaching the lessons of proper methods in poultry husbandry.

LABOR DIVIDED ON BILL

Oregon Federation Repudiates Measure as Ambiguous

Salem.—The State Federation of Labor concluded its annual session Saturday after a four days' discussion of the problems before organized labor.

The matter which brought out the liveliest discussion and produced the widest divergence of opinion was the employees' compensation act, now before the legislature. By a vote of 54 to 23 the convention repudiated the bill, and by a vote of 43 to 28 passed a resolution severely condemning Representative A. W. Lawrence, of Multnomah county, for introducing the measure before having consulted the labor forces. This is the bill which was drawn by a composite committee representing both employers and the labor people.

The principal arguments used by the opponents of the bill, aside from its doubtful constitutionality, are the claims that some parts, particularly section 15, are ambiguous, and that room is left for doubtful constructions by the courts.

In lieu of the rejected bill, the federation decided to frame its own measure, and have it ready for introduction at the next legislative session or initiate it at the general election in 1914.

Farmers of Wasco Meet

The Dalles.—The second annual meeting of farmers of this district was held here under the auspices of the Fruit Growers' association, 200 farmers and merchants attending.

Trainload of Insane Reaches Pendleton

Pendleton.—After an all day trip, uneventful insofar as the behavior of the 300 patients were concerned, the special train carrying the insane from the Salem institution to their new home in this city arrived here Saturday.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Yamhill county now has a realty board.

Eugene is going to have a new high school building in the near future.

H. N. Foster, a well known citizen of Corvallis, committed suicide Saturday. The third annual show of the Oregon Cat club was held in Portland last week.

February 12 has been designated as "Earth Education Day" for the schools of Oregon.

The state railroad commission has ordered a new railroad station for Monmouth.

Charged with killing an aged trapper in his cabin, 35 miles from Burns, Robert Shieze was arrested.

Movement is under way in the treasury department to abolish the office of tea inspector at Portland, transferring this work to Tacoma.

The best quality show yet held by the Umatilla-Morrow county poultry association was brought to a close Saturday after running a week.

Representative Hawley has secured an appropriation of \$6000 in the river and harbor bill for making a correct survey of the Coquille river.

Monroe celebrated Saturday because of the actual laying of steel rails through the city by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway company.

William D. Haywood, former president of the Western Federation of Miners, and at present one of the big organizers of the I. W. W., was in Portland Sunday.

The chamber of commerce of the United States has elected as director for Washington, Oregon and California, A. H. Averill of the chamber of commerce, Portland.

The senate public lands committee has reported favorably the house bill to adjust conflicting claims to lands within the Corvallis and Yaquina Bay Military Wagon Road grant.

The new year is only a few weeks along, but Klamath Falls already has two elections in sight. The first will be to adopt a new charter and the next to vote on the wet and dry issue.

Daniel Bruhn, superintendent of the Porter Brothers' railroad construction gang at Mapleton, was beheaded by a flying rap. The body was hurled into the Sluslaw river and carried away.

Hop-growing will be a course of study to appear in the 1913-14 catalog of Oregon Agricultural college for the first time. The subject will be handled in the department of agronomy.

T. E. York, an inmate of the Oregon penitentiary, has absolutely refused to accept a pardon at the hands of Governor West. The refusal baffled federal officers who were waiting to arrest him on a government charge.

All road supervisors of Lane county have been invited by the county court to attend a convention in Eugene February 8, when problems of road construction and repair will be discussed by men expert in road building.

One hundred and thirty business men of the state, who were attending the seventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants association at Albany, came to Corvallis Friday morning on a special train to visit the college.

The German Consolidated societies of Oregon held their sixth annual convention in Portland Sunday. These societies are composed of 17 different organizations located in various sections of the state, with a membership of nearly 7000.

The F. P. Mining company of Oakland, Cal., holders of an electric interurban franchise at Medford, has closed a deal for the purchase of the F. W. Waite tract, 1 1/2 miles from Ashland. The tract consists of 2000 acres and the price paid was \$400,000.

With authority given by Attorney-General Wickersham, District Attorney McCourt at Portland dismissed the indictments against A. R. Downs and Ed R. Downs. These were among the indictments returned under the direction of Francis J. Heney during 1905 in the famous land fraud cases.

C. G. Hodes, a well known business man of Oregon City, who has been missing since January 19, was found a hundred yards off the public highway leading to Willamette, about a half mile from the Willamette Falls railway depot, as West Oregon City. He was lying face downward in a crevice between two large boulders on a rocky cliff, which overhangs the public highway.

During the year 1912, according to official figures made public by the department of commerce and labor, Portland exported 6,810,206 bushels of wheat, valued at \$6,273,825, as compared with 7,703,061 bushels in 1911, representing a total valuation of \$6,570,095. These statistics show that Portland ranks fourth among the wheat exporting districts for the past year.

The secretary of state has been furnished by the national government with figures showing the exact distribution of the timbered area of the state by counties. The data are obtained by the national forest service, and are used in figuring the apportionment of funds accruing to the various sections from the administration of the forest lands. This sum totals \$42,559.52.

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A well esteemed preacher and a community that was rather notorious for the stinginess of its inhabitants, according to Lippincott's, suddenly announced his resignation, and the deacons immediately sought him out for his reasons.
"My decision has been brought out by the negligence of my congregation," announced the divine.
"Why, sir," protested one of the hearers, "I can't see how you can accuse us of negligence. The church is crowded every Sunday."
"Oh, yes," agreed the preacher, "but what I accuse them of is contributory negligence."

They All Write.
"The Rousmittens are a literary family, aren't they?"
"Yes, they have a common genius."
"What do you mean by that?"
"Well, the son writes plays that nobody will act; the daughter writes poetry that nobody will print, and the mother writes novels that nobody will read."
"Does the father write anything?"
"Sure! Papa writes checks that nobody will cash."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.