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REVIEW OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Final Week of Session Commences With Usual Jam of Unfinished Business.

Proposed Special Election June 7.
A bill providing for a special state election on June 7 was introduced in the senate. The election would afford the voters an opportunity to pass upon the several constitutional amendments which have been and are yet to be referred to the voters by the present legislative session. Among these problems are soldiers' bonus, the department of hydro-electric power and extension of the legislative session to 60 days.

Oregon's delegation in congress was memorialized by the legislature to procure the enactment of legislation which will provide ships or cargo space for supplies for the sufferers in China and the near east.

Logged-Off Land Bill Passes House.
Development of logged-off lands in Oregon through the creation of logged-off land districts, similar in character to irrigation districts, is provided in a bill which was passed by the house with but one dissenting vote.

Members of the house from coast counties championed the bill when it reached the house. It was asserted that through the passage of this bill thousands of acres of land now useless could be transformed into productive agricultural lands, increasing the value of such lands and also the tax value, which would bring additional revenue to the state.

The bill provides for the creation of logged-off land districts in Oregon through petition to the county courts and the holding of elections, at which authority can be granted not alone for the creation of districts, but also for the issuance of bonds.

State Aid For Power Plants.
Amendment of the constitution so as to allow the state to lend its credit and incur indebtedness in an amount not to exceed four per cent of the valuation of all assessable property for the purpose of providing funds with which to acquire, construct and develop hydro-electric power plants, and generate and transmit the power for use at a reasonable rate, is provided in a senate joint resolution introduced by Senators Joseph and Norblad and Representatives Bean and Woodson.

Provision is made in the resolution that any plant so constructed under the terms of the amendment shall be sold at such price as will tend to promote the industrial development of the state, and with a view to ultimately repay to the state all moneys invested in such development.

For the purpose of handling the bonds necessary to carry out the intent of the act, there is provided a hydro-electric power commission to be composed of the state engineer, attorney-general and the superintendent of banks.

Would Revise Constitution.
A move to revise the constitution of Oregon has been begun through the introduction of a house bill by Representative Sheldon, of Jackson county.

Under the Sheldon bill, a committee of fifteen is to be appointed by the supreme court to prepare a revised draft of the state constitution. The committee is instructed to retain in the new constitution all provisions in principle that the people have voted into the present constitution, and the matters now in the constitution which the committee may deem more properly belonging in the state's statutes are to be preserved as legislation.

This committee would have four years in which to complete its work.

Legislative Brevities.
The house defeated the proposed plan of a state special agent and deputies to enforce the prohibition laws.

A house bill, intended to prohibit aliens or disloyal persons from teaching in the schools, failed to pass the senate.

In a joint session the legislature memorialized congress to assist in the world's fair and exposition to be held in Portland in 1925.

The senate, by a vote of 20 to 9, passed Senator Banks' bill providing free textbooks in the elementary schools of the state.

In case a bill introduced by Senator Hume becomes a law, physicians will be compelled to write their prescriptions in the English language.

Representative Richard's bill, to

of all of the taxpayers, instead of from a selected list, as at present, was defeated.

An effort to amend the Oregon statutes to require all women seeking to obtain marriage licenses in this state to submit to a physical examination as is required of men was defeated in the house.

Organized labor won its first battle of the present legislative session when it succeeded in indefinitely postponing Representative Hosford's bill repealing the "lawful picketing act," passed by the 1919 legislature.

CORN COBS ARE DIET OF HUNGRY CHINESE

Oregon Nurse Writes That Misery Stalks Through North China.

That a steady diet of ground-up corn cobs and sweet potato vines is not conducive to an ideal physical condition is attested by Miss Marie Rustin, graduate nurse, well known in Oregon, who is now in charge of the Taylor Memorial hospital, under the management of the American Presbyterian mission at Paotingfu, China.

In a letter written by Miss Rustin less than eight weeks ago to the members of the Sangrael Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church in Portland, Miss Rustin tells of the appalling conditions throughout North China, where 45,000,000 men, women and children are confronted with starvation and where 15,000 are dying daily. Miss Rustin has been at Paotingfu for about three years and for many months past, like all other mission attaches and relief workers in China, has been concentrating all efforts on the task of lessening the suffering of the famine victims.

While Paotingfu is on the outskirts of the great drought-ridden famine district, just south of Peking, Miss Rustin writes that even there all the missions and relief stations are literally swamped with the supplications of many thousand men, women and children who are half-clad in thin rags, weak from undernourishment and struggling desperately to keep alive on roots, bark or anything that offers sustenance. The situation in the heart of the famine section, she says, is simply beyond the imagination.

"We are doing all we can," writes Miss Rustin, "here in our hospital trying to build up the weakened bodies of famine sufferers who come to us in frightful condition. We are getting patients who have been trying to live on ground-up corn cobs and sweet potato vines. We have all been asked to give until it hurts, and now that it has grown so cold we do not dare to think of freezing, starving thousands right at our door. In going to a soup kitchen where we feed 670 people twice a day, I was surrounded so by the poor creatures that I thought they would crush the life out of me before I could get in and coming out it was the same way. They are so hungry and cold they are desperate. Personally I have gone without \$3 worth of milk a month that I used to use, do not eat butter at all and have only eaten bread once a day for the last three months, in order to give to the famine poor. Through this personal sacrifice I have the joy of knowing that three girls who might have been sold have been saved from a life of shame and misery and that one man will be kept alive for five months."

"A friend sent me a check the other day and I was able to save a girl from being sold and she will be put in school. Things are being started to help these poor souls, but there is a long, hard pull until the harvest time. You can all help by giving to the China famine fund and share in the great opportunities of saving life and opening the way for Christianity, for the Chinese people will surely be interested in what we have to tell them of the gospel if we are good to them now in their great trouble."

State Manager J. J. Handsaker, in charge of the executive work for Oregon for the combined China-Near East campaign, 606 Stock Exchange building, Portland, says the situation is no less serious in the near east than in China, and liberal funds must be raised for both causes if wholesale death by starvation is to be prevented, or even lessened.

Family of Seven Die Together.

Because they could no longer stand the agonies of starvation, a Chinese family of seven committed suicide. The father and mother first bound their five children together, then lashed themselves to the children, and all leaped into a river. The seven bodies, all bound together, were seen by L. V. Lewis of Portland, who recently returned from the famine section in North China.

"With 45,000,000 starving, the situation is a colossal tragedy," said Mr. Lewis, "and rather than see their children die we must do something to help all

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through the famine lands are killing their little ones and then themselves. There are millions of gaunt, emaciated, half-naked men, women and children roaming the famine lands, chewing roots and bark, and hanging tenaciously to life, in the effort to pull through until spring. The relief organizations are struggling against the overwhelming situation, and are saving some of those on the edge of the great famine district. Surely every man, woman and child in Oregon will want to give something towards the China Famine Fund."

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drouth, says: "Their clothes are ragged and scanty. Their only food is a gruel made of weeds, leaves, chaff and corn-cobs. One cold night in January in one refugee camp alone, one thousand of these starved, weakened human creatures froze to death. What is to be done must be done within the next five months, yes, within the next two or three months. Otherwise millions will perish."

The death rate in the famine section is estimated at 15,000 daily, with typhus and other diseases beginning to rage. The only hope of the despairing millions is in food supplies provided in tremendous quantities by the people of the United States.