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WITH ONLY FOUR DISSENTING VOTES ROAD BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Submitted to People for Vote At a Special Election To Be Held June 4th, Next.

With only four dissenting votes, the \$8,000,000 road bonds measure, amended to provide for its submission to the people at a special election next June 4, passed the Senate Monday. It went immediately to the House for concurrence. Twenty-five to four was the vote by which the measure passed the Senate.

The four Senators who held out against any bonding measure to the bitter end, even after friends of the bill had made almost every concession asked and its ratification by the people had been accepted as a condition of its passage, were Dimick, La Follett, Pierce and Strayer.

Final passage of the bill followed an all-afternoon discussion of amendments as reported out by Senator Conrad P. Olson, chairman of the committee on roads and highways, and others proposed by various Senators in committees of the whole.

Except for one flurry, when Senators Dimick, Pierce and La Follett bitterly attacked the bill, this discussion was of the most friendly nature.

The bill, as amended in the roads and highways committee and the committee of the whole of the Senate, provides for an election on Monday, June 4, of this year; carries an emergency clause as far as the special election is concerned to avoid having the bill referred and carried over to November, 1918, and provides that out of the \$8,000,000 bond issue, \$600,000 worth of the bonds shall be issued in denominations of \$500 or less.

Amendments to the prospective routes of designated highways include that the West Side Pacific Highway shall pass through Corvallis and Monro, in Benton county; that the road from The Dalles to Redmond, Bend and Klamath Falls shall go from The Dalles to Redmond, via Dufur, Maupin and Shaniko; that an additional road be provided from Bend through Burns and Harney to Vale and that still another road be added from Albany, via Lebanon, Cascade and Fish Lake to Bend.

Provision also is made that in event 30 or more miles of the post road to Tillamook from Yamhill county be placed in readiness, or the same number of miles of the post road into Coos county be placed in readiness, that the State Highway Commission will complete the hard surfacing of such roads.

It also is provided that whenever any specific present highway is designated in the bill, such as the Pacific Highway, that the State Highway Commission shall be empowered to deviate the route of such highway in a local way only to meet engineering or other problems which might arise over the present routing of such highways.

Senator Walter M. Pierce of Union county, launched an attack on the whole bill and especially its submission at a special election. He was warmly answered by President Moser, Senator Olson, Senator Huston and others. He wanted the bill held until the general election in November and said that to be saved it must until then.

"I wish to remind the good Senator from Union, and all the Senators here," replied President Moser, who had left the chair to take part in the debate, "that the people of Oregon last November voted \$18,000,000 of bonds for rural credits.

"I believe the people will rally just as patriotically for these bonds to make good roads possible. They will help the farmers more than anybody else."

He pointed out that the bond issue is not to come out of the pockets of the taxpayers, but the doubling of the automobile license tax will pay off the interest and principal in 25 years, a capitalization of waste tires and gasoline under present bad-road conditions.

Following are eight propositions to be voted upon by the people of Oregon at a special election Monday, June 4:

State issue of \$8,000,000 in bonds to begin construction of a comprehensive system of roads and highways embracing the entire state.

Direct expenditure of \$100,000 a year for four years to build a new penitentiary at Salem.

To raise pay of legislators from \$3 a day to \$6 a day, extend legislative session to 60 days and limit number of bills that can be introduced by each member and each committee.

To authorize assessors of Western Oregon counties to restore Oregon & California grant lands to tax rolls.

Requiring municipalities to hold their primary and general elections on same day state primaries and general elections are held.

To provide for classified assessments of property with graduated rate of taxation on property of different classes.

To enable Port of Portland to build or to subsidize steamships and operate line of steamers to foreign and domestic ports.

To prevent repeal of any parts of state constitution by implication.

All acts of the Legislature against which the referendum is invoked also will be on the ballot.

City election in Portland on same day.

Don't fail to meet "Miss Molly" at the High school auditorium, Saturday evening, March 3rd.

School Notes.

[Continued.]

The Athena girls basket ball team won their fifth victory of the season last Friday evening when they defeated the Hermiston team by a score of 11 to 2 on the latter's floor. The boys put up a good fight but lost by a score of 24 to 14, owing to the fact that they were greatly handicapped by the slippery floor and the absence of two players, Elmer Martin, center, and Rex Payne, guard. Both teams have shown improvement over the previous games and stand a good chance of ending the season victorious. The Athena lineup was as follows: Kathryn Froom and Evelyn Hurd, forwards; Hazel Sanders, jumping center; Frances Fehr, running center; Marguerite McLennan and Eloise Bergevin, guards. Lawrence Tharp and Lloyd McPherrin, forwards; Verne Dudley, center; Lawson Booher and Ralph Richmond, guards. Claude King was substituted for Richmond in the last half.

Tonight in the High school gymnasium Athena will meet the Touchet team in a double header contest which will be the last games of this season on the home floor. Both games will be fast. The Touchet girls defeated the locals on the Touchet floor some time ago, but the local girls have been practicing hard and expect to win this game. The Athena boys won from Touchet on their floor and good things are expected of them tonight. Tomorrow night the girls' first team and boys' second will journey to Weston to play a double-header game in return for the one played here on February 3rd.

A "County Fair" will be held in the school gymnasium on the evening of March 10. The money received from the booths will be used for purchasing base ball suits for the High school team. A committee has been appointed to arrange the booths and "stunts" and an interesting time is guaranteed. This is the first entertainment of this kind to be held by the Athena school since 1912. Sandwiches and coffee will be served.

On April 7th will be staged the second high school play, "Mr. Bob," a comedy drama under the direction of Mrs. J. O. Russell. The cast, which will be announced later, will consist of students from each class, except those of the graduating class who took part in the first play, "Oak Farm."

Last Wednesday morning Rev. W. S. Gleiser and Mr. Stockton, the evangelist singer, visited the grade rooms, announcing the organization of the "booster band," in connection with the revival meetings of the Methodist church.

At the assembly Tuesday morning, Mr. Stockton, the evangelist singer at the Methodist church gave a short talk. His purpose was to interest the students in the meetings which are being held this week. His talk, which involved many amusing illustrations, was enjoyed by the entire student body. He arranged with the basket ball squads to boost for their games with Touchet tonight, providing they would attend the revival meetings and postpone the games until 8:15. The teams readily agreed.

The spelling contest which has been held for the past three weeks between the pupils of Miss Wagner's and Miss Fortna's rooms, resulted in a victory for Miss Fortna's pupils, with an average of 66 per cent. Miss Wagner's pupils receiving 48 per cent. The words, 645 in number, were taken from the Journal of Education for Jan. 25. The three highest contestants from Miss Fortna's room: Savannah Smith, 91 p. c.; Maebelle Duncan, 90 p. c.; Mildred Winship, 85 p. c. Miss Wagner's room: Sadie Pambrun, 81 p. c.; Lucinda Dell, 73 p. c. Lawrence Estes, 71 p. c.

Miss Barnes now has a total enrollment of 40 pupils, Cecil Maestretti having entered school this week, and Eppa Fierol, who has been away since Christmas, returned recently.

Winston Taggart, a pupil of Miss Sherman's room, has gone to Spokane.

Mrs. Wm. McPherson, a former Athena teacher, visited the school recently.

BLOCKADE EFFECT IS SERIOUSLY FELT

CAR SHORTAGE A BIG HANDICAP

Congestion at Eastern Terminals and Halting Sea Traffic Entails Serious Loss.

On top of the car shortage that has crippled Oregon industries, prevented the shipment of a big part of last year's wheat crop to market and incidentally, says the Oregonian, played its part in forcing up prices of goods brought here for consumption, looms now added grief for the producer and shipper of the Pacific Northwest because of the virtual freight blockade that has come as the result of the vexed international situation.

It is true, say those in close touch with industrial affairs, that conditions as regards the shipment and export of Oregon products could not be much worse than they are now; nevertheless, they are apprehensive that the promised relief will be delayed interminably and perhaps the situation will grow even worse.

"The effect of it all, will likely be to intensify the unfavorable situation that now confronts us in the Pacific Northwest," said J. N. Teal. "Unless the blockade is broken the effect will certainly be felt here. All that will be required will be a little time for the piling up of the traffic to make itself noticed here."

It is declared that the result of the congestion now so marked at the Eastern terminals will be not unlike that of pouring water into a reservoir already well filled. Hopes that recently were entertained for removal of the embargo on freight shipments from the West which the railroads had imposed upon all but perishable products. It now seems the raising of the embargo must necessarily be delayed, probably for a long period.

With ocean tonnage almost a negligible quantity for carrying Northwest products to market, because of the unprecedented demand made by the ships of all classes, with the railroads refusing eastbound freight, save certain specified kinds, and with the Eastern terminals crammed with goods that cannot now be exported, the Oregon producer is not altogether in a happy frame of mind today.

The added glut of freight put upon the Eastern terminals because of the submarine situation will not have the effect of releasing cars for Western loading, either, because the thousands of freight cars in the Eastern yards are themselves used for temporary warehouses to hold the goods that cannot be unloaded because there are no ships in which to place the goods and the warehouses are already full.

How long this piling up of exports at the Atlantic ports will continue can only be surmised. But until there is again an outlet for shipments, the situation here in Oregon, it is said, cannot improve materially.

23 Years Ago.

[From the Press of Feb. 23 1894]

Marriage licenses were issued to David F. Lavender and Miss Ella Price, and Henry C. Craig and Miss Jennie Light.

Mosgrove Bros. last Saturday made a real estate deal with Geo. A. Hartman, of Pendleton, by which they got a band of horses and some land in Baker county.

Joel Gerking, who has been working in the John Day country, returned to Athena Monday.

Judge Gilman and C. A. Barrett attended the meeting of the republican county central committee in Pendleton.

The Masque ball given last evening in the opera house in Weston, by the Weston band was a decided success.

Sixteen persons were ducked under the cold waters of the Umatilla river at Pendleton, last Sunday as converts to the Seventh Day Adventists faith.

Tuesday night was coldest of the winter. The mercury registered 2 degrees below in Athena, and at Waterman station, on the W. and C. R. road, north of the city it fell to six below.

Pat Maxwell returned on Monday from Dufur, Oregon, where he went in quest of relief for his terrible affliction. His friends will be grieved to learn that he has not improved, but instead has gradually grown worse.

Coon skins are coming in lively to McMinnville and bring 30 cents each.

The Athena Orchestra furnished the music for the Masque Ball at Weston last night.

J. T. Hinkle, a former editor of the Alliance Herald, was married at Denver, Idaho, on Jan. 1st, to Miss Ada Cooper, formerly of La Grande.

The democratic central committee for this county met at the court house yesterday and made arrangements for the coming election. There were about 20 of the 30 members present. Felix Mitchell as chairman presided and T. G. Hailey acted as clerk. Geo. Hartman, of Pendleton, R. M. Powers, of Weston and L. B. Plants, of Milton, were appointed as committee on credentials. The next democratic convention will be composed of 181 members.

The electric lights on the State House were lit for the first time last Sunday night.

Another populist paper has perished out. The Amity Poppin is dead. It no longer fills a "long felt" want. The people are coming to their senses.

R. E. Storey, assistant principal in the Athena public school after this week goes to Adams. He will take charge of the school there. Mr. Storey is a thorough teacher in every sense of the term, and has many staunch friends among the patrons of our school. The Athena school will continue with four teachers.

Quite a number of those who enjoy dancing assembled at the home of Victor Shick, Monday night and spent the evening with keeping step to the music.

B. F. Marcus the aspirant for assessor on the republican ticket, was in the city Tuesday, shaking hands with everybody.

WHITMAN COLLEGE BRINGS WILL SUIT

PRESTON CODICIL IS ATTACKED

Son is Declared to Have Prevented Gift of \$100,000 for a Scholarship Fund.

Whitman College, named as one of the chief beneficiaries under the will of the late W. G. Preston, but eliminated entirely in the codicil to the will, took steps yesterday in an effort to have the codicil set aside. Undue influence on the part of Charles Bliss Preston and his wife, of Portland, son and daughter-in-law of the late Waitsburg capitalist, is alleged. Something like \$100,000 is involved in the suit.

Mr. Preston died at the home of his son in Portland in February, 1916. The will set forth that his interest in a valuable farm was to go to Whitman College, subject to the payment of half the income to Charles Preston, the money to be used to establish a Preston fund to be used by Whitman to give free scholarships to poor boys and girls. The codicil vacated these provisions, and gave the property to his son.

Whitman's trustees, in their suit, charge that Mr. Preston, at the time he made the codicil, was not of sound mind and memory, and that he was influenced by his son. The case was set for hearing March 27.

Crawled Mile in Snow.

Lou Blinn of Bingham Springs, is in a Pendleton hospital as a result of an experience that almost cost him his life. He went fishing last week and in jumping across a stream slipped and fell, breaking both bones of his leg. He was two miles from camp and there was five feet of snow on the ground. Determined to reach home he broke up his fish pole and made splints for his leg. After crawling a mile and a half over the snow he kept calling, and was heard by Forest Ranger Baker and W. W. Hoch, who rescued him and he was taken to Pendleton for treatment. He is reported to be improving.

Broncho Buster to Quit.

Jackson Sundown, the Nox Perce Indian who holds the world's championship as a broncho buster, says he has about decided not to participate in any more broncho-busting contests—that he is stiff in the knee joints and is becoming rheumatic.

Although Sundown will be 61 years of age in April, he won at the Pendleton Round Up and other frontier celebrations. Noted sculptors and artists, who have come from all parts of the United States to use Sundown for a model, have pronounced him physically perfect, so it is said.

The last basket ball game of the season in the home gymnasium, will be played tonight with Touchet. The game is a double header and a large attendance is expected.

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General Funston Dead.

Major-General Frederick Funston, commander of the Southern Department, United States Army since February, 1915, died suddenly at a hotel Monday night in Houston, Texas, a few minutes after he had finished dinner. He collapsed while seated in the lobby of the hotel talking with friends, and was playing with a little child, guest with her parents at the hotel, when he fell unconscious. Death was instantaneous, due from acute indigestion. General Funston was 61 years old.

Weston Leader: Clarence Wright and family have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Wright's father, M. A. Baker, while on their way from Enterprise to Alberta to reside. Their little daughter is ill with the measles.

Lister Signs "Eone Dry."

Governor Lister of Washington signed the bone-dry prohibition bill Monday afternoon in the presence of Representative Elmer Halsey, author of the bill, officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and other advocates of the bill. The law prohibits possession of intoxicating liquor by any person except regularly ordained clergymen, priests and rabbis actually in charge of congregations, for sacramental purposes. It allows the wholesale and retail druggists and manufacturing chemists to handle alcohol only if granted a license after public hearing and provides radical penalties for violations.

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