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THE LEGISLATURE STARTS IN BUSILY

More Than 140 Bills Introduced In the House the First Day.

A Salem special to the Morning Oregonian says that with such speed did the 35th legislative assembly get under way that in the first day it not only organized, elected presiding officers and listened to the governor's message, but swung into the receiving of bills, more than 140 bills being introduced in the house before the lawmakers knocked off work and called it a day. The senate received the first two bills. Such expedition and efficiency has not been observed in many years.

Organization was completed and committees ready for announcement before noon, at which time recess was taken until 2 o'clock to listen to the message. Following this came the first of the flood of bills from the vast number dumped into the hopper of the house, and submitted by a committee appointed in 1927 to dig out and recommend for repeal obsolete laws.

No contests developed in connection with organization of the senate.

Senator Norblad of Astoria was nominated for president by Senator Moser and received 27 votes. Senator Brown voted for Senator Reynolds of Marion, while Norblad cast his ballot for Senator Eddy of Douglas.

Senate clerks elected without opposition were John P. Hunt, Woodburn, chief clerk; Mrs. Elizabeth Glatt, Woodburn, assistant chief clerk; M. F. Hardesty, Seaside, reading clerk; Albert Goddard, Pendleton, calendar clerk; Thomas Bruce, Washington county, sergeant-at-arms; Joseph Beveridge, Portland, doorkeeper, and Lane Morley, Salem, mailing clerk.

Senator Klepper of Multnomah was elected temporary president of the senate with John P. Hunt, acting as temporary chief clerk. The oath of office was administered to the new members of the senate and President Norblad by Chief Justice O. P. Coshaw.

Organization of the senate was completed in less than an hour.

The house was called to order when Paul Burris, chief clerk of the 1927 session rapped for order with the gavel at 10:55 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Dr. Fred C. Taylor, pastor of the first Methodist Episcopal church of Salem. E. O. Potter of Lane county was chosen temporary speaker. Elbert Bede of Cottage Grove was made temporary clerk.

After a ten-minute recess the committee on credentials reported. After adoption of the report, Chief Justice Coshaw, escorted to the speaker's desk by Henderson of Multnomah and Hazell of Hood River, administered the oath of office to the members.

Girls-Schwandt Wedding At Home of the Bride

The marriage of Miss Loretta Schwandt of Weston, and Mr. Walter F. Girls of Portland, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Sunday morning. The wedding was attended by relatives and friends, Rev. Dow of Athena Baptist church, performing the ceremony.

Miss Marjorie Wilson was bride's maid, and Howard Schwandt, brother of the bride, was best man. After a wedding breakfast the bride and groom departed for Portland, where they will make their home.

The bride was beautiful in a pink georgette wedding gown trimmed in beads, the bridal veil being held with a beautiful rosette of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

George Hilyard Dead
George D. Hilyard, who will be remembered as an early resident of Athena, died in Portland Sunday, at the age of 75. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. B. Ross, of Meacham; Mrs. W. F. Earnhart of Missoula, Montana; W. D. Hilyard of LaGrande; Mrs. E. K. Lowery, of Portland; Mrs. E. T. McCown of Hot Lake; Richard Hilyard of Eugene and Mrs. G. V. Masterson of Portland. Funeral services were held at Pendleton Tuesday afternoon.

Federal Authorities Will Spend \$60,000 On Tollgate Road

"It is good to know that this year \$60,000 is to be expended by the federal authorities on the grading of the highway over Blue Mountain via Weston," says R. C. MacLeod in the Walla Walla Union. "This grading done to the Toll Gate building of the road on to Elgin—some sixteen miles—must soon follow."

"Wise heads have worked for a good highway between Walla Walla and Wallowa county for years knowing it would be an advantage to both sections. That their work has not been in vain—that it is now going to count for something—is something that must be a source of satisfaction to a great many."

"A good road across the mountains was one of the road projects endorsed by the late Frank Alexander of the Up-To-the-Times Magazine, a noted and tireless worker for better local highways. He knew that such a highway would open up the country and it is the country that is opened up by passable highways that has the greatest chance for further growth and success."

"Then, too, renewed activity is under way for construction of the Umatilla-Wallula cut-off highway. This highway will open up the local country in many important directions. This road will shorten the distance between Walla Walla and Portland 40 miles."

"The federal government wants the road and is willing to bear more than 50 per cent of the cost. Washington state is ready, the Portland Chamber of Commerce has endorsed it. In one phase the construction of the Umatilla-Wallula cut-off road is an extension of the world famous Columbia highway. But recently one writer advocating this road in the Portland Oregonian, hits the nail on the head when he says: 'Right away there should be an impartial detailed survey of this proposed cut-off so that it will not be necessary to make irresponsible statements as to probable costs.'"

They Like Toole at Porterville, California

In a letter recently received from Clarence Toole he speaks with satisfaction of his move to Porterville, California. Porterville is a town of about six thousand people.

The high school has about a thousand students with forty-two teachers. It is a high school and junior college combined. Mr. Toole teaches biology and coaches football and basketball. The football season was quite successful, the team winning seven straight games. At the banquet at the end of the season the team and townspeople presented the coach with a beautiful Gruen wrist watch.

The basketball team is doing well, though early in the season. The climate of Porterville is ideal with sunshine every day. Mr. and Mrs. Toole picked oranges on New Year's day.

Accident on Mountain Road
An Oldsmobile sedan driven by Ray Gordon of Weston is almost a total wreck as the result of an accident Sunday when the car slipped off the Pine Creek road en route to Reed and Hawley mountain. The car turned over a number of times righting itself and backing down the grade when it was stopped by a tree. The steel frame of the top no doubt saved the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, who were only slightly cut and bruised. Only one window was broken, but the car is badly sprung and twisted, fenders smashed and generally dilapidated.

A Class of Six
Weston Leader: The late J. R. King and his two sons, J. A. King and Ross King; Frank Greer, Henry Waddingham and J. M. Ashworth were members of a class of six candidates initiated into the local lodge of Odd Fellows just a quarter of a century ago. At a recent meeting of the lodge the entire class with the exception of J. R. King were called to their feet to receive the compliments of fellow three-linkers.

Helix Bank Elects Officers
In concurrence with stockholders' meetings of state banks throughout the state last week, the Bank of Helix, Helix, elected the following directors to serve during the ensuing year: President, Gunder Terjesen; vice-president, Carl Engdahl; cashier, E. E. Tate; assistant cashier, Leila N. Rice. The bank had a successful year making over 20 per cent net on capital, and paying a dividend. Capital stock, surplus and undivided profits of the bank is \$61,686.94.

Whitman Beats Gonzaga
Whitman defeated Gonzaga 48 to 27 in the basketball game at Walla Walla, Monday evening. Gonzaga showed the effects of the hard work on their trip, and only once in the third period, did they show a flash of their customary speed.

Fraulein Likes University



Fraulein Luls Huls, Berlin, Germany, right, is attending the University of Oregon through the foreign scholarship fund conducted by the Women's League of the institution. With her is Edith Dodge, Ashland, president of the league. Fraulein Huls says she is too busy to become lonely.

TO COACH AT U. OF O.



Chuck Jost, former Webfoot basketball star, has been selected assistant basketball coach at the University of Oregon. Jost played guard three years at Oregon, 1924, 1925 and 1926. The Webfoots won the northern conference championship in 1926 and Jost was instrumental in the Oregon victories. Jost took over his new duties December 1, assisting Billy Reinhart.

Cecil Schrimpscher Arrested for Theft

Cecil Schrimpscher, a resident of the east end of the county, is in jail at Pendleton, where he is held on a theft charge, having confessed to stealing wheat from the Still warehouse at Bade station.

Schrimpscher attempted to sell 22 sacks of wheat at Walla Walla, where he was apprehended by Sheriff McInroe of Walla Walla, who notified the sheriff's office at Pendleton. He was returned to Pendleton, placed in the county jail, and on questioning admitted taking the wheat.

He stated that he made three trips between Bade station and Walla Walla with a small car, carrying part of the grain each time. He has indicated that he will waive a preliminary hearing and plead guilty in court. The wheat belonged to the J. A. Lumsden estate, and was stored in the Robert Still warehouse.

Shull Trial Continued
The trial of Ralph Shull of Pendleton indicted for murder in the second degree in the death of Bob Linsner, has been continued until February 4. Judge Parker, who is to hear the case granted postponement on affidavits of the defense that James J. Malloy, a witness is wanted at the trial. Malloy is not in Pendleton at this time.

"Aunt Polly" Spencer Called to Her Rest

Friends of "Aunt Polly" Spencer were grieved to hear of her death Wednesday afternoon.

For the past four or five years Mrs. Spencer has been in failing health though showing an unusually strong constitution for one of her advanced age. About a week ago she was taken with intestinal influenza, and though she had every care, she was not able to recover.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at one o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mary Sinyard Spencer was born in Tennessee near Chattanooga, December 2, 1843. She spent her childhood there and across the Georgia line, and during the war in 1863 she married Sam L. Spencer. One child was born and lived to the age of three years. About 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Spencer moved to Texas and in 1892 came to Athena, where Mr. Spencer operated a blacksmith shop for many years.

"Aunt Polly" as she was known by her friends, joined the Methodist church when she was twenty years old and was always a loyal and devout member. She was preceded in death by her husband who passed away about four years ago.

She is survived by one brother L. H. Sinyard of Greenbrier, Arkansas, and her niece Mrs. V. A. Gholson who has resided here for the past seven years.

GOVERNOR PATTERSON'S THRIFT PROCLAMATION

January 17, 1929, will mark the two hundred twenty-third anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, scientist, statesman, philosopher, and apostle of thrift. No better tribute can be offered to his memory than the observance by the whole nation of a week dedicated to the policies which guided him in his personal achievements and his public service.

Thrift means far more than the mere saving or hoarding of money. It means a wise and constructive use of all possessions in order that they may eventually yield the largest and most desirable returns. In this nation where abundant natural resources and remarkable prosperity tempt us to grow prodigal, we need to take thought of the wisdom of personal and public thrift.

Now, therefore, I, I. L. Patterson, Governor of Oregon, do hereby proclaim the week beginning January 17, 1929, as "Thrift Week" and urge that during this period our schools, churches, and other civic and educational agencies give consideration to the importance of the wise husbandry of private possessions and the careful conservation of public resources.

Johnston-Smith

Miss Lucille Smith and Mr. Roy Johnston were quietly married at the Baptist parsonage Tuesday afternoon January 16th, Rev. Dow officiating. The bride was attractive in a green frock of flat crepe effectively trimmed in gold lace. She was attended by her sister Miss Lois Smith while Ray Johnston, brother of the groom acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are popular young people here and the bride is a graduate of Athena high school. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

A Sad Death

Death called Mrs. George O. Giblett (Florence Zerba) of Tacoma, January 14, after a lingering illness following the birth of a baby boy, which passed away after living four days. Besides numerous friends to mourn her loss are her husband, one sister, Mrs. Clara Taylor of McMinnville, and three brothers, Roy L. Zerba of Tacoma; Clarence Zerba of Adams, and Wesley Zerba of Los Angeles.

Athena Boys Win and Athena Girls Lose to Griswold High School

"Pike" Miller's fast coming basketball quintet nosed out Bill King's Griswold high school hoopers from Helix last Friday evening, in a nerve-racking, hectic contest on the local gym floor, by one point, 26 to 25.

It was by far the best game played on the home floor this season, and there have been several good ones. The score board read 13 all at the end of the half, but that does not half tell the story. At times the floor work of both teams was of collegiate class and the close checking by the Helix players sufficed to keep Athena from forging ahead, for the locals were "on" and any old toss was good for a score.

In the second half matters still remained on an even keel. Athena's terrific offensive always running up against Helix defensive tactics, served to keep the big audience keyed up to the highest pitch, and in the last minutes of the game the players were still going at top speed. There were few substitutions and the contest was one of the cleanest seen here in a long time.

Athena girls lost to the Griswold girls by the score of 21 to 9. The first half went to Griswold, 10 to 4. Griswold high was well represented in the north tiers of seats, where a girl yell leader who knew her onions, directed a well drilled group of noisemakers that served to rally the pep spirit in the Helix players.

Fifteen Meetings Set For Farmers of Oregon

Oregon State College.—Farmers of 15 counties of Oregon will have opportunity late in February and early in March to assemble in the various county seats and take stock of the agricultural industry, compare results of the past, hear of latest developments in production and marketing, and consider authentic outlook reports for the future.

The occasions will be the annual county "farmers week" which this year will replace the outlook conferences of a year ago. The program for the coming gatherings will contain the outlook conference features but in addition will include the latest in production methods and will provide means for reporting on county agent projects and other investigations of interest to that county.

The extension service of Oregon State college will provide specialists for the series of meetings. The state has been districted so that five counties are in each of three divisions. Each day in the farmers' week will be devoted to a single enterprise, such as dairy day, crops day, horticulture, livestock and poultry.

Sees Band of Deer

Weston Leader: An interesting incident which now and then varies the monotony of mountain travel on route No. 1, according to Otto Purcell, rural mail carrier, is the sight of a band of deer crossing the road near the E. E. Tucker place. It seems the animals are regularly feeding in a field and cross the road in order to reach water. The band includes eight head, both bucks and does. They are quite casual and unperturbed about their movements, being seemingly aware that they are now protected by the closed season.

Shipped Game Birds

A recent shipment of game birds has been made from the Bracher Game Farm at Pilot Rock. Hungarian partridges were sent to the Catalina Island aviaries owned by Wm. Wriggley, chewing gum manufacturer. Chinese pheasants have been shipped to Williamsport, Pa., from the Bracher farm.

Wants Weed Kept Out

Asserting that smokers of "Marijuana," a Mexican weed, became obsessed with the idea that they were Roman gladiators, Jesse James, or knights of the round table, Representative Spearling of Louisiana has introduced a bill to prohibit the importation of the product.

Winter Grip In Midwest

The tightest grip of winter has been felt this week throughout the Midwest section, where the thermometer registered 30 below at Elmo, Illinois, and 10 below in Chicago. As the result of blizzards, snow is drifting in the Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas.

Walla Walla Apples Move

Sixty per cent of the apples raised in the Walla Walla valley last year have been sold, dealers estimate. The 40 per cent remaining are in storage and are moving slowly.

Pendleton Finally Won

After losing to The Dalles, Pendleton Buckaroos finally won a game from Hood River, 39 to 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kershaw spent Sunday in Walla Walla where they visited their daughter Frederica.

AUTO LICENSE TAX BILL TAKES SHAPE

Change In Constitution Is Deemed Requisite, and Plan Defined.

A Morning Oregonian special from Salem says that in planning revision of automobile license fees, the senate special committee has decided to recommend submission to the people of an amendment to the constitution which would permit taking the assessed valuation of an old auto into consideration. Under the present law, this distinction in the same class of property is impossible and the value of a car with relation to the license can only be adjusted by a constitutional amendment.

It is the agreement of the commission to try to make a 25 per cent reduction on the present schedule, but whether it can be worked out is not known.

A tentative plan considered was to make a flat \$10 fee on all cars up to 1700 pounds. There were 58,686 cars licensed in 1927 weighing 1700 pounds or less. Between 1700 and 3000 pounds, the committee figured a license based on 90 cents per hundredweight. Included in this bracket were 137,896 in the registration of 1927. Above 3000 the committee is having the highway department work out a projection which will be a trifle above \$1 per hundredweight, a sufficient figure to take up the slack of loss under the first group.

One defect in the discussed grouping is that there would be a heavy jump between the 1700 class and cars weighing 1800, for the farmer would be on a minimum fee of \$10 while at 1800 pounds the fee would be \$16.20. The present fee for the 1800 class is \$22 and the group of 1700 and under now is \$15.

A 3000-pound auto now pays \$40 and under the plan discussed would pay \$27.

Regarding trucks, the committee favors abolishing the present system of tire basis and substituting weight, based on 90 cents per 100 pounds. A tentative revision, if tires were to be used as a base, was projected increasing solids 50 per cent and leaving pneumatics about as at present. Solid tires are unpopular with the committees. The weight basis is regarded as much more satisfactory to all concerned than the tire base.

Paid Hunters Hard On the Coyote Tribe

A total of 210 predatory animals were killed in the Oregon district in December by 34 hunters working in co-operation with the United States bureau of biological survey and the Oregon state livestock sanitary board, according to a report made public by the bureau.

Coyotes constituted the largest part of the kill, numbering 189. Seventeen bobcats, three cougars and one bear completed the total. In addition 65 porcupines, four skunks and four badgers were destroyed. Charles Frey of Jefferson county, with four bobcats and 11 coyotes, and A. H. Mayhew of Sherman county, with 15 coyotes, turned in the largest individual numbers of kills.

Weather conditions during the month were ideal for trapping and poisoning operations, the bureau reported, and hunters took advantage of the conditions to cover wide territories. Elmer Miller of Curry county killed two deer-killing cougars.

Since the hunters started operations in 1915 a total of 41,795 coyotes, 5402 bobcats, 93 cougars, 9 Canada lynx and 29 timber wolves have been killed in Oregon, the bureau reported.

Piano Recital

Miss Hanna of the Malen Burnett school of music, will present her Athena class in piano recital at high school auditorium, on next Wednesday evening. The public is invited to attend the recital. Members of the class participating in the recital are: Marjorie Montague, Tillman Taylor, Joyce Pinkerton, Aaron Douglas, Maxine Martin, Daniel Reeder, Jewell Pinkerton, Bernice Wilson, Dee Nylene Taylor, Esther Berlin, Marjorie Douglas, Edna DeFreeze and Betty Eager. Miss Jean Bratton and Miss Ruth Faulconer of Walla Walla, also have numbers on the program.

Bold, Bad Bank Robbers

A hand-made circular giving the pictures and description of three supposed robbers bold, may be seen posted at the First National Bank. The trio are hard looking hoppers and the circular announces a reward for their capture, written in four figures. The men wanted are Shorty, alias "Sleepy the Dip," Bub, alias "Alkali Ike" and Barney, alias "Dangerous Dan McGraw."