

DOINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

House Passes Measure Providing for Military Training in High Schools.

New Road and Irrigation Codes—Marriage Law Repealed—Two Cigarette Bills Pass House—Senate Passes Rural Credits Measure—Canneries Are Favored—Grain Bureau Provided for—All May Vote at School Elections.

Salem.—The state legislature began the final week of the present session with much important proposed legislation still to receive attention at the hands of one or both houses. However, both houses adjourned over Sunday with the desks practically clear, so if systematic, business-like methods prevail and the flow of oratory is shut off this week, all the really important matters will receive attention. Both houses will adjourn sine die Saturday night, February 17, the 40th day of the 40-day session provided by the state constitution.

Perhaps the most important piece of legislation acted upon this week was the passage by the house of a bill providing for military training in the high schools of the state. It passed the house with 35 votes in its favor.

The military course is not to be compulsory, however, on the part of either schools or of students. It is to be the subject, though, of suitable credit on the same basis as other studies and in an amount to be determined by the board of education.

The governor is made head of the military training department. All schools that establish it must apply to him for authority. No company of cadets can be organized with fewer than 20 members or without a suitable instructor. At least three hours a week are to be set aside for the work.

The state is authorized, too, to furnish the several companies with rifles and other equipment.

Passes Road and Irrigation Codes.

Two of the most important measures before the legislature, a complete road code and a complete irrigation code, were passed by the house with almost unanimous votes.

The road code is the product of the joint house and senate committee on roads and represents the views of various good roads organizations in the state.

The irrigation code represents the views of the irrigation congress which met in Portland just previous to the session.

Couples who can not pass the Oregon health tests probably will no longer have to go to other states to obtain marriage licenses as the senate passed a bill repealing the state law which requires a health certificate from every applicant for a license. The measure now goes to the house, where it is said to be assured of passage.

The house passed a bill to prohibit picketing during strikes. The measure was introduced by Representative K. K. Kubli of Portland.

Anti-Cigarette Bills Recalled.

The Sweeney bone-dry anti-cigarette bill which passed the house was

recalled and the measure was laid on the table. The bill will be brought up early this week for amendment. The Stott bill which prohibits the sale to youths under 21 years, also was recalled and tabled.

It is proposed now to amend the Sweeney bill so as to make it bone-dry against boys under 21, but not to prohibit sales to adults.

Compromise Wins in Rural Credits.

Senate bill 126, the state land board rural credits measure, amended so as to include some of the provisions of the bills drawn by Senators Shanks and Barrett, passed the senate by unanimous vote.

In its present form the measure leaves \$18,000,000 in the rural credits funds in the hands of the state land board. It has been amended so that the state can bid on bonds at more than par if deemed necessary, and the section that would have barred adjudicated water rights in eastern and southern Oregon from benefits of the rural credits funds has been changed.

Canneries Exempt From 10-Hour Law.

The senate passed senate bill 164, by La Follett, exempting women employed in fruit and vegetable canneries and packing houses from the rulings or jurisdiction of the industrial welfare commission.

Before it was passed an amendment was offered by Senator Garland, and adopted, which provides that women employed in such canneries and packing houses shall be paid time and a half for all overtime in excess of 10 hours a day.

Senators behind the measure contended that it was a step toward securing canneries in Oregon as the 10-hour act was a serious handicap to fruit growers, hop growers and canneries to only be allowed to employ women 10 hours each day, during the rush days of harvest time.

The state senate passed, with but one opposing vote, Senator Pierce's bill providing for the establishment of a grain inspection bureau in Portland. The bill carries an appropriation of \$7500. After the bureau is established it is expected to be self-supporting from fees.

It is expected that the bill will be as favorably received in the house, and when it is passed and becomes a law for the first time Oregon will have taken action to provide for standardization of hay and grain in this state, and in this respect place Oregon ports on an equal basis with Puget sound ports in bidding for the grain trade.

Compensation Act is Strengthened.

Several important amendments were added to the workmen's compensation act in the labor committee's bill that passed the house. One gives the employer the right to secure protection by paying a premium both upon his own wages and the workmen's contribution, thus giving stockholders in small companies the right to protection. Another makes it a misdemeanor to use coercion in an attempt to have workmen reject the act. Penalizing of employers who fail to pay their premiums is also provided. The new bill was drawn by the attorney general.

School Bill Passed.

One of the important bills passed

by the senate was Representative Sheldon's measure removing property qualifications as a requirement for voting for school directors.

It passed with 10 dissenting votes after considerable discussion. The bill had previously passed the house.

All registered voters will have the right to participate at school elections under provisions of Representative Willett's bill, passed by the house.

Under the present law a voter must own property. The house was almost unanimous in its demand for a change.

This bill goes a step farther than Representative Sheldon's bill, which passed the house and the senate. The Sheldon bill permits all citizens to vote for school directors but not on school bond issues. The Willett bill permits them to vote on bond elections as well.

Repeal of Health Certificate Passes.

Senator Cusick's senate bill repealing the law requiring health certificates before marriage licenses are issued, passed the senate by a vote of 16 to 11. Senator Cusick contended that people who could not pass the physical examinations went over to Washington or other states to marry and the effectiveness of the bill was thereby lost.

Anti-Snuff Bill Passes.

After passing two anti-cigarette bills and an anti-picketing bill the house passed the anti-snuff bill.

But this action on the part of the festive house is not to be taken too seriously. The bill first was introduced as a joke on Representative Forbes, whose name it bears. The boys called it up and after a series of extremely laughable speeches by Representatives Fuller and Ritner it was passed with a whoop and sent over to the senate.

Legislative Brevities.

Senator Olson's boom bill passed the house with only one negative vote.

The house passed Corbett's bill raising the salary of the state superintendent of banks from \$3000 to \$4000 a year.

The house passed Sheldon's bill, to enable sheriffs in counties along California border to search and seize automobiles suspected of carrying liquor unlawfully.

Representative Goode's bill changing the law relating to the taxation of church property not actually used for church purposes passed the house without a negative vote.

There will be no "blue Sundays" in Oregon, a bill aimed to close theaters, baseball parks and other places of business and amusement having been defeated by the unanimous vote of the house of representatives.

The house passed the bill backed by the State Editorial association designating what is a legal newspaper. It provides that a paper, to share in the patronage of legal advertising, must be at least one year old and have a bona fide paid circulation of at least 200 copies an issue.

The senate passed the house Rogue river fish bill by a vote of 24 to 5. The upper river fishing interests won a decisive victory over those who sought to protect the interests of the Macleay cannery on the lower river. The bill closes the stream to the use of seines and set nets.

Brownell's bill providing that it shall be unlawful to write, print, publish or circulate any recommendation or indorsement for any candidate for

public office without the written permission of the candidate or cause such indorsement to be written or printed, was passed by the house.

Largely on the strength of the indorsement of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, the senate passed Substitute S. B. 101, which repeals the present mothers' pension law and substitutes therefor an act which places the giving of assistance to dependent mothers in the discretion of the county courts.

Light as Chaff

A Spare Leg.

Jones was old fashioned and stuck to old fashioned ways. Smith was modern and bought a fine new automobile. One day he was proudly exhibiting it to some friends when Jones came along.



"Um," remarked Jones as he sized up the handsome machine. "What's that thing there on the side?"

"That's a spare rim and tire," answered Smith. "We always carry an extra one in case one of the wheels goes wrong."

"Just as I always said," was the response of Jones. "I've driven hosses for nigh on fifty years, and I never had to carry a spare leg for one of them yet."—Country Gentleman.

Poultry Need Exercise to Keep In Good Health

This is no time for a lazy fowl. Any hen that does not scratch now—after good litter and tempting grain are provided—is not worth bothering with. She would be more profitable in the pot, says the Farm Journal.

Exercise not only keeps down fat, but it improves the blood and condition to such an extent that if there are any eggs in the hen she is bound to lay them.

As the weather becomes colder the quantity of corn, cornmeal, animal food and other heat producing foods should be gradually increased. Green food such as cabbages, beets and other roots should also be daily supplied. A good way to feed roots is to cut them lengthwise in half and nail them to the side of the wall so the hens can easily pick off pieces. Cabbages should be suspended from the ceiling by a cord, just high enough so the fowls by a little effort can get at them.

There is a call now for roasting fowls that will weigh five or six pounds each when dressed.

The capon demand is poor at present, and it is best to hold them until after the holidays.

SAID OF BEAUTY.

- ◆ A thing of beauty is a joy for ever.—Keats.
- ◆ Beauty is a fragile good.—Ovid.
- ◆ Beauty and folly often go together.—French Proverb.
- ◆ Beauty can afford to laugh at distinctions. It is itself the greatest distinction.—Bovee.
- ◆ Beauty draws us with a single hair.—Pope.