

REVIEW OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

(Oregon Voter Reporting Service.)

"There is no reason why rural free mail delivery carriers should be forced to pay the gasoline road tax," declared Senator Jay Upton of Bend, in defending a bill which he introduced recently in the senate. "The rural free carrier uses the highways very little. The main part of his work takes him along county roads and the only time he uses the state highways is to cross from one road to another."

The proposed bill states that mail carriers shall be reimbursed the amount of gasoline tax paid upon the presentation of an affidavit accompanied by the original invoice showing such purchase to the secretary of state. The application for refund must be filed within one year from the date of purchase, the bill says.

Representative J. P. Yates of Wasco and Senator R. J. Carner of Spray were members of the legislative party which spent last week-end in Olympia, Washington. The purpose of the trip was a conference on laws governing fishing on the Columbia river, with a delegation from the Washington state legislature.

The committee was composed of seven senators, seven representatives, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate from each legislature. All laws relating to Columbia river fishing are agreed upon by this conference and then must be passed in identical terms by both legislatures to become legal, according to an agreement between the two states.

A tax of one twentieth of a cent per pound of butter is required to be paid by all creameries under House Bill No. 343, introduced by Representative Mark J. Johnson of Astoria, president of the big Co-operative Creamery located in that city. The proceeds would go into the state general fund. The bill provides that each cream grader must be licensed and that he shall grade cream or milk correctly and accurately as it arrives in each separate can. The standards for grading are to be promulgated by the State Dairy and Food Commissioner. For false grading a heavy penalty is provided. Careful records are required to be kept by creameries.

House bill 308 provides that the fees of inspection for bovine tuberculosis shall be raised from 35 to 50 cents for the testing of one animal. It also contains the provision that ten cents more may be added to the fee in cases where the roads are very bad and the places is especially hard to reach. The difference between 35

and 50 cents is to be paid by the county. The fee for herds of more than one is thirty cents, 15 cents of which is paid by the owner.

To damage the reputation of the co-operative marketing associations will subject the guilty slanderer to a penalty if H. B. 309 becomes a law. It provides an amendment whereby a fine and civil damages may be imposed upon anyone who spreads false reports about the finances or management of a co-operative with intent to induce a member of such an association to breach his marketing contract.

Senator Fisher's text book bill, Senate Bill No. 77, is being opposed by educators on the theory that 18 years is too long a time to continue the use of a poor text book. The present law requires a new adoption every six years.

Editors to Be Guests

University of Oregon, Eugene. — Editors attending the Editorial Press conference here February 21, 22 and 23, will be guests of the Associated Students at the basketball game between Oregon and Washington, which will be played here February 22. This should be one of the most important contests of the season and may decide the conference championship. Last year Washington won the title and Oregon was runner-up, finishing one game behind the champion Huskies.

Alma Kullander, assistant cashier of the Bank of Vermont, fell while skiing and her leg was broken above the knee.

Close to \$2000 was paid to members of Battery D, Oregon National Guard, at their regular meeting in the armory at Klamath Falls.

April 26 and 27 have been fixed as the dates for the annual interstate school of music at the conservatory of music at Pacific university.

The assessed valuation of public utilities in Wallowa county at the beginning of this year was \$1,320,818, according to a report of the county assessor.

Carl Tamms, one of Newport's best known citizens, died suddenly at the stage terminal in that city while he and Mrs. Tamms were purchasing tickets for a trip to Portland.

Fingerings released during 1928 by the Oregon state game commission into the streams of the Columbia river basin district totaled 47,812,136, according to Hugh Mitchell, superintendent of hatcheries.

Charley Burke, powderman and foreman of the Oregon Portland Cement company, suffered a broken leg and arm and lost the sight of both eyes in an explosion at the Dallas plant when he lit a defective fuse.

Reading of advertising is worth while.

CRUISER BILL PASSED OVER COOLIDGE WISH

President's Plea for Elimination of Cruiser Clause is Defeated.

Washington, D. C.—Overriding the expressed wish of President Coolidge, the senate by a vote of 54 to 28 refused to eliminate from the cruiser construction bill the stipulation that the 16 ships shall be laid down before July 1, 1931.

Party lines went to smash on the proposition with a democrat, Senator Harrison of Mississippi, offering the amendment to give the president a free rein over the naval program and 26 republicans voting against the Coolidge request.

This disposed of the dominant issue in the cruiser fight and the passage of the measure authorizing 15 cruisers and an air-plane carrier at a cost of \$274,000,000 is regarded as assured.

The senate stood by the provisions requiring that work on five of the cruisers shall be started during each of the next three fiscal years, beginning with this year, which ends July 1. As a result of this vote it is possible the measure may be approved without material change as it was passed a year ago by the house, and if this should be done it will be possible to rush the bill to the White House without a conference if the house of representatives should accept a few minor amendments.

FLOOD RELIEF REPORTED

Senate Committee Acts Favorably on \$3,558,000 Bill.

Washington, D. C.—A bill to authorize an appropriation of \$3,558,000 for flood relief in Missouri, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas was ordered reported by the senate agriculture committee.

Action was taken after a hearing in which representatives of the states affected, including O. A. Allen of Louisiana, outlined the damage that had been done by overflowing waters of the Mississippi and other rivers in 1927.

Although the budget bureau had informed the department of agriculture that the contemplated appropriation would be in conflict with President Coolidge's economy program, the department, it was said, was not opposed to passage of the bill.

The bill accepts the figures prepared by the highway departments of the four states prepared after estimates had been submitted by the engineers.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The senate finance committee has approved the house bill for a settlement of the \$18,125,000 Greek war debt.

The death is announced from Portofino of the aged Elizabeth Lady Carnation, who made her home in Albania for many years, where she was widely known as a benefactress.

Eleven robbers and kidnapers were paraded through the streets of Peking before their execution as a warning by police to evildoers. A recent crime wave in Peking has caused much concern.

King Alfonso has ordered construction at his expense of a new bell for the University of Santa Clara, Cal., to replace the one destroyed in a fire in 1926. The new bell will be cast in Madrid and sent to the president of the university.

Colonel George L. Miller, one of the owners of the 101 ranch, was killed when his automobile skidded on the snow and ice and overturned on the highway west of Ponca City, Okla. Colonel Miller, who was 48 years old, was returning to the ranch alone from Ponca City when the accident occurred.

Treason House Doomed. West Haverstraw, N. Y.—Treason house, where General Benedict Arnold and Major John Andre, British spy, met to discuss plans to deliver West Point to the British troops, is being torn down. The historic building, owned by a hospital, had deteriorated so in recent years that its removal was considered advisable.

H. E. Inlow Named Head of Normal. Salem.—H. E. Inlow, city superintendent of schools at Pendleton, was elected president of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school at La Grande, at a meeting of the state normal school regents here.

Gas Fumes Fatal to Five. Montreal, Quebec.—A mother and her four children were asphyxiated in their home here by carbon monoxide fumes coming from a hot water heater in the bathroom.

Italy Honors William Marconi. Rome.—Premier Mussolini, standing beside Senator William Marconi, father of wireless, Sunday opened the inaugural ceremonies of the National Council of Research in the historic Campi d'Orto. The premier expressed the hope that the assembled flower of Italian scientists would continue the traditions established by Galileo, Volta and Marconi.

Alberta's Profit In Boozie Two Million. Edmonton, Alta.—The Alberta liquor control board made a profit during the 12 months ending December 31, 1927, of \$2,035,622.53. These figures are contained in the annual report. In 1926 the profit was \$1,903,522.55.

Oregon State News

Governor Patterson has appointed P. A. Retram of Canyon City as county judge for Grant county to succeed Orrin L. Patterson, who resigned because of illness.

A Rotary club has been organized at Milton-Freewater by John F. Casper of Walla Walla, district governor of Rotary International. R. D. Monahan is president.

The total population at the Oregon state penitentiary has reached 716, the highest number ever incarcerated at one time. Facilities are now taxed to their capacity.

The Barry Coma Lumber company is erecting a sawmill at Warrenton for the purpose of cutting alder for the manufacture of furniture. The daily output will be 6000 feet a day.

W. C. Cusick, an early Oregon botanist who died some years ago, is to be honored by having a 9400-foot peak at the head of the Imnaha river in Baker county named for him.

Thawing out pipes caused a fire that completely destroyed the ranch home and garage of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grimes on Williamson river, near Elamouth Falls. Nothing was saved from the burning building.

The Roseburg land office, with \$556,449.31, is third in the United States from the standpoint of receipts during the last fiscal year. The Lakeview office transacted business amounting to \$73,324.31.

Ashland, which has large investments in municipal public utilities, electric light and water plants, will contest the legislation advanced to tax such properties, the utilities being operated without profit.

Charles V. Brown, 53, merchant and prominent lower Columbia sportsman, shot and killed himself last week with a .22-caliber rifle when he stumbled on the stairs of his store and accidentally discharged the weapon.

Roderick L. MacCoy of the salmon canning interests at the mouth of the Rogue river states that there will be no attempt to change the commercial season at the mouth of the river at this session of the legislature.

An increase in Oregon's death rate from 1123 for each 100,000 population in 1926 to 1146 for each 100,000 in 1927 was reported by the department of commerce. The total number of all deaths in the state was 9857 in 1926 and 10,206 in 1927.

Five thousand head of Rambouillet ewes and 11,400 acres of ranch and range lands have been purchased by Fred Falconer, well-known sheepman of Pendleton, from Joseph Pedro, pioneer sheepman near Pilot Rock. The purchaser has been granted 21 years to pay.

The clean-up pool of the Douglas County Turkey Growers Co-operative association was sold February 2 in Oakland. The pool consisted of about 2000 pounds. This was the association's final shipment for the season, and growers were released from their contract in disposing of last year's orders.

Perhaps the lowest maintenance irrigation rates in the state are those of the Little Butte Irrigation company, near Eagle Point, which recently notified its users that the rate this season would be \$1.25 per acre. There is no rotation rule. The water user can have the water whenever ready for it. Land under this ditch is producing five to ten tons of alfalfa hay per season in four cuttings.

O. F. Morrow, mill employe, who lives in Ashland, sent to California for his automobile license plates. When presented before Judge Roberts by traffic officers on this charge, the judge stated that the process of making an "Oregonian" instead of a "California" of him would cost him \$28 for an Oregon license, a \$10 fine and \$3 he spent for his California license, a total of \$41 instead of \$28.

Erection of a memorial building at Champeog park as outlined in a bill before the legislature, was endorsed at the annual meeting of the Champeog Historical Highway association last Sunday at Butteville. Other resolutions adopted request the Marion county court to grant the market road court by residents of Butteville, asked for of the proposed highway and for the state board of control to install a telephone at Champeog park.

Douglas county's lamb crop will run less than 100 per cent this year, according to present indications, weather and range conditions having caused a considerable reduction in the number of lambs as compared with last season. In 1928 the lambs in some flocks went as high as 150 per cent, compared with the number of mature ewes, and for the entire county the percentage was slightly over 100. It is estimated that there will be 75,000 to 85,000 lambs this year.

While the Hood River Traffic association, composed of all mid-Columbia fruit shippers, has gone on record strongly in favor of abolishing C-grade apples, no definite recommendation will be made until sometime in February. Shippers declare that shipment of C-grade apples in nearly all instances results in loss of money. Elimination of the grade and a disposal of the fruit for cannery purposes would, it was declared, have taken off the market 6000 carloads of apples this year.

Eighteen wild turkeys involuntarily abandoned their freedom in the Apple gate country for a motor ride into Medford recently. The bird were trapped on the V. G. Emerick farm, where at least 20 more of their kind have apparently decided to put in the winter. Protected by the state, these wild turkeys will either be returned to Salem headquarters or scattered in different sections of the county, according to Mr. Emerick and Roy Parr, game warden, who brought them to Medford.

GEN. BOOTH MAY RETIRE

Baron Davidson, Episcopal Church Leader, Cites Own Case.

London.—The personality of Baron Davidson, retired archbishop of Canterbury, entered the Salvation Army situation recently when it became known that the aged prelate had sent a letter to General Bramwell Booth, suggesting that retirement would be a good way out of the general's difficulties.

It was at first reported that Baron Davidson might be made a mediator in the dispute between the commander and the high council of the army. The letter from the ex-archbishop, it was said by a high army authority, urged peace on his aged co-worker in religion. The epistle pointed out that the general, like the writer of the letter, was old and tired from lifelong service to humanity. It was therefore meet that they should both relinquish their work to younger hands.

Batawia's Volcano Rising Above Sea. Batawia, Dutch East Indies.—The Krakatoa volcano continues active with numerous eruptions in the last 24 hours. The edge of the crater on the eastern side has risen 50 feet above sea level and the northern edge is becoming visible.

Many Rumanian Reds Jailed. Bucharest.—Two hundred persons were arrested here after a communist meeting staged violent demonstrations against the royal family.

"What is the difference between a sun-kissed peach and a son-kissed peach?" inquires the Boston Transcript. One kisses back and the other doesn't.

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