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MANY BILLS ARE INTRODUCED BY LAW MAKERS

Retrenchment And Economy Is Favored By Members of State Legislature.

GOVERNOR READS MESSAGE

Proprietary Medicines Are Hit in The Bone Dry Legislation—Druggists To Give Bonds.

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—With the election of Robert N. Stanfield of Umatilla county as speaker of the house and Gus C. Moser of Multnomah county as president of the senate, both without opposition, the twenty-ninth Oregon legislature effected organization rapidly today and passed quickly to the nomination and election of clerk and other employees to serve throughout the session.

Both houses adopted a resolution memorializing congress to prohibit the liquor traffic in the District of Columbia.

Economy in Clerk Hire.

Salem, Ore., January 9.—Senator Garland led the fight in the senate this afternoon for economy in legislative clerk hire.

As a result of Garland's move, the resolution passed, calling for five clerks for each committee. It is a reduction over last session when one committee had eight and the other one nine clerks.

Senator Dimick, chairman of the resolutions committee, said the saving over last session will be \$1200.

Senator Garland pointed to the vote of the people on the 6 per cent tax limitation and to the governor's message urging the legislature to begin its economy at home.

Next followed a resolution by Senator Orton providing for the appointment of clerk for the insurance committee a \$45 a day. It was quickly carried.

Governor's Message Is Read.

The senate and house met in joint session this afternoon at 2 o'clock to listen to Governor Withycombe read his biennial message to the legislature.

When 2 o'clock arrived the senate convened in its chamber and took a recess to attend the joint session in the senate, headed by President Moser.

After the convention of the joint session with President Moser in the chair, committees were sent to escort the governor, the members of the supreme court and all elective state officials to the hall. Upon their arrival Governor Withycombe was introduced to the joint assemblage and read his message.

Limits Introduction of Bills.

Senator Dimick one of the members who is standing for economy and efficiency in the legislature itself, as well as the other branches of the state government, today put through the senate a resolution providing that no bill shall be introduced by any member of the senate after the thirtieth day of the session without two thirds consent of the senate.

This will not interfere with the introduction of bills by a committee, but is intended to prevent the great flood of bills during the closing days of the session and eliminate, to a large extent, the opportunity to slip through in the confusion of the last hours of the session.

Rural Credits Amendment.

Elaborate machinery, with several new officers, is provided by Senator M. D. Shanks, in a bill intended to carry into effect the rural credits amendment to the constitution.

The bill creates the office of superintendent of farm loans, to be appointed by the state land board, at a salary of \$2400 a year. It also provides for the appointment by the board of a title examiner at a salary of \$1500 a year.

Proprietary Medicines Are Hit.

D. C. Lewis introduced two bills in the house this morning, so dry that they crackled as they were read.

One was to prohibit the manufacture or keeping for sale of any patent or proprietary medicine containing more than one half of one per cent of alcohol by volume, where such medicine

CONTEST DATE IS JAN. 28.

Lane Pupils May Then Try For Declaration And Debate Honors.

The date of the next declamatory contest for the schools of the county is January 28, announces Superintendent E. J. Moore. The declamations should be either humorous or pathetic and any questions may be taken for debate. In regard to the eighth grade examinations the superintendent says in his letter:

"The next eighth grade examination will be held January 18 and 19. You cannot try out your pupils; you must be able to certify to their having done the required work. If any are entitled to exemptions in any subjects, send me for exemption cards at once. The requirements for professional certificates of merit will be the same this year as last year."

Ask that Agent Robb Be Retained

Meeting of Farmers' Committee And Chamber of Commerce; Urge Reconsideration.

It appears that there is a general desire on the part of county organizations and individual farmers that N. S. Robb, county agriculturist, who recently resigned from office when his salary was cut from \$2000 a year to \$1500 annually, be retained.

After a joint meeting of the Pomona grange agricultural council and a special committee from the agricultural bureau of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce held at the county agricultural agent's office Monday afternoon, the delegates adjourned to the county court where they presented their arguments for keeping Mr. Robb. The county court has taken the matter under advisement and its decision will be announced later.

Mr. Robb's record was lauded by the committeemen, who urged that steps be taken to induce him to reconsider his resignation. Mr. Robb's supporters pointed out that the county agent should be allowed to work on a permanent and unhindered basis as long as he gave service that Robb has given.

The members of the delegation argued that it would cost far more than \$500 to break in another man and that it would take him a long period to grasp the work as Mr. Robb has.

The court said that it would want the promise that Mr. Robb would serve longer than for one year if the cut was annulled. The members of the party said that whether it would pay to keep him one more year, pointing out numerous instances where the agriculturist has been of great benefit.

The fact was cited that checking the spread of hog cholera last year, which was largely due to the efforts of the agriculturist's office, had saved the county more than the salary for many years.

County Judge Bown said that he was opposed to raising the salary, but stated that he would abide by the decision of the majority of the court.

Commissioner Harlow is in favor of granting the full amount asked for and approved by the budget and taxpayers' meeting.

Commissioner Spencer, who has just assumed office, is not ready to announce his final decision yet.

R. D. Hetzel, director of extension work at the Oregon Agricultural college and P. V. Marias, state field worker, will be in Eugene Friday to present the matter to the county court, and the court will defer final action until after these officers have been here.

5 BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

Lane County Men Are Already Active In Oregon Legislature.

Five bills were introduced in the legislature of Oregon on Tuesday by representatives from Lane county. The proposed laws are as follows:

H. B. No. 17, by Walter B. Jones—To require county court of Lane county to purchase grounds and buildings for fair purposes.

H. B. No. 18, by Walter B. Jones—Empowering district governments to make tax levies.

H. B. No. 19, by Walter B. Jones—Repealing law providing for county school supervisors.

H. B. No. 20, by Walter B. Jones—Using school census in last week of October instead of last week in November.

H. B. No. 21, by L. E. Bean—Empowering state government to issue such bonds as may be needed to meet federal road fund for period of five years.

RECOMMENDATIONS IN GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Decentralization of power tendency pointed out.

Placing of penitentiary property under governor's jurisdiction, with control of administration or power to appoint supervisory board urged. Reductions totaling \$461,900 in state budget without impairing service said to be possible.

Legislation to increase state's revenue \$260,000 proposed.

Equal appropriations of \$100,000 for University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college recommended.

Reduction of bounties on wild animals 25 per cent favored.

Handling of work of child labor and industrial welfare commissions by state industrial accident commission recommended, eliminating former bodies with advisory body to cooperate on social features.

Eliminating of Social Hygiene society and placing of its work under state board of health urged.

Reduction of appropriation of food and dairy commissioner, limiting his activity to dairying alone and placing food inspection under state board of health proposed.

Reduction of forestry department's costs and suggestion that timber owners meet more of expenses recommended.

Banking department called practically self-supporting and elimination of appropriation suggested.

Cut called justified in department of mines and geology expenditures. Cost of state engineer's office and water board called excessive in view of work to be done.

Public service commission reductions without impairment of service deemed possible.

Licensing the peddlers, exclusive of those selling farm products, under supervision of sealer of weights and measures proposed.

Penitentiary budget reduction on basis of 450 population instead of 500 recommended.

State hospital maintenance cut suggested on basis of expected reduction in number of inmates and unexpended balance.

Reduction in legislative expenditures urged.

Inheritance tax and changes in state insurance department suggested as feasible sources of new revenue.

Continuance of state trunk highway construction and taking advantage of the Shackleford method of federal road aid by appropriations to meet requirements advocated.

Increased license fee for automobiles proposed to raise additional road funds.

Commission of three without pay to handle highway department with power to employ highway engineer suggested, appointed by governor. Legislature called in duty bound to make provisions of prohibition measure absolutely effective.

Legislation for relief of supreme court urged.

Military training in state university and high schools advocated.

Passage of rural credit legislation necessary.

Abolishing state labor commissioner and giving duties to industrial accident commission.

Sterilization of the unfit is advocated.

Codification of state insurance law is urged.

Increase of angler's fee to \$1.50 advocated.

Economy in state printing urged.

DO MUCH BUSINESS LOCAL HOSPITAL IS SOLD TO J. E. SCOTT

Ordinance Passed, Committee Reports, Requests Heard, Bills Ordered Paid.

As usual, the regular monthly session of the city council was a busy one. One of the most important features of last Monday evening's session was the passage of an ordinance ordering the vacation of a certain portion of Mill street. The ordinance, which is number 433, was discussed and read three times before passage.

At the same meeting, the Fire and Water committee reported the progress which has been made in the matter of securing a public drinking fountain. Councilman Bressler stated that he was expecting samples and drawings of granite bases and fountains here in a few days.

An application from Ed Dompler asking permission to keep a hog on his property on West E street on Emerald Heights, was presented and referred to the marshal. The latter reported that the city ordinance would not allow the granting of the permission as the location was too close to the residence part of town.

The reports of the recorder and treasurer were presented for the month of December, were by motion approved, and ordered placed on file.

The matter of consolidating several different funds of the town was discussed, and Councilman Bressler moved that the matter be referred to the attorney to investigate and report at the next meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was also carried that the treasurer be authorized to call as many warrants now outstanding, as funds would permit.

Mayor Morrison, who entered the meeting late, presented the matter of a change in the salary of the city treasurer, the latter having asked for an increase. The matter was discussed at some length and referred to the financial committee.

The finance committee reported favorably on the following claims and by motion, the recorder was instructed to draw warrants on the treasurer for the several amounts: W. H. James, night watchman, salary \$80.00 December; J. E. Edwards, marshal, salary for December.

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LANE LIQUOR BILL IS HUGE

Increase in Shipments Brings The 1916 Total To \$35,000.

Lane county spent in 1916 approximately two-thirds as much for liquor under the provisions of the prohibition law as for the support of its churches, according to figures compiled from the affidavits on file at the office of the county clerk.

This county sent to California towns about \$35,000 for liquor during the year. Affidavits for 15,200 shipments of beer, wine, whiskey and other intoxicants were filed with the clerk. The amount of beer imported, according to these affidavits, was 14,938 gallons and other liquors 6412 gallons, a total of 21,354 gallons. The shipments increased during the year until December showed that over 2000 people imported liquor to this county.

Rules Are Issued For Speed Tests

Pupils To Have Chance To Show Ability In Arithmetic; Also Spelling.

Arithmetic and spelling contests for the public schools of the county will be held on Friday of this week, according to an announcement made by superintendent of schools E. J. Moore. The rules for the arithmetic contests as contained in a circular letter sent to the teachers are as follows:

There are two sets of 20 questions each, sent to teachers. One set will be for the fifth and sixth grades, and the other for the seventh and eighth grade and the questions will cover only work already finished. Thirty minutes will be the extreme time limit for this work, and the manuscripts not turned in before being collected at the end of that time, whether the pupil has finished or not. A blank space is left after each question for putting down the answer.

The pupil may work the questions mentally or with pencil and paper, as he may choose, but only the answer is to be set down under each question. Pupils taking part should not sit near each other, so that they may "copy." When any pupil has finished his work he must fold his paper and put his name on the back of it, and the teacher notes on the back the number of minutes used. The teacher should grade the papers, by giving five points for each correct answer and then keep a record of all pupils and the time used.

WAS STABBED IN THIGH

Springfield Farmer Attacked by Two Men at Early Hour.

Oscar (Zach) Parsons was the victim of an assault at an early hour yesterday morning when he was attacked by two men resulting in an ugly knife wound in one of his thighs.

Parsons has been living on a small vegetable farm south of Springfield, near the Doris farm, for some time past. He says that about 5 o'clock yesterday someone rapped on the door of his cabin. He arose to see who it was, and, according to his story, two men lunged at him, one of them having a knife. Parsons, tried to ward off the blow, but the man with the knife succeeded in cutting him on the thigh. Parsons says he grabbed his gun and the men "beat it." He took two shots at them, but they had almost disappeared in the darkness and he thinks he missed them.

Parsons says he knows who his assailants are, but he will tell no one, nor will he give any reason for the assault. He says he is going to keep still and some day intends to get revenge. His wound is not serious, but it was necessary for a surgeon to sew it up.

ALL OFFICERS REELECTED

First National Bank Has Stockholders Meeting; "Outlook Is Good."

The regular annual meeting of stockholders and election of officers was held at the First National Bank of Springfield on the evening of January 9, at which time J. F. Smith, A. Middleton, Margaret Morris, E. F. McBee, L. K. Page, E. E. Brattain and Chas. T. Scott were re-elected as directors for the ensuing year.

The officers serving the past year were re-elected; Chas. L. Scott, president; E. E. Brattain, vice president; and D. S. Beals, cashier.

Business at the First National Bank the past season has been quite satisfactory and the outlook is good for the coming season, it is said.

PRUNING BOARD OF LEGISLATURE AT WORK ON BUDGET

All Appropriations Asked For Will Be Thoroughly Investigated.

\$75 FOR STENOGRAPHERS

Joint Ways And Means Committee Finds Only \$5333 in Items That Are Killed on First Reading.

State House, Salem, Jan. 10.—In the process of pruning state appropriations the senate and house ways and means committees are not going to overlook the offices of the governor and the secretary of state and the state treasurer.

At a joint meeting of these committees tonight, members "hopped" upon the appropriations requested for those offices and the committee instructed the clerk to request an itemized list of the payroll of each department.

Senator Wood, chairman of the joint committees, was insistent that no official or department head should be permitted to pay a stenographer more than \$75 a month. This view met with the general view of the committee which looked askance at the item of \$1200 a year for the governor's assistant secretary, who is in reality his stenographer.

Entire Budget Scanned.

"What about the stenographers and clerks hired by the legislature at more than \$75 a month?" asked Senator Farrell. No one volunteered an answer.

Acting on the suggestion of Senator Strayer, the committee went through the entire budget, which calls for appropriations totaling \$4,781,145 and picked out the items which the committee unanimously agreed should be allowed.

Out of nearly five millions asked for, the committee found a total of \$393,270 which the members were willing to stamp with their O. K. for the time being. They found three items, totaling \$5333, which they were positive right off the bat that they did not want and immediately dumped them on the scrap heap. These three items were:

Items Are Disapproved.

Board of higher curricula, \$333; reimbursing counties for support of non-resident poor, \$3000; stallion registration board, \$2000.

The appropriations temporarily approved were: Apprehension of criminals, \$4000; superintendent of public instruction, \$15,920; State Teachers' association, \$500; McLoughlin Memorial association, \$50; emergency board, \$200; apprehension of fugitives from justice, \$15,000; G. A. R., \$500; circuit court judges, \$200,000; district attorneys and deputies, \$136,400; state land board, \$18,000; publication of proclamations, \$500; rewards for arrests \$1200.

Other Appropriations Held.

All other requested appropriations were held for investigation and most of them will be put under the knife. It was brought out that the maintenance of the state institutions must be provided for and the pruning will be done on requests for new buildings and salaries.

Another item in the appropriation of state officials and department heads which is going to receive close attention is that of traveling expenses. Senator Strayer and Representative Kubli, chairman of the house committee, insisted the committees should be advised as to the purposes for which the traveling expense appropriations are being spent.

Booth-Kelly Team Defeated.

In a wild and ragged contest that resembled a ten man wrestling bout more than it did a basketball game the Booth-Kelly team was defeated by the Thurston Athletic club on the Thurston floor last evening, 26 to 10. Quite a number of local fans attended the team at Thurston and gave them cheering support. The lineup:

Thurston A. C.	Booth-Kelly Team
Perkins	Miller
McKinney	L. Gosler
Ashworth	McQuinn
Calkins	O. Gosler
Parker	O'Rourke
Walter Dimm of Springfield was referee.	