

REVIEW OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Forty-Day Period Ends, But Both Houses Decide to Continue Session.

Few Measures of General Interest Passed—Anti-Japanese Legislation Defeated—Aid for Veterans Referred to People—Free Textbooks Bill Killed—Over Six Millions in Appropriations—Marriage Bill Referred—Gasoline Test Law Repealed.

Salem.—The constitutional 40-day period prescribed for legislative sessions expired Saturday, but owing to the fact that many bills remained for attention, both houses deemed it wise to extend the session over into this week and adjournment was taken until Monday morning.

There were 288 measures when the two houses began proceedings Saturday, so it was quite evident that a jam during the closing hours could not be avoided. By extending the session beyond the constitutional period it could be brought to a close in an orderly and business like manner without the confusion and turmoil certain to prevail if an attempt was made to conclude within the 40-day period. Members will receive no pay for their labors this week.

Among the important measures which awaited final action when the session adjourned Saturday were the road bills, reapportionment bill and the appropriation bills. A total of 745 bills had been introduced in both houses. Of this number 366 were introduced in the house and 379 in the senate.

According to the records the governor had signed 55 measures originating in the senate and 74 house bills.

Few Big Measures Passed. Aside from the road bills, the 31st session will have little to its credit in the way of really big measures of vital interest to the state at large. The port development bills and the teacher's tenure bills, which caused much friction during the session, were of special interest to Multnomah county.

Among the measures of general interest passed may be mentioned:

The new state fish commission and new state game commission and the fish and game codes.

The budget bill which directs that every tax levying body must have a budget law applies to every tax levying body who shall look after the budget items and hold public hearings. This budget law applies to every tax levying body in Oregon.

Of more than local importance was the decision of the legislature to abolish forever the purse seines and the trollers, who have been operating for years along the Oregon coast.

Another general bill of general interest is the one which provides for double election boards; one board to count the votes while the other board is receiving the ballots. There are restrictions which will prevent any information as to how the count is going until a few minutes after the polls close. The principal advantage of this law will be that the result of elections will be known almost immediately after the voting ceases.

Anti-Asian Land Law Killed.

The anti-Japanese legislation was killed in the senate. The senate, after the most spirited debate that has marked the present session of the legislature, by a vote of 20 to 9 defeated the bill. This bill had strong support in the house, but the belief that the Japanese question is something for the federal government to handle rather than the state prevailed in the senate.

The bill was practically a duplicate of the California bill on the same subject enacted last year.

The bill received 34 affirmative votes in the house, three more than required as a constitutional majority. Opposed to passage of the bill were 25 representatives, with one member of the house absent.

Soldiers' Bonus Referred to Voters.

The senate by a vote of 28 to 2 approved house joint resolution No. 12 referring to the voters of Oregon at the next general or state election the question of amending the constitution so that the state may lend its credit in an amount not exceeding 3 per cent based on the assessable property valuation to provide funds with which to pay participants in the recent world war a cash bonus of \$15 a month for the time they actually served or a loan not to exceed \$4000.

By the same vote the senate also approved house bill 203, which provides for the creation of what will be known as the world war veterans' state aid fund and prescribes the manner in which the bonuses shall be paid and the loans executed.

Emergency Board Bill Vetoed.

Governor Olcott vetoed the bill providing that the state emergency board shall consist of the chairman of the ways and means committee of the sen-

ate, the chairman of the ways and means committee of the house and five other members to be elected from the joint ways and means committee. The senate approved Governor Olcott's appointments of H. von der Helten of Wellen, George W. Cornwall of Portland and Walter L. Pierce of La Grande, as members of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college.

Free School Books Defeated.

Following a prolonged debate in which all house rules regulating length of oratorical display were stretched to the limit by nearly every member, the house voted down Senator Banks' free school book bill. The final vote was 29 in favor, not enough to pass the measure, and 28 votes against.

It was charged repeatedly that Oregon is in the throes of a school book trust and that this bill offers a simple and economical way out of the grasp of the trust.

Appropriations Will Exceed \$6,000,000.

At the completion of its labors the joint ways and means committee announced that it had reached an agreement to recommend to the legislature appropriations for state departments and institutions for the biennium of 1921-1922 approximating \$6,667,338.97. This amount is \$142,603.02 above the amount of money available under the 6 per cent tax limitation of the constitution, but it is believed sources to meet the excess amount will appear.

The excess of \$142,603.02 represents special appropriations, measures approved by the committee not included in the budget and also requests presented in person to the committee at its hearings by the representatives of the various departments or institutions.

Marriage Test Bill Passes.

The people are to have the opportunity to say by their ballots at the next general election whether or not examinations shall be required of all applicants for marriage licenses as to health and mental fitness of such applicants to enter into the marriage contract. The house passed senate bill 174 with only eight negative votes.

The act provides that it shall be unlawful for any official of Oregon to issue a marriage license to any person until after the applicants shall have submitted to and passed an examination by a regularly licensed physician, competent to examine such applicants, as to their health, in regard to contagious or communicable venereal diseases, and mentality, as shown by the physician's certificate.

Provision is made in the bill for it being referred to the voters of the state at the next general election.

Bills Passed Over Veto.

The senate, by almost unanimous vote, passed house bills 38 and 66 over the veto of Governor Olcott. These bills were passed during the special session of the legislature in January, 1920, but were later rejected by the executive for the reason that they were not considered emergency legislation.

One of the bills gave to the highway commission power to fix the salary of the state highway engineer, while the other measure provided for an increase in the emergency fund of the state highway commission from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

Passage by the house of a bill repealing the gasoline test law, wipes off the statute books a measure enacted in 1907, enforcement of which contributed largely to a gasoline famine in the state last year. Companies refused to bring supplies into the state until the law, which required gasoline to be of fifty-six gravity test, was suspended by Governor Olcott.

Legislative Brevities.

The house passed a senate bill which places bond houses under the control of the state corporation commissioner. The senate passed a house bill, which gives the governor control of the tolls of the interstate bridge.

Senator Lachmund introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salary of the governor from \$5000 to \$7500 annually.

A resolution providing for an increase in the pay of members of the state legislature to \$5 a day, and not in excess of \$300 for one session, was laid on the table by the house.

The legislature has adopted a joint resolution calling for the display of the American flag on school houses, churches and other public places on Mothers' Day.

The legislature enacted a bill making it a misdemeanor to fall to support an indigent parent and providing a fine to be used for such support.

After considerable discussion the house approved a bill giving women of the state of Oregon the right to serve on juries, subject to the approval of the bill by the voters at the next special or general election.

All motion pictures shown in the state must be approved by a state board of three motion picture censors under the terms of a substitute censorship bill introduced by the house committee on health and public morals and passed by the house.

A bill introduced by the committee on agriculture and forestry, providing for the organization of co-operative associations, passed the senate by a vote of 26 to 4.

RAY, VETERAN OF TWO WARS

Commander of South Dakota Department of the Legion Has Had Much Experience.

F. B. Ray, commander of the South Dakota department of the American Legion, is a veteran of both the Spanish-American and World wars. During the days of '98 and '99, Mr. Ray served in 16 battles and scrimmages.

After being mustered out of the service, Mr. Ray enlisted in the South Dakota National Guard and was a member of that organization when the United States entered the World war. During the latter war he served as commanding officer of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and later the Three Hundred and Fiftieth Infantry. He is now cashier of a bank at Yankton, S. D.

Mr. Ray is a charter member of Roy Anderson post, No. 12, of the Legion, and served as its commander. He was elected commander of the South Dakota department in 1919.

HAS RENDERED GOOD SERVICE

Commander of Oregon Department of Legion, Has Deserved Title of "Fighting Parson."

Rev. William S. Gilbert, commander of the Oregon department of the American Legion, is a fighting chaplain who has administered to the spiritual wants of Oregon troops in the Spanish-American war, the Philippine insurrection, during their service on the Mexican border, and for 17 months in France with the A. E. F.

His military career started 26 years ago, when he became chaplain in the Oregon National Guard. During the World war he was chaplain of the One Hundred and Sixty-second Infantry, Forty-first division and First army corps. He received the Croix de Guerre.

The "fighting parson" has held a number of pastorates in the state of Oregon, and was for three years president of Philomath college. He was recently appointed regent of Oregon State university by the governor of that state.

CHOOSE AIR MAN COMMANDER

Former Balloon Pilot, Lawyer, Heads Nebraska Department of the American Legion.

Nebraska members of the American Legion have elected Robert G. Simmons, a former balloon pilot, as department commander. Mr. Simmons is now an attorney in Scottsbluff, Neb.

The former pilot entered the air service October 28, 1917, and was licensed as a spherical balloon pilot by the Aero Club of America in February, 1918, and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the air service in March, 1918.

For some time he was an instructor in courts-martial and then was in command of the Sixty-third, Eighty-third and Seventy-fourth balloon companies at Fort Omaha. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in June, 1918.

Mr. Simmons is a graduate of the law college of the University of Nebraska. He served for one term as county attorney.

GOOD SHOWING IN SERVICE

Commander of Nevada Department of the Legion Rose From Private to First Lieutenant.

T. L. Withers, commander of the Nevada department of the American Legion, rose from the rank of private in the National Guard to that of first lieutenant during his military career, which was spent in various organizations of the Coast Artillery corps.

Educated at Thatcher Preparatory school, Northhoff, Cal., the Universities of Nevada, California and Virginia, Mr. Withers acted as instructor in mathematics and chemistry for some time and then entered the practice of law at Reno, Nev. He served as chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call in 1917 and chairman of the home service section, American Red Cross, Reno, Nev., and was active in organizing the Nevada department of the American Legion.

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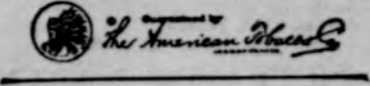
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SUMMONS

In the Justice Court for Hermiston District, Umatilla County, State of Oregon. Lane Brothers, Plaintiffs vs. W. M. Tuttle, Defendant. To W. M. Tuttle, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action in said Court within six weeks from date of the first publication of this summons, and you are further notified that if you fail to answer or otherwise plead in this cause within the said time the plaintiff for want thereof will take judgment against you for the sum of \$64.35 with interest thereon from the date of filing of the complaint in said action and for his costs and disbursements in this action.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the above entitled court made and entered on the 29th day of January, 1921, and the first publication of this summons is made on the 4th day of February, 1921.

J. T. Hinkle, Hermiston, Oregon 21-7tc Attorney for Plaintiff

HERMISTON IRRIGATION DIST.

Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the office of the Hermiston Irrigation District on Main Street, in the City of Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon, on Saturday, February 26, 1921 for the purpose of determining whether the board of directors of said District shall be authorized to enter into a contract with the United States and with the Umatilla River Water Users Association whereby all existing liens for water right charges except those contained in patents, shall be discharged and whereby the United States agrees to expend the sum of \$744,000.00 on the original Umatilla Project in the improvement of Canal "A," in betterments and reconstruction and whereby the District shall agree to repay to the United States for building charges and betterments the total sum of not to exceed \$1,750,000.00.

The polls will be open from 8:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. of said day. By order of the Board of Directors. W. J. Warner, Secretary.

ONE of the aftermaths of the late war is the wave of crime which has swept the country and which no amount of police vigilance seems able to suppress. For four years men were engaged in the work of destruction. All the values so carefully built up through the centuries were demolished, all the moral restraints broken down. In short, all the rules by which civilization protects itself were thrown into the discard and an entirely new set, the fundamental purpose of which was to destroy, rather than to construct, were set up in their place. Weak minds could not stand that test. They warped in the heat of the trial. Nor were they the only ones to suffer. All mankind suffered from the sudden lowering of standards.

This ground cannot be regained at once. Retracing our steps, rebuilding our shattered ideals, reasserting respect for law and order will take time.

Meanwhile it seems rather foolish for some state legislatures to be considering the question of instituting capital punishment as a means of checking crime. There is considerable doubt, in the first place, as to whether capital punishment lessens crime and there is more doubt over the advisability of destroying our whole system of penology, built upon so painstakingly during the last few generations.

If we are on the right track in our efforts to reform as well as to punish the criminal, if we are correct in our belief that society profits most in the long run when those who break its laws are treated humanely, then it is foolish indeed to allow an exceptional and temporary condition to upset all this for the sole purpose of a brief revenge.

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