

20 NEW LAWS BROADEN SCOPE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

At the recent session of the legislature, 20 measures were passed affecting school laws and the educational program.

The five most important acts were those providing for the acceptance of the Smith-Hughes act for vocational education, establishment of part-time schools; minimum salary of \$75 per month for teachers; minimum fund of \$620 for each school district; raising the per capita tax for elementary schools from \$8 to 10, and providing that the high school tuition laws shall be effective in all counties excepting those having the central county high school.

Federal Aid Is Assured

Under the bill by Representative Hare accepting the provisions of the Smith-Hughes act, Oregon will receive \$40,000 from the federal government during the next biennium. Under the act work of education in trades, industry, agriculture and special training of teachers to teach these subjects will be promoted under the direction of the state board for vocational education appointed by the governor.

The course of study offered must be in conformity with the plans of the federal board for vocational education. The purpose of the act is to establish such rules in our high school that every child may have the opportunity to acquire an education that will fit him for the actual work of life and that he may be able to earn, if necessary, a living the day he leaves school.

Compulsory School Age Raised

Under a bill by the committee on education the compulsory age is raised to 16 years for all children who have not completed the eighth grade and all children between 16 and 18 years who have not completed that grade must take part time school work if a part time school is established in their district.

Attendance must be one hour a day for five days in the week upon the employers' time, provided, that if there be an evening school the pupil may elect to attend it, if he prefers so to do. This act is drawn in conformity with the policies of the federal board for vocational education, which is securing the passage of such laws in all the states of the union.

Minimum Wage Is Fixed

Under Mrs. Thompson's bill providing a minimum of \$75 a month for teachers, the district that fails to pay that amount will forfeit the funds for the school district to the general fund of the county, and the board signing a contract for less than \$75 a month may become personally liable for the amount.

Under a bill the committee on education in the house a minimum school fund of \$620 is provided for each district. In order to pay the minimum salary the amount of the county school fund is raised from \$8 to \$10 for each child.

Under the high school bill, by Senator Patterson, the county high school fund law is repealed and places in operation in all counties of the state, excepting five maintaining a central county high school, the county tuition law enacted in 1915.

Physical Education Provided

Under a bill by Senator Banks, physical education is made compulsory for all pupils in elementary and high schools for a period of not less than 20 minutes each school day, the course of instruction to be prepared by a committee of experts appointed by the state superintendent.

Under a boundary bill introduced by Senator Norblad, all territory of an incorporated city or village shall come under one school district.

A bill by Senator Patterson requires that a patriotic program of not less than one and one-half hours be held on the morning of Washington's birthday and the school shall be dismissed for the afternoon of that day.

School Districts Merged

Under a bill by Senator Moser all of the school districts in Multnomah county, outside of Portland, are merged into one district, the district to be divided into zones and one director elected from each. This act becomes effective only on its adoption by the people living in the territory affected.

Another bill by Senator Bell, makes the county treasurer custodian of school district funds, unless the county court elects not to come under the provisions of the act.

Under a bill by Senator Porter no school teacher shall solicit or permit soliciting of any subscriptions except such as may be authorized by the district board.

State aid for soldiers, sailors and marines to secure education is provided in a bill by Senators Smith of Coos and Pierce, in event the act is ratified by the people.

Right of Review Given

Right of review of tax levies is given to the district boundary boards in districts of the third class by a bill by Representative Dodd. The same members secured passage of an act prohibiting the teaching of any subject in the schools of the state except it is taught in the English language.

Under a bill by Representative Richardson Portland may levy 0.8 mills in stead of 6 mills to increase the present salaries of all the teach-

ers, and a bill by Mr. Smith of Baker authorizes school boards in districts of the first class to levy taxes, unless they exceed the 6 per cent limit, when they must be referred to the people.

District Funds Protected
Under another bill, by Dodd, teachers hereafter, when signing a contract, if they wish to res on must do so at least 60 days before the contract is in effect or stand chances of having their certificates revoked.

Another measure by Representative Edwards provides that when a school district fails to have eight months of school because of epidemic conditions it shall not forfeit its share of the county school fund. Teachers may conduct eighth grade examinations instead of the chairman of the board of directors in a bill by Representative Childs.

TAX ALLOWANCES GIVEN SALESMEN

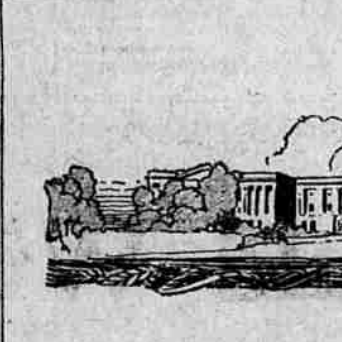
WASHINGTON, March 3.—Salesmen and other employees receiving per diem allowances in addition to regular salaries are required to report these allowances on income tax returns, the internal revenue bureau announced today.

Living expenses are not allowable deductions even though incurred in carrying on a business and amounts paid for board and lodging by persons who travel in the course of their employment are considered living expenses. Any excess of a per diem allowance over living expenses is taxable income.

A salesman who has to pay for the use of a sample room is entitled to deduct such payment as a business expense and any traveling man is entitled to deduct railroad fares paid by him in carrying on his occupation.

CONTINUE PROBE OF ALIEN PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Continuation of the investigation of lawless propaganda during the recess of congress, with a report at the next session, was authorized today by the senate. Chairman Overman of the committee, announced that it desired to examine additional witnesses and needed time for the preparation of its report.



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10 FEET OF SNOW AT CRATER LAKE

KLAMATH FALLS, March 3.—Snow is now nearly three feet deep on the level at Kirk on Klamath Indian reservation, 40 miles north of this city, and is about 10 feet deep at the Algoma Lumber company's camp, some distance west of Kirk, according to J. M. Bedford, in charge of timber on Klamath Indian reservation. A depth of 10 feet of snow was reported at Crater Lake national park several days ago, this amount being about normal.

NEWBERRY SEATED IN SPITE OF PROTEST

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Democratic leaders of the senate today withdrew their objections to the receipt of credentials of Truman H. Newberry, republican senator-elect from Michigan, whose election is being contested by Henry Ford, democrat. They said Mr. Newberry was assured of being seated in the next senate, subject to probable investigation.

CHROME BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—A bill validating and authorizing adjustment of more than two and a half billion dollars of war contracts, and the thirty-three million dollar rivers and harbors appropriation bill were signed today by President Wilson. The first bill carries \$8,500,000 to reimburse war mineral developers.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES MEET REVERSES

STOCKHOLM, March 1.—General Krusnoff, Cossack leader, has occupied Saratov, on the Volga river, and Volsk, 70 miles to the northeast, according to reliable reports.

OREGON TROOPS IN 41ST DIVISION REACH NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 3.—With 1562 troops, the cruiser Frederick arrived here today from Brest, Units on board included Third battalion headquarters and Companies I and D—ten officers and 288 men—of the 162nd Infantry of the 41st division (national guard men of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming) assigned to Camps Pine, Lee, Lewis and Dix; detachment of 81st Infantry brigade headquarters of the 41st division; the 95th, 103rd, 465th, 835th and 199th aero squadrons; casual companies numbers 271 of Tennessee, 90th of Indiana and 123 of Massachusetts and mobile hospital No. 104 for Camp Custer.

The steamship Siboney from Bordeaux brought 3151 troops, including detachment headquarters, 40th division (national guard men of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico); a detachment from the 87th division and a number of convalescent and casual detachments.

Major General Frederick S. Strong, commanding the 40th division, came home in command of the Siboney's troops, and Brigadier General William O. Johnson traveled as a casual.

The steamship Yosemite arrived with 28 medical, infantry and forestry casals. The steamship Polar Bear came in from Bordeaux by way of Bermuda with a few casals. She was disabled at sea and the steamship President Grant aided her in reaching Bermuda.

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