

FUSS STILL RAGES OVER PORT BILLS

State Senate Resents Efforts of Gov. Meier to 'Muscle In,' Via Rufus Holman As Commission Member.

SALEM, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The senate fight over Port of Portland legislation will continue when the Angell house bill, amended in such a way as to make it unsatisfactory to the Angell-Moser following, will come up for third reading and final vote in the senate.

A margin of two votes defeated Senator Gus C. Moser's minority report yesterday, which recommended that the Angell bill pass in virtually the same form that it passed the house several days ago. The senate debate was over the issue of whether the bill should include an amendment by a majority of the Multnomah senate delegation whereby the names of four men were written into the bill, to become port commissioners if the bill passes, or whether no names should be written into the bill, leaving it to the legislature to elect them. The latter was Moser's contention.

Had Senator Charles Hall not been absent the vote on the minority report probably would have been a tie, which would not have changed the result. If Hall votes with the Moser supporters against the bill, as he has intimated that he may, and the supporters of the bill fail to recruit at least one vote from the Moser supporters, then the bill will fail to pass the senate. If it does pass it is Moser's prediction that the house will fail to agree to the senate amendments and that the resulting deadlock will not be broken when the legislature finally adjourns.

The four names written into the bill by the senate Multnomah majority were: William Ludeman, Harry L. Corbett, Kenneth Dawson and Rufus C. Holman. All concerned found the first three acceptable, but the fight arose over Holman who was not satisfactory to the Moser-Angell following and who, they charged, represented an effort by Governor Julius L. Meier to "muscle in" on port affairs.

The vote on the minority report was:

For—Billingsley, Carsner, Dunn, Fisher, Franciscovich, Johnson, Kiddle, Kuek, Mann, Miller, Moser, Schumierich, Strayer, Upton.

Against—Bailey, Bennett, Booth, Brown, Burke, Crawford, Dunne, Eberhard, Eddy, Jones, Spaulding, Marks, Wheeler.

Absent—Hall.

Changing the name of the Roosevelt coast highway to the Oregon coast highway and the names of Malheur county and river to Sinnott county and river were included in the house bills introduced. A joint memorial to congress, requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 for improvement of Silicoos and Takenish lakes in Douglas and Lane county as permanent resorts was also filed. The house passed 15 measures, including five of the league of city bills having to do with city liens, taxation and street vacancies.

Two bills introduced in the house by Representative Snell are designed to revolutionize in a minor way, the system under which the state of Oregon and its various counties have shared in the distribution of tax monies collected.

The bills are designed to amend the present system by requiring that the state shall share in the losses in revenue due to delinquencies in the payment of taxes. They amend existing statutes to specify that the county in turning over tax monies to the state shall deduct a proportionate amount from the state's levy for delinquencies in the total amount collected.

Under the existing system the counties are required to turn over to the state the total amount in dollars and cents represented by the state levy as imposed upon the assessed valuation of each of the several counties. The counties are required to bear the entire loss from delinquencies.

Pensioners Pay Italy.

ROME, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Italian war veterans have reduced the nation's public debt by nearly \$300,000 through renunciation of pensions and insurance and by turning in government bonds. The National Association of Combatants contributed \$21,000 in January.

Government Chemists have found a new way to make alcohol unfit to drink, but the bootleggers really didn't need a new way—Publishers Syndicate.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler declared that "Professor Einstein is monarch of the realm of pure thought, thus excluding him from jurisdiction over some of the shows in Gotham."—Boston Herald

Rogue River Fish Bill Opinions as Viewed by Oregon Editors

CLOSING OF THE ROGUE (Oregonian)

The legislature has closed the Rogue river to commercial fishing, nor does there appear the least likelihood that the governor will veto the measure—being already committed to its principle by pre-election pledge. But will the Rogue remain closed? It is a stream that in the political sense is as restless and changing as its own quicksands. The threat to invoke the referendum already is heard, and in all probability this will be put to practice, but the Oregonian, in common with a great many unprejudiced citizens of Oregon, recognizes that the status of the Rogue ought to be determined as it now has been, by some method other than popular vote.

When Rogue river closing was before the people on its several submissions this newspaper recommended a negative vote mainly on the principle that when in doubt one should vote "no." Facts in the case were in outright and open dispute between opposing factions. Regardless of the public's ability to think for itself here were required specialized knowledge and study of local factors in order to obtain a requisite comprehension of the true effect of the measure. This newspaper believes now as it believed then that such legislation is properly the concern of the state fish and game commissions and of the state legislature.

For other reasons also the last proposal to close the stream by popular enactment was objectionable. The measure was a constitutional amendment, but in truth a misdemeanor statute which, as such, had no place in the fundamental law of Oregon. Another reason was that economic conditions should not be further disturbed at a time of general depression. Of these three objections to the closing of the Rogue, two are non-existent in the method and nature of enactment now obtained. As for the third, that of economic conditions, it is evident that the legislature considers a closed river to be of greater economic importance than the somewhat curtailed commercial fishing industry of the Rogue.

Equally it is evident that the legislature, with the facts before it, considered the future of the Rogue only to be at hazard. The enactment of such a measure is not, as many would suppose, chiefly or even primarily a concession to sportsmen. It is an act of conservation, intended to preserve a fine stream in increased possession of the finest fishes that swim our western waters. There is a danger, it may be, that wealthy sportsmen will undertake by the purchase of lands along the stream to corner the fishing for themselves, as has befallen in Maine and eastern Canada, and as has been the immemorial custom in the British Isles. It would be regrettable, indeed, if the closing of the Rogue to commercial fishing would mean a partial closing of the stream to any angler who turned toward it. What steps should be taken to prevent such a misinterpretation of enacted legislation we cannot say, and possibly alarm is unwarranted, but the time is upon us—it is now when the rights of the average leisure holder must be considered. If it should prove that they are not to be considered on the Rogue, we would not be astonished to see the river reopened. The present decision is not irrevocable if later it be found that a mistake has been made.

UPSTATE PEAR AREA VIEW OF 1930 MARKETS

Hold Prof. Hartman's Report Close to Facts—Up to Coast Growers to Devise Means to Meet Their Problems.

Hood River, known chiefly as an apple growing center, but with increasing pear production, through the "Hood River News," views the 1930 marketing and other conditions as follows:

The views expressed by Professor Hartman as to the causes of the depression of the pear market so nearly coincide with the facts that they deserve the attention of every grower and shipper. While the general economic situation undoubtedly caused a market slowing-up in the buying of winter pears, it is obvious that the flooding of eastern markets with Bartlett's long after the normal season for that pear was over, also had a serious effect on sales of Rose and also on Anjous, which went on to the market early. Another factor, and this also is serious, is the shipping of a third grade of pears which, as market bulletins disclose, only served to decrease sales in the higher grade fruit. Because the canners controlled the Bartlett price situation in the west this past season, hundreds of cars were packed and shipped to the markets of the east, and not only did the Bartlett grower suffer because of poor returns, but he dealt a blow to the grower of later varieties.

As the years of big crops roll by it is becoming evident, even to those who are naturally dense, that the sooner pear growers and shippers of the west can collectively design ways and means toward orderly marketing the better will be the chance of selling their fruit at a profit. And, by the way production is increasing in most of the west, and near districts, if they do not, of their own volition, draw up such a plan, the condition that will eventually show itself will force action.

FISHERMEN CARRIED AWAY ON ICE FLOE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 7.—(AP)—At least 25 fishermen were carried out into Lake Erie here today when a vast wind broke off a huge section of ice on which they were fishing.

Identity of the men could not be determined immediately, but marine officials began compiling a list of those probably adrift from the license numbers of automobiles parked along the shore.

Heavy Rhine Traffic STRASBOURG, Feb. 7.—(AP)—This French port on the Rhine handled 5,700,000 tons of freight, the largest business in its history, in 1930. This placed it third among all French ports, only Rouen and Marseilles leading it.

Plan British Lido. MINEHEAD, England, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Lundy Island, a privately owned domain in the British channel, may become a British Lido. It is planned to convert it into a swanky sports club to which members might fly from London.

O. S. C. EXPOSITION READY FOR VISITORS

Above—Student committee in charge of eighth annual Educational exposition at Oregon State college Feb. 13 and 14. Below—Cadet band which will take part in all-college musical concert for visitors. Inserts—Dr. Joseph Roemer of Florida, vocational guidance specialist, (left), and C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, two of principal speakers on the program.

Oregon State College, Corvallis, More than 175 high schools of Oregon have accepted invitations to send delegations of students and an instructor to the statewide vocational guidance conference known as the O. S. C. Educational exposition. Last year 769 official delegates attended from all sections of the state.

Student committees have prepared exhibits in every department of the college. Robert Jarmon of Echo, general chairman, has been assisted by the following committee heads: Donoval Kuhl, Prairie City, social events; Paul Mahoney, Monrovia, Cal., housing; Frank Miller, Palo Alto, traffic; and Waldo Taylor, Portland, publicity.

Heads of school committees preparing exhibits are Eugene Gross, Halfway, agriculture; Herbert Staples, Corvallis, forestry; Margaret Coats, Albany, home economics; Nading Milhollen, Corvallis, library; Ethel Upton, Gaston, women's physical education; Maxwell Cook and Roy Dahlin, Corvallis, military; Russell Mills, Vernonia, vocational education; Eugene Powell, Toledo, and Roy Mineau, Marshfield, pharmacy; Robert Goodell, Eugene, basic arts and sciences; Jack Brown, Corvallis, mines; Henry Risley, Corvallis, chemical engineering; Earl Dibble, Portland, commerce; and Lauri Pernu, Astoria, industrial journalism.

POWER RULE WITH TOWNS AIM OF ACT

Places Cities of State Outside Jurisdiction of Hydro Commission, and Right to Fix Electricity Rates.

SALEM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The desire of Oregon cities to remain outside the jurisdiction of the Oregon public service commission, even if Governor Meier's program of power regulation and development is adopted, caused the introduction of a bill by Senator Burke today in conformity with their wishes. The bill also has the governor's approval and is considered part of his program.

In brief the bill authorizes cities and incorporated towns to secure right to the use of unappropriated waters and it would regulate the operation of electric generating plants and distributing systems by cities and towns, and also regulate rates to be charged by the cities for electric service.

The substance of the bill was originally covered, Senator Burke said, by other power bills in the governor's program, but could not be adjusted satisfactorily to the ideas of municipal officials.

Among the provisions is one that "any filing made by any city or incorporated town upon the unappropriated waters of this state, shall not be subject to appropriation by any other person, municipality or corporation unless it shall be judicially determined that such filing exceeds the reasonable present or future requirements of such city or incorporated town, in which event the surplus or excess may be, by decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, released and discharged from such filing.

Senator Burke, chairman of the senate committee on railroads and utilities announced today that a public hearing on the hydro-electric commission will be held by the senate and house committees jointly next Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock in the hearing room at the state house. A joint public hearing will be held Tuesday night in the house of representatives on the Grange utility district bill.

Tribute to History

FALAISE, France, Feb. 7.—(AP)—William the Conqueror is worth about \$1000 a year to this city. It is the tribute paid annually by the 16,000 tourists, mostly American or British who visit the castle where he was born in 1027.

When The Cat's Away—

SYDNEY, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Taking advantage of an acute meat shortage when slaughter house employees went on strike for a month, Sydney vegetarians made a big propaganda drive and claim to have made many converts.

Promote Papal Police

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The 159 papal penandres now are commanded by a colonel instead of a captain. The former lieutenant was made a major and a full complement of line officers was named from the ranks.

Rogue River Valley—The scenic paradise of the world.

MALIN BANKER FACES SECRET INDICTMENTS

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Indictments returned secretly by the December grand jury have been announced in connection with the arrest of R. C. Dubrinsky, former cashier of the Malin State bank, who was returned here from Denver Thursday night.

Three indictments charge larceny by embezzlement of over \$100 of bank funds; false entry in books concerning a \$25 deposit slip, and possession of a \$3,000 note with forged endorsement.

CROSS VILLAGE, Mich., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Five men were marooned on an ice floe today that broke away from the main ice pack along the Lake Michigan coast line here.

Berths Are 'Luxuries'

ROME, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Sleeping car berths are unnecessary luxuries for Italian college boys, says Carlo Scorza, head of the fascist university groups. He cut down the expense allowance of students summoned to conventions from \$4 to \$3 a day.

Perhaps Mexico would entertain a proposal from us to swap Chicago for Lower California.—Boston Transcript.

MICE TESTS SHOW BORDER DIVIDING LIFE FROM DEATH

McPHERSON, Kas.—(AP)—Those few seconds just as life is ending, when it is still possible to "come back," have been measured on mice in the McPherson college chemistry laboratory.

Dr. J. Willard Hershey, professor of chemistry, controls the life threads of his mice delicately by placing them in a near-vacuum. At an air pressure about one-seventh that of normal the thread snaps, but not suddenly.

Death—in the ordinary meaning—is indicated by the mouse's ceasing to breathe. But as late as 30 seconds after breathing has stopped, the animal can be brought back to life, by putting him in fresh air.

The come-back takes a long time, two days for full restoration, and it usually is several minutes before breathing can be seen to resume.

At an unidentified point between 30 and 60 seconds the irreparable break comes. Sixty seconds wait after breathing stops has been found always fatal.

UNION COUNTY IRKED BY DROUGHT STIGMA

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Union county Chamber of Commerce today stood in vigorous opposition to the recent inclusion of the county in the "drouth relief" areas.

Last year farmers here had the best crops in years and no drouth was experienced, agriculturists declare. Senator Steiwer is being requested by telegram to have this section removed from the "drouth area" lists announced earlier this week.

French Railways Boom

PARIS, Feb. 7.—(AP)—An increase of 11,000,000 passengers in 1930 was reported by the French state railways, despite the business depression and a decrease in tourist transatlantic traffic. Passenger rail receipts were \$88,440,540.

Reward for Fighting Reds

NANKING—(AP)—A reward for suppressing communism here while the army was fighting the northern rebels, the nationalist government has voted a bonus to every man on the Nanking police force. The cops kept the Chinese capital free from reds by using plenty of muscle on agitators.

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