

Voter's Legislative Report

(This is the second in a series taken from The Oregon Voter, in regard to legislative procedure and organization.)

METHOD OF REVISING

Preceding each session, the expectant presiding officers of each house confer with leading elected members and with the retiring chief clerks of their respective houses. Usually plans are made for such revision as is deemed wise and that may be acceptable. The suggestions so developed are submitted to prospective members of the committee on rules of each house, and when officially appointed each committee makes its recommendation in the form of amendments to the rules of the preceding session. Usually the amendments as reported by the committee are adopted without opposition. If there is opposition, the report may be sent back to the committee, or the house may adopt amendments to the committee report, which, when adopted in original or amended form, set up the permanent rules for the session. Proposals for revision later must be referred to the rules committee, and the house acts on that report while, either rejecting the committee report or adopting it and thus revising the permanent rules.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE

For many years there has been opinion favoring the modernization of the rules of each house. Some of these suggestions have been adopted. One adopted in the 1947 session was for the use of strike-out type, instead of confusing parentheses, to indicate language proposed to be stricken from existing law by a bill for amendment of a particular section or sections. This excellent suggestion, which had been pending for more than 20 years, but which had been opposed by a senator who was a bitter opponent of change, became effective in the 1949 session, of which that senator was not a member.

In structure and to some extent in language, the rules of both Oregon houses are a heritage from colonial legislatures which adhere to English parliamentary practices that existed prior to the Revolution of 1788 and originally were established before printing was in use. Through Tudor and Stuart times Parliament considered bills that were hand-written and were rolled in scrolls. The final enrollment of such a bill, in form to present to the King, was in such a parchment scroll, elaborately ruled and illuminated by colored inks.

The American colonies were mostly established prior to 1688, and their legislatures followed the ancient style which then prevailed. You will find provision for "enrollment" in the rules of both Oregon Houses. The climax of this archaism was in the 1938 construction of the desks for the chief clerk of each house and his or her assistants. The only convenience provided for bills at those desks were tiny square pigeon-holes which could fit the old rolled scrolls.

In the days when the legislature was convening in the new Capitol in 1939, carpenters were called in to remove these little pigeon-holes so the space they occupied could be altered into form which would admit folded bills.

The rules still retain so much that is archaic that a complete rewriting is necessary to make them suitable to modern meth-

ods for expediting business. That such a wholesale modification might impair some technicality which a member would want to use for obstructing the progress of a bill, or might confuse members as they become state legislators, is the principal fear that has stood in the way of attempts at thorough modernization.

Long after the 1688 revolution in England the United States constitutional convention was held at Philadelphia. Members of that body had for their guidance all the British parliamentary experience subsequent to 1688. They were not tied into the pre-1688 pattern so far as legislative rules were concerned. The constitution they set up gave the United States congress its fresh start to establish rules unhampered by the pattern and precedents which were something of a fixation of colonial legislatures as they became state legislatures. Hence the rules of congress benefitted by a century of parliamentary experience which had modified the old Tudor pattern.

In the pangs of organizing each new Oregon session into a practical operating unit the disposition is to avoid experimenting with wholesale changes. Such a charge could be brought about only by an exceptionally qualified group in an interim legislative committee charged with responsibility for reporting a new set of rules to be considered by an incoming session. The prestige behind such an attempt, at reform right bring about the adoption of a far better set of rules for both houses, thus making possible a 60-day session instead of one protracted into the fourth month, as was the 1949 session. The length of that session has proven to be a determining factor in decisions by a considerable number of members that they cannot afford to sacrifice so long a time from their ranches, their law practice or their businesses. The state is likely to lose the able and independent members unless something is done about the rules to expedite legislative transactions.

Sunday—Standing committees; power of appointment.)

New York Pear Prices Decline During Week

The Oregon State college extension service reported today that New York auction prices for winter pears have declined further the past week. Fancy Oregon anjous averaged around \$4.35 a box. This is about 30 cents less than the previous week and at least 65 cents a box under the season's peak reached at mid-February, the extension service said. The \$4.42 average for rath-er light offerings on Monday, March 6, was the same as a week earlier.

Fancy comice held fairly steady at close to \$3 after declining more than a dollar a box during February.

CHADWICK FILES

Salem, Ore., Mar. 10—(U.P.)—State Rep. William W. Chadwick of Salem, who operates hotels here and in Medford, today filed his candidacy for state senator from Marion county. He will seek the republican nomination at the May 19 primary election.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays

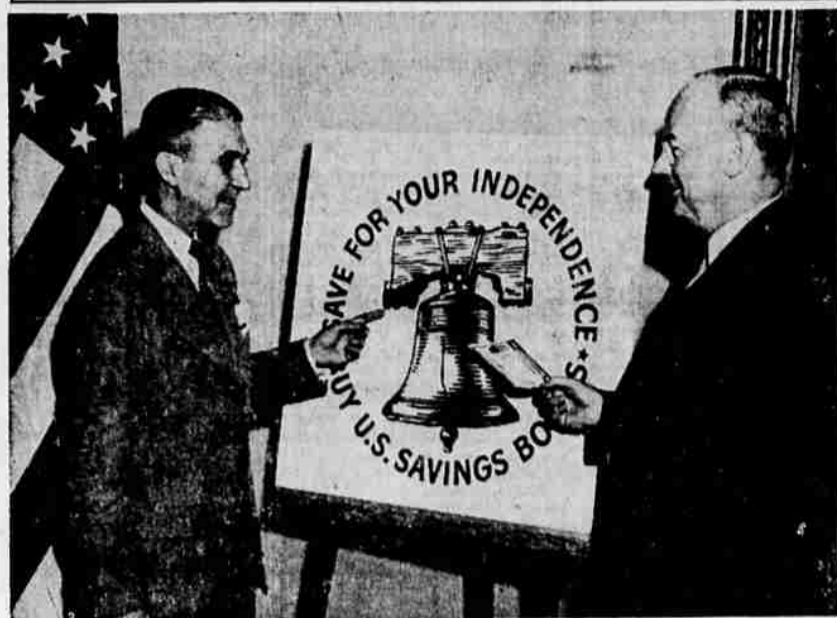
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Liberty Bell Chosen as Savings Bonds Drive Symbol



Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, right, looks very pleased as Sales Director Leon J. Markham of the United States Savings Division shows him the symbol for the Independence Drive, which will open May 15, and run through July 4, to stimulate the sale of savings bonds.

"The Liberty Bell symbolizes not only our political independence but also all those characteristics of Americanism which serve to sustain our independence," Secretary Snyder said. "Of these characteristics, thrift, of course, is one of the most outstanding. Thus in the Independence Drive, the Liberty Bell will be an especially suitable reminder of the importance of savings and Savings Bonds to our economic life and to the financial independence of the individual," he asserted.

Notices Posted For School Merger Vote

Principal Henry Kammann of the Ruch-Sterling school announced today that notices have been posted in four Applegate valley school districts announcing a consolidation election for March 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Registered voters in the Rush-Sterling, Little Applegate, Uniontown and Forest Creek districts will decide whether they will merge into one large district or continue to send their children to the small rural schools now in use. Ruch-Sterling is the most populous district of the four.

Malecki To Seek Post As State Representative

Salem, Ore., Mar. 10—(U.P.)—Gene Malecki, the Salem lad who flew a case of beans to Boston last summer and toted a turkey to Turkey last November, today filed his candidacy for state representative from Multnomah county.

Malecki, who has been engaged to direct publicity for the Shakespeare Festival sponsored by Southern Oregon college at Ashland this summer, will seek the republican nomination at the May 19 primary election.

EX-BEAUTY QUEEN FREE

Hollywood, Mar. 10—(U.P.)—A former "Miss America," Actress Joe Carroll Dennis, divorced Comedian Phil Silvers yesterday on testimony that the more free time he had, the less he spent with her.



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The Grange

Bellview Grange

Bellview Grange had unusually large attendance at the meeting Tuesday evening, with Master Ralph Mickle presiding. There were 102 members members and four visitors present to see Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Daily, Mrs. Beatrice Lindsay, Mrs. Louis Pankey and Mrs. Ennis Gardner get first and second degrees.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Roberts and small son of Roxy Ann Grange, Mr. Sithehl of Dark Hollow and Phyllis McRay of Ashland.

Ways and means committee announced a square dance to be given March 18 at Grange hall for Grangers and their friends. No admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken when free refreshments are served.

Lecturer Francis Worth announced that at the next meeting, March 21, Mr. White of the experiment station would give a talk on the new seeds and crops that do well in this valley. Also about progress of experimental work done in the past two years.

At the second meeting in April, Mr. Jossey will show movies and talk about the different weeds in this county and their control.

At the first meeting in April Grange will put on the full third and fourth degrees. Any other Granges with candidates are welcome.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Gold Hill Zone Changes Sought Through Petition

Gold Hill, Mar. 10—Two petitions were presented to the city council, at the meeting March 6, to have blocks 1 and 2 changed from business zones to residence zones. The council adopted ordinance 240 rescinding the former ordinance that made the blocks business zones.

A letter was received from the state highway department giving a map of the part of the city in which construction work will be done later.

Fund Use Eyed

A letter from Harvey and Watkins, consulting engineers, stating that Oregon had received a \$160,000 appropriation that may be distributed among cities for construction work. Investigation is being made as to the eligibility, payments, etc., to see if money may be obtained for a filtration plant for the city.

Budget committees were appointed. For the one-year term, the vacancy caused by the death of Merritt Merriman was filled by appointment of E. E. Miller. Two year members are Paul Thompson and Delos Walker. Three year members are E. R. Davis and R. A. Todd.

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Melvin Kulkman was obtained property owners adjacent to the site to be used by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for a building. Their names had been overlooked at an earlier date.

The loan fund debt is being rapidly reduced and will be paid off at an early date, it was reported.

T. F. Netzel asked that the sewer be extended to his property between Third and Fourth streets and facing Seventh avenue. The line will be extended through the alley to his property.

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