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LEGION of BILLS.

Good, Bad and Indifferent which State Legislators have Introduced.

The state legislature, which convened at Salem last week, has plenty of work on hand if the legion of bills introduced are to be discussed intelligently and not railroaded through the halls of congress. As the bills are of particular interest to our readers and to give them some idea of what is proposed, we give below the purport of the numerous bills, which will be food for reflection and argument. It is safe to predict that a great number of these bills will never become a law or even be discussed:

Kurkendall, to regulate the matter of employees of the legislature and committee clerks.

Daly of Lake, to amend the laws relating to equalization of assessment.

Mackay, to regulate pilotage on the Columbia river.

Daly of Benton, to change the time of the open fishing season in Alsea bay and river.

Adams, to encourage the use of wide tires on public roads by taxing all vehicles of less than three inch tires.

Fulton, to provide for a scaler of logs in several districts of the state without expense to the state; to abolish fish wheels and traps and pound and set nets; to authorize county courts to permit loggers to place skids in public roads; to remove the limit in the amount of tideland one person may buy and provide for an order of survey and giving the party making the first survey preference in the right to buy.

Durfur, to extend the privileges of the Soldiers' Home to the wives and widows of soldiers.

Roberts, to authorize county officers to sell property for delinquent taxes after advertising the same without posting notices on the property.

Morton, to protect the silver gray squirrel and establishing a close season from January 1 to August 1, not to apply to squirrels that burrow in ground.

Kyers, to reimburse the military fund for moneys expended in the suppression of riots at Astoria and Roseburg in 1896.

Myers, for the reorganization of the state militia.

Davis, to amend the Sunday laws so as to require the closing of barber-shops.

Brattain, to abolish private seals.

Marsh, for preservation of forests and game and create the office of forest and game warden.

Palmer, reducing maximum contract rate of interest from 10 to 8 per cent.

Young, prohibiting the killing of deer for 12 years.

Curtis, providing for county prosecuting attorneys.

Curtis, for the sale of tide lands; same as Fulton's bill in the senate.

Hill, to prevent the maintenance of armed bodies of men other than by the state.

Hill, amending the code so that administrators of estates may pay funeral and doctor bills without waiting for the expiration of six months.

Whitney, to provide for the opening of drainage ditches through the premises of objectors in the same manner as public roads are established.

McCulloch, to amend the homestead exemption act as to its processes.

Myers, changing the fishing season on Alsea bay, river and tributaries.

Donnelly, to create the county of Wheeler from portions of Grant and Crook.

Davis, same as Whitney's bill on push-cars, etc.

Maxwell, to establish a fiscal agency for the state in New York city, to act without compensation.

Moody, limiting appeals to the supreme court to cases involving \$500 or more.

Moody, providing for the taking of depositions by notaries public instead of by commissioners, and legalizing depositions heretofore taken by notaries.

Moody, providing that no fees as mileage shall be allowed witnesses in criminal cases, unless the witness travel two miles or over, the law to extend to the entire state as it is now in Multnomah and Clatsop counties.

Carter, to amend the statute so that

the sale of property for delinquent taxes may be made without posting notices thereon.

Topping, to provide for health officers at Gardiner, Yaquina and Bandon, with duties similar to those of the present health officer at Astoria, each to receive \$400 per year.

McCourt, to increase the salary of the sheriff of Marion county from \$1500 to \$2000, and the allowance for deputies from \$1800 to \$2000.

Davis, prohibiting mining, quarry companies and other corporations from conducting company stores.

Curtis, to provide for an annual license fee on all merchantile houses in the state, varying from \$10 for fruit stand to \$100 for a wholesale merchant, the money to go to the state road improvement fund.

Hill, to regulate fire insurance companies.

Butt, incorporating the town of Lafayette, Yamhill county; read second time and referred to the Yamhill county delegation.

Roberts, to grant Albert A. Haug a 30-year franchise for a toll road in Sherman and Gilliam counties; also for a bridge across John Day river.

McQueen, to incorporate Cottage Grove, in Lane county; read second time and referred to the Lane county delegation.

Whitney, to amend the charter of Tangent, in Linn county.

Moody, appropriating \$2000 in aid of the Oregon Historical Society.

Virtue, to create a state board of horticulture, of six members.

Briggs, providing a penalty for the pointing of firearms by persons over 16 years of age.

Whitney, to create the office of county prosecuting attorney.

Moody, giving street car companies the right of eminent domain.

Maxwell, to establish and incorporate a part of Tillamook.

McCulloch, by request, to incorporate the town of Sublimity, in Marion county.

Wonaocott, levy and collection of road taxes in money.

Bayer, apportioning the state in senatorial and representative districts.

Davis, requiring a public record of names and amounts due unknown depositors of banks and providing for disposition of unclaimed funds.

Wilson, fixing salaries of Douglas county officers.

Wonaocott, to encourage use of wide wagon tires.

Hawson, for liquor license of \$1000.

Curtis, relating to change of county seats.

Williamson, creating a fund for scalp bounty by levying a tax of 1½ cents per head on sheep.

Maxwell, to prevent production and sale of unwholesome goods.

Curtis, appropriating \$25,000 per annum for the propagation of salmon.

Moody, to regulate practice of horse-shoeing.

Moody, authorizing counties to fund indebtedness by bonding.

Stewart, for protection of deer.

Kruse (by request), for vestibules on street cars.

Young, protection of razor clams.

Myers, relating to military fund.

Davis, protecting transplanted Eastern oysters.

Morton, to protect human life from baseless handling of firearms.

Curtis, regulating the driving of fish trap piles.

Curtis, regulating payment of fees in justice courts.

Marsh, letting contract for board of prisoners in Washington county.

Marsh, regulating place of trials.

Massingill, for special examination of plaintiffs in suits for damages for injuries.

Young, to protect crawfish.

Roberts, repealing act which prevents driving or herding of livestock along public highways.

Sherwin, to promote sugar-beet industry.

Kruse, for construction of fishway at Willamette falls.

Blackaby, regulating witness' fees; civil cases, courts of record, \$2; before justices, referees, etc., \$1.50. In criminal cases, half the amount, and nothing where witness resides within two miles.

Whalley, on same subject as last.

Ross, to bar inchoate rights of dower of rainors, etc.

Whalley, regulating incorporation and business of building and loan associations.

Young, to amend section 2788 of code, making it necessary to transmit only a summary of assessment roll to secretary of state.

Flagg, for a separate board for the transaction of Marion county business and specifying qualifications of county judge.

Stillman, requiring bonds for application for appointment of provisional receiver.

Stillman, regulating attorney fees in civil actions, allowing judgment for such fees where a contest is had, against defeated party.

Stillman, to repeal section 1890 (668) of code.

Stillman, making valid the marriages heretofore contracted within the six months' limit following divorce, where there is no other legal inhibition.

Beach, regulating building and loan associations.

Beach, regulating purchase of public supplies, giving preference to Oregon manufacturers.

Beach, making countries pay expenses of conveying their insane to the asylum.

Beach, to prohibit adulteration of candy.

Curtis, for submitting municipal charters to vote of the people.

Mackay, to create the office of tax collector in counties of 60,000 population, and fix his duties.

Brownell, to provide for the election of county prosecuting attorneys.

Haseltine, to give preference to Oregon products in building and maintaining public institutions.

Durfur, to make the day for the payment of the state tax in Sherman county the same as in other Eastern Oregon counties.

Daly of Lake, requiring the county clerk to certify to oaths in pension matters without charge.

Kelly, by request, to amend the act for protection of game and fish.

Selling, to create a trust fund in Multnomah county from unclaimed money of deceased persons.

Joseph, to provide that expert witnesses shall be summoned by the court.

Porter, permitting parties to serve papers in civil cases and requiring the sheriff to collect fees if he serves such papers.

Kuykendall, to provide for a school per capita tax.

Haines, by request, to allow mileage at 5 cents per mile for all witnesses and jurors.

Proebstel, to prohibit nickel in-the-slot machines or devices of a like character.

Morrow, to reduce the compensation of the clerk and sheriff of Morrow county from \$2400 to \$2000 and to drop their deputies.

Bates, to regulate fraternal benevolent corporations.

Kelly, to require a \$5 fee for filing suits or actions not contemplating money judgement.

Daly of Benton, by request, declaring the sale of land for taxes in certain cases void, and requiring the sheriff to notify the state board when such sales are made, if the state school fund has a mortgage on the land.

Kuykendall, to regulate stock running at large.

Harmon, to authorize county judges and clerks of school districts to bid in property sold for taxes.

Adams, for taxation for dogs.

Morrow, to cure defects as to witnessing or acknowledging deeds.

Kuykendall, conferring on the Eugene divinity school the right to confer degrees.

Daly of Lake, limiting clerks of state officers.

Adams, to repeal the act providing an additional judge for the third judicial district.

Porter, to provide for the execution of sheriff's deeds when a change of officers occurs before proceedings which culminate in the deed are completed.

Bates, to create the office of clerk of the justice court, at a salary of \$65 per month in cities of 50,000 inhabitants.

Looney, to prevent productions and sale of adulterated foods and medicines.

Smith, to cure defects in deeds now defective in execution or acknowledgment.

Clem, to provide for deduction of indebtedness from assessments.

Kelly, to amend laws relating to notice of appeal from circuit to supreme court.

Bates, to prevent adulteration of and deception in flaxseed oil.

Looney, to prohibit the sale of cigarettes or cigarette materials to boys under 18.

Harmon, to amend the act creating the board of horticulture, so as to give the governor executive power on the board.

Michell, to add two judges to the supreme court.

Selling, to repeal the annual appropriation of \$5000 for the state fair.

Fulton, to appropriate \$25,000 for food fish hatcheries.

Kuykendall, to change the terms of court in the second judicial circuit.

Reed, to reduce salaries of Douglas county officials to a total of \$2800 a year passed to a second reading and referred.

Haines, to regulate the jurisdiction of justice courts.

Bates, to provide for laying out, building and improving county roads and bridges; for a roadmaster in each county and for a state engineer.

Joseph, to make estimates of insane patients, or certain relatives, if able to bear the expenses of maintaining the patient and for nurses from the asylum to convey committed patients from the county to the asylum.

Mulkey, providing against the sheriff getting credit for the return of the delinquent list unless there is a legal reason why the tax could not be collected.

Cameron, to authorize the several county assessors to appoint deputies.

Mackay, to authorize the Port of Portland to make further improvements in the Columbia river channel and borrow \$500,000 therefor, and \$250,000 additional to build a drydock, for both of which bonds shall be issued.

Brownell, to provide for the election of road supervisors by the voters.

Looney, to amend the laws relating to the fees of coroners.

Bates, providing the matter of levying road taxes.

Harmon, amending section 2288 of Hill's laws so as to provide that only summaries of county assessment rolls shall be transmitted to the secretary of state, instead of the entire rolls, as now.

Morrow, to extend homestead of 160 acres or \$3000 valuation from attachment and judicial sale.

Durfur of Wasco, to authorize the town of Antelope to build waterworks, etc.

Bates of Multnomah, to provide that the collection of taxes in counties of 500 inhabitants be by the county treasurer, instead of the sheriff.

Daly of Benton, to revise the school laws.

Brownell of Clackamas, to permit loaning of state school funds at a rate of interest as low as 6 per cent.

Driver of Lane, providing for the working of county prisoners on public highways.

Harmon of Josephine, for registration of voters, etc.

Proebstel of Umatilla, to incorporate the city of Pendleton.

Reed of Douglas, to amend the law so as to permit school districts having a balance not exceeding \$50 on hand at the end of the year to retain it, instead of having to turn it back for reapportionment, as now.

Joseph of Multnomah, to reform the administration of the insane asylum.

Hains of Washington, to authorize county courts to fund the present floating indebtedness by the issue of warrants bearing a less rate of interest.

Fulton of Clatsop, for an additional judge for the fifth judicial district.

Adams of Marion, to regulate warehouses, flouring mills, and other places where grain is stored, and to require them to report to county courts.

Daly of Lake, to re-enact the mortgage-tax law, with a provision for exemption where indebtedness and taxes correspond.

Morrow of Morrow, for the extirpation of the Russian thistle, etc.

Smith, of Baker, to require railroad crossings to be planked, etc., by the companies, so as to be safe for the public.

Kelly, of Linn, to register land titles according to the Torrens law of Cook county, Ill., which has been approved by the Illinois supreme court.

Fulton, of Clatsop, for an appropriation of \$2000 for the State Historical Society.

Mulkey, schedule of reduced prices of printing by the state printer.

Brownell, to provide for the appointment of two supreme court commissioners.

Smith, to amend section 1721, Hill's laws, pertaining to crimes on women.

Haseltine, of Multnomah, to create the office of state geologist, without salary.

Daly, of Lake, to amend the laws so as to allow counties until June 1 to pay taxes to the state.

Daly, of Benton, to provide for a commissioner of transportation and board of transportation, to be chosen by the voters, and to tax railroad property for the support of the same.

Mulkey, to amend the law in relation to the duties of assessor, etc.

Brownell, by request, to require corporations employing laborers to pay weekly, in money.

Haines, to require criminal complaints or informations to be submitted to the district attorney before being filed, except in cases of murder, arson and robbery.

Fulton, relating to negotiable instruments in the interest of interstate uniformity of practice.

Gray, of Lane, providing for the meeting of the electoral college the second Monday in January, and the manner of filling vacancies.

Morton, of Wasco, providing for the dissolution of municipal corporations.

Earrell, of Multnomah, providing for the purchase of 100 copies of Joseph Gaston's codification of state laws at a price not to exceed the cost of Hill's code.

Morton, of Sherman and Wasco, requiring the O. R. & N. Co. to fence its tracks between Portland and Huntington.

Reeder, of Umatilla, defining the duties of county surveyors and fixing their compensation.

Curtis, of Clatsop, prohibiting the false labeling of Oregon products, principally fish and fruit, and providing penalties therefor.

Curtis, revising the taxation laws.

Whalley, of Multnomah, amending Hill's code in reference to the drawing of juries.

Moody, of Multnomah, providing for prosecutions in criminal proceedings upon the grand jury.

Moody, requiring a deposit of jury fees in civil proceedings, and constraining failure on the part of either the plaintiff or defendant to do so as a waiver of trial by jury.

Moody, relating to negotiable instruments.

Gray, of Lane, providing for the submission of charters to the votes of a town before their introduction in the legislature.

Bayer, of Multnomah, giving preference to the home material in the construction of public buildings, providing the price and quality are equal to that of material that may be obtained elsewhere.

Blackaby, of Malheur, authorizing county judges and clerks of school districts to bid in property for delinquent taxes.

Reeder, of Umatilla, amending the charter of the town of Adams, Umatilla county.

Curtis, amending the code relative to the sale of real estate for delinquent taxes.

Grace, of Baker, fixing the sleeping-car rate at \$2 between Portland and Ashland and Portland and Huntington, and \$1 between Portland and Roseburg and Portland and Pendleton.

Curtis, amending the act creating the office of attorney general of the state, and defining the duties of the attorney-general.

Gray of Lane, providing for the opening of the doors of public buildings outwards.

Gray, amending the code in reference to the elections and duties of county judges and county commissioners.

Curtis, abolishing state appropriations in aid of the Salem state fair.

Curtis, amending the code relative to assessment, levy and collection of taxes.

Gregg, of Polk, amending the code to enable administrators to complete contracts entered into by decedents.

Young, of Clatsop, creating the office of game and forestry warden, and providing for the appointment of county deputies.

Flagg, of Marion, providing for the protection of wild ducks.

Morton, of Sherman and Wasco, amending the code relative to attachments.

Cummings, of Marion, amending the code relative to the fees of coroners by reducing the same.

Hill, amending election laws and providing for registration of voters.

Fordney, of Wallowa, annexing a portion of Union county to Wallowa county, and re-establishing the boundaries of Wallowa county.

Hill, regulating pilotage on the Columbia river, creating a board of pilot commissioners, defining their duties and fixing their compensation.

Hill, creating the office of tax collector in counties of 60,000 population or over.

Myers, of Multnomah, creating the office of state biologist, without salary.

Topping, of Coos, amending the code relative to the protection of public bridges.

Curtis designating the number of professors there shall be employed at the state university and fixing their compensation.

Hawson, of Gilliam, providing for the recovery of costs by prevailing parties in justice courts.

Whalley, of Multnomah, repealing the law exempting earnings of public officials from attachment and garnishment.

Whalley, creating the office of state road engineer, county road masters, and providing for the better working of county roads.

Maxwell, of Tillamook, providing for the collection of the poll tax of \$2 at the same time as realty taxes, same to be placed into a special fund for the maintenance of public roads and bridges, and permitting counties to levy a 10 mill tax, instead of only 5, the limitation under the present law.

McCurt, of Marion, fixing the salary of district attorney of the third judicial district by adding \$1200 to the present salary of \$500, providing for the payment by the counties comprising the district, and abolishing fees.

Ross, of Multnomah, abolishing the use of private seals on deeds, mortgages and other instruments.

Nichols, of Benton, annexing portions of Lane and Lincoln counties to Lobster precinct, Benton county.

Farrell, providing for the protection of innocent purchasers of realty by reason of the non-recording of conveyances.

McCulloch, of Marion, providing for the working of prisoners between the ages of 16 and 50 years on public highways and buildings.

Curtis, providing for an additional circuit judge in the fifth judicial district.

Beach, of Multnomah, constituting Willamette and Portland boulevards in the city of Portland county roads.

Stillman, regulating railroad freight and passenger rates.

Ross, to provide for collecting original Indian names of rivers, brooks, mountains, etc., in the original territory.

Grace, to punish the poisoning of domestic animals.

Young, assessment and collection of taxes.

Whalley, requiring street railways to provide weather guards on cars.

Maxwell, incorporating town of Nehalem.

Whitney, to tax mortgages.

Whitney, for election of road supervisors.

Gray, enabling legal representative of a person whose death or injury is caused by another to maintain an action for damages on account of such act.

Wilson, fixing legal rate of interest on public indebtedness.

Young, to repeal section 2762 of code.

McAlister, to improve wagon road in Union county.

Davis, to regulate barbers' business.

Maxwell appropriating money to bridge South Nehalem river.

Brattain, amending charter of Junction City.

Fordney, requiring street-car owners to pay license.

Grace, repealing section 2733 and 2835 of code—poll tax.

Maxwell, to amend law districting the state for senators and representatives, so as to give Tillamook county one representative.

Palmer, prescribing manner appropriating state money.

Young, laying out state roads and working convicts thereon.

Massingill, for relief of Lake county, rebate for erroneous taxation of wagon road lands, \$243 80.

Hawson, providing a lien on farm products for farm labor.

Maxwell, amending salary law of county treasurers.

Palmer, killing of game birds.

Whitney, amending charter of Albany.

Curtis, to regulate towage on Columbia river.

Whitney, to prevent persons from running push-cars, velocipedes, hand-cars and like upon railroad tracks, except railroad employes.