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### ACTIWITES IN OREGON

The largest individual lumber transaction ever consummated in Oregon was closed when the Buehner Lumber company mill and timber located on Coos bay were transferred to eastern and southern operators for an actual cash consideration of approximately \$4,000,000.

Road patrolmen or supervisors of Lane county this year will receive pay at the rate of \$4 a day in cases where they have charge of one district each and where they have charge of two or more, their stipend will be \$5 a day, tion and road legislation were un according to an order made by the settled. county court.

Drastic slashes in the city payroll were made by the Pendleton city counand two employes were cut from the payroll entirely. The cuts range from \$25 a month to \$10, all salaries but year will be \$5280.

Excavating for the new \$135,000 hospital to be erected by the Eugene Bible university at the corner of Twelfth avenue east and Hilyard street, Eugene, has been started and work on the superstructure will start as soon as the basement is completed, it was announced at the administration offices of the school.

Governor Pierce, in an address given before the members of the Willamette Flax and Hemp Growers' association of Salem, said he had been converted to the flax industry in Oregon since his election and had authorised Johnson Smith, warden of the penitentlary, to enter into a contract with the growers for the entire 1923 crop.

George Toplet returned to his mother's home in Corvallis after an absence of 17 years. He ran away from home when he was 16 and enlisted in value of the property assessed. the navy. During the late war the

Reports that Henry J. (Hy) Eilers, former head of the defunct Oregon Ellers Music house of Portland, and now sought by the police, is in Hamburg, Germany, were received by the Portland police, who had been asked by San Francisco authorities to arrest him on a charge of conspiracy in connection with issuing and passing worthless checks.

Oregon leads all other states in the volume of production per man in the lumber industry, and also leads all other lumber producing sections in the amount of wages paid to common labor in the lumber mills and logging camps, according to a report just issued by Ethelbert Stewart, United States commissioner of labor, covering lumbering operations in the six principal producing states.

Prospects of a short fruit crop in the east and middle west this year. and the fact there has been little canned fruit carried over by the wholesalers in those sections, will combine o make 1923 a prosperous year for Pacific coast canners, is the prediction of J. O. Helt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association and head of the fruit department of the National Canners' association, who has just returned from Atlantic City, N. J., where he attended the annual convention of the association.



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## SESSION AT SALEM ENTERS FINAL WEEK

Governor Sends Special Message Asking Legislature to Expedite Measures.

Salem. - Following precedent, the egislature started on the final week of the 40-day session with the usual jam of unfinished business. It seems to be a habit of legislatures to put off final action on important measures until the closing days.

Governor Pierce took occasion in special message delivered to both houses to call attention to the fact that after being in session for 24 days practically none of the legislation ecommended in his inaugural address had been passed.

The particular legislation that the executive urged the legislature to expedite included the income tax bill, the consolidation measure, the series of taxation bills, several bills increasing the tax on foreign corporations, irrigation measures and a bill creating a state market agent.

When the house and senate reconvened Monday morning all the major measures remained to be considered The income tax, general tax revision, consolidation of state departments, appropriation bills, fish bills and irriga-

both houses are mostly unimportant and of no great interest to the state cil on recommendation of Mayor Fee, at large. During the first five weeks 205 bills were introduced in the senate and 249 in the house, a total of 154 measures. Sixty-five bills received the one being cut. The total saving in a approval of both houses; 25 senate neasures and 30 from the house. Compromise Incoms Tax Bill Appears

A compromise income tax bill has been introduced in the house. The measure provides for a graduated rate on personal incomes and a flat rate on business and corporation incomes The exemptions are similar to those provided in the federal income tax law and the tax on personal incomes will range from one to ten per cent while the corporate and business tax will be four per cent.

A feature of this bill is the exemp tion granted to owners of real prop-

ness schedule carries a right of deduction covering all taxes paid other than inheritance taxes, income taxes of the state and taxes assessed for local benefits of a kind tending to increase the

It is also provided, however, that mother received word that George had further deduction of "the fair rental earnings, provided that such deduction does not exceed 6 per cent of the assessed value of the property. The same deduction runs to the business schedule as well as to the indi-

New Consolidation Bill. A new consolidation bill was in-

troduced in the senate Saturday, bearing the names of 17 senators as joint authors, or enough senators to pass This bill is said to have been tentatively approved by the governor, and if he really wants it the house will undoubtedly pass the measure.

The new senate bill prevides for a state welfare commissioner, state commissioner of agriculture, state corporation and insurance commissioner. each to receive \$4000 a year.

Offices of state industrial accident commission, inspectors of child labor, board of conciliation, commissioner of labor and statistics and board of health are abolished and their duties turned over to the state welfare commissioner.

ioner, sealer of weights and measures, pure seed board, lime board, sanitary livestock board, board of horticulture and the like are abolished and their duties handled by the commissioner of agriculture.

Offices of state water board and water superintendent are abolished and the duties attended by the state

Offices of corporation and insurance commissioners are consolidated.

Oregon bureau of mines is abolished and its duties transferred to the Oregon Agricultural college.

State vocational education board is abolished and the duties transferred to superintendent of public instruction Committee Approves Atteria Relief. Legislation for the relief of Astorie was approved by the ways and means provides that the state purchase Asbonds at par in the sum of \$350, 000, bearing interest at 4 per cent, but no interest to be collected for a period of six years. The sum of \$250,000 is

o be appropriated for the purpose.

The Kuehn house bill prohibiting the changing of registration of party affiliations within 50 days preceding pri-mary elections passed the scenate.

The Cary ice cream bill, which proyoked such a storm of protest from the

ice cream manufacturers upon its in ction in the house, was passed by the senate by a unanimuos vote. The bill increases the butterfat and solids content of ice cream.

The senate passed house bill No. 77, designed to aid in the enforcement of the prohibition laws of the state.

The bill requires the registration of all distilling appurtenances with the proper state and federal officials and makes the presence of a still, worm. mash or any of the other equipment or ingredients incident to the distillation or brewing of liquors prime facte evidence that the owner or occupant of the premises is the owner of the tabooed paraphernalia.

Representative Keeney's bill, which was intended to place a tax on literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions when operated for compensation, was killed by the senate through indefinite postponement.

Senator Dennis' bill which provides that taxes levied in 1923 and 1924 shall be 10 per cent lower than the tax collected in 1922 passed the senate with only President Upton voting against it. It applies to all tax levying bodies and excepts only money raised to pay principal or interest on bonded indebtedness heretofore contracted or to pay salaries fixed by law.

Education for Crippled Children. The house, by unanimous vote, used a senate bill providing for the educating of crippled children. Provision is made in this measure for the setting aside in every district in which one or more crippled children are enrolled of a "crippled children's educational fund," in proportion to the number of such children in the district. out of the general funds of the district. This fund is to be employed to provide for visiting teachers to be paid for on

the basis of hourly teaching. By the bare margin of one vote, Representative Woodward's eight hour day law for the lumber industry was passed by the house. The bill, as amended, provides that the penalties fer violation shall not be effective until similar laws are enacted by Washington and Idahe.

The house of representatives decided against free text books for elementary school children in Oregon when it voted to accept the majority report of the committee on education and indefinitely postponed Representative Woodward's free text book bill. Initiative Safeguarded.

The house voted to safeguard the initiative from frauds when it passed the Kuchn bill with 38 ayes against 20 noes and Gordon and Kay absent.

The bill as passed requires petitions to be filed with county clerks and local registrars and provides that county clerks shall publish notices advising the people of the counties just where petitions are available for signature.

Mrs. Simmons' bill to make jury been killed in a naval engagement. value of all real estate owned" by the duty compulsory upon women and reisting of claiming exemption, passed the house, the vote being 34 ayes and 25 noes

The bill not only removes the exemption, but requires that one-half of the jury panel in Multnomah county must be women, and one-fourth of such panel in the balance of the coun-

Against the advice of the state highway commission, the house passed Graham's bill authorising the refunding of road bonds and use of the money on primary market roads. Graham's plan is to issue each year for market roads an amount of bonds equal to those retired for the state highways. This plan will keep Oregon at the constitutional limit for road bonds.

The Lewis bill to tax church property failed in the house when 35 votes were counted against the measure. with 24 for it, and Burdick, the sole member absent, thus defeating the measure by a majority of 11 votes.

Legislative Brevities. By a decisive vote the house voted down Representative Lovejoy's bill to create a state board of cosmetic therapy examiners.

Reduction of the salaries of all state officials and employees, not fixed by statute, approximately 10 per cent, is proposed in a resolution adopted by

Representative Blower's bill, regulating the sale of firearms and restricting the carrying of the same by persons other than sheriffs and peace offleers, was defeated in the senate.

The house passed Senator Eddy's bill to provide for a state prohibition commissioner and assistants to be paid from funds diverted by the counties to the state as collected from liquor

The senate refused to go on record as favoring the release from federal prisons of persons convicted of violations of the espionage act because of expressions of epinion construed to have been disloyal to the United States.

In response to the request of Gover nor Pierce, made in his special message to the legislature, resolutions were introduced in the house authorising the governor to call a conference of governors of Washington, Idaho, Montame and California to consider the imposition of taxes on natural reission of five to investigate irriga

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