

SESSION AT SALEM RUNS OVER 40 DAYS

Lawmakers Unable to Complete Labors Within the Constitutional Limit.

Taking Bill Opposed in Senate—Wilson River Toll Road Bill Vetoed—Increase in Property Assessment Proposed—Old Age Pension Law Failed.

Salem.—The legislature was unable to complete its work within the 40-day constitutional limit, so it was necessary to extend the session over into this week. The most important piece of legislation left for consideration when adjournment was taken over the week end was the so-called fishing bill, which would divert to the general fund a percentage of all special funds except trust funds such as school and funds of the state accident commission.

The fishing bill passed the house with little or no opposition, but there was strong opposition in the senate, very largely due to the fact that it was believed it would affect the state highway program because of the very considerable sum it would divert from road funds.

Only three votes were cast against the administration state income tax bill in the senate. There were 27 votes in favor of the measure, which had previously passed the house of representatives.

Special Election in June In the latter part of June, probably on Tuesday, the 28th, the people of Oregon will be called to the polls to say through the ballot box whether they approve or disapprove, the income tax bill put through the senate Wednesday by so decisive a vote.

Secretary of State Kozer, through whose official hands the election machinery operates, is checking up the time that necessarily must elapse between the end of the legislature and a convenient date for a special election.

The Wilson river toll road bill was vetoed by Governor Patterson. In giving his reasons for returning the bill he said that he fully appreciates the value and convenience of the proposed road, but that it is a local road and its construction at this time would constitute a radical departure from the program of economy which is of such vital present necessity.

Going to the financial condition of the state, the governor says he does not believe that a new and expensive program in any department of the state should be instituted at this time.

Bills carrying appropriations aggregating \$1,255,250 in connection with the 1927 building program during the second biennium were approved by both houses.

Phonograph Almost \$4,000,000 C. F. Smith furnished by the clerk of the joint ways and means committee show the state's financial situation to be \$3,982,206.41 if the legislature approves and the governor vetoed all bills from the committee. The total of the recommended appropriations and estimated appropriations for the two years are \$8,215,272.

Governor Patterson signed a bill which provides that the heads of the various state institutions shall be named as superintendents. The board of control is authorized to fix the salaries of these officials. It also is provided that the board may fix the salaries of its secretary.

The senate, after adopting a report recommending passage of a bill extending until December 31 of this year the time for making operative the income tax measure approved at the last general election eliminating fish taxes from the upper Columbia river, rejected the bill by the narrow margin of one vote.

Dead Laws Repealed One thing this legislature is notable for is the other sessions is the effort made with considerable success to wipe off the law books a lot of dead timber in our own, obsolete and overlapping laws. No fewer than 85 bills were introduced by the committee on repeal of laws, each aimed at some statute believed by the committee to have outlived its usefulness.

The senate, by a vote of 27 to 2, approved a bill providing for the abolishment of the state emergency board.

Overriding the adverse report of its committee on labor and industries, the house passed a senate bill which would strike from the law the section providing for a biennial appropriation of a sum sufficient to cover half the administrative expenses of the industrial accident commission for the two year period.

Increase of the property assessment in the state by approximately \$250,000,000 is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Hamilton, which was approved by the senate.

The bill gives the state tax commission supervisory control over the assessment and tax laws of the state,

county assessors and county boards of equalization. The commission also would have authority to fix the valuations of any property in the state. The purpose of the bill is to obtain uniformity of assessments and taxation. As a safeguard to taxpayers under this bill, the senate approved a measure introduced by the committee on assessment and taxation which provides for limiting the amount of revenue that can be raised under fixed millage taxes. Under the latter bill, these revenues cannot be increased more than 3 per cent annually based on the millage returns for the preceding year.

The old age pension law failed to pass the house by a vote of 23 to 19. The house refused to join with the senate in repealing the present law requiring medical certificates of physical fitness from male applicants for marriage licenses, and voted down a senate bill which would have brought that about.

"For Hire" Carriers to Pay More

"Anywhere for hire" trucks, and passenger automobiles not designated as common carriers will be required to pay an additional amount of 50 per cent over their regular license fees under the terms of senate bill passed by the house. The bill also removes the owners of commercial travelers' cars from the class of machines having to pay this extra amount. Heretofore, "anywhere for hire" machines paid on a capacity and millage basis, as have common carriers operating between fixed points.

The house killed a bill which would have provided that the state highway commission have jurisdiction over all highway signs erected in the state. Opponents held that it might prohibit communities from erecting signs tending to draw traffic in their direction.

Following a vigorous attack by representatives from many corners of the state, a house bill providing for preliminary party conventions went down to defeat in the house.

Compulsory liability insurance for automobile owners was voted down in the house.

A bill proposing to change the method of appropriating school money by basing it on the number of elementary school teachers employed instead of on the basis of school census, was defeated in the house.

State to Build Grade Crossings

The house, by a vote of 31 to 27, passed a senate bill which would place the cost of grade crossings on the state highway fund, whereas at present it is borne jointly by this fund and the individual county in which the crossings are constructed.

The house, after voting against a senate bill providing for the licensing of persons to practice and teach "cosmetic therapy," reconsidered and passed the measure.

The senate refused to approve a bill introduced by the house committee on legislation authorizing institution heads with the sanction of the state board of control to transfer funds from one budget classification to another.

A senate bill making insanity grounds for divorce went down to defeat in the senate. Sixteen senators voted to sustain an adverse report on the measure.

Automobile license fees are to be made the subject for a study by a committee of five senators during the next two years with a view to recommending to the next legislative session a schedule of fees providing for a more equitable distribution of the license tax, particularly as between new and old cars.

The free text book bill was indefinitely postponed in the senate when an adverse report of the committee on education was adopted. The bill provided for purchase of books by the school districts if so voted by the people.

Sheriff's Salary Bill Killed

Senator Upton's general salary bill for sheriffs was indefinitely postponed and killed in the senate on adoption of an adverse committee report. It provided that the sheriffs be placed in six classes with salaries ranging from \$2760 to \$6000.

By practically unanimous vote, the senate passed the bill providing that members of the public service commission should be appointive instead of elective as they now are. The appointments would be made by the governor.

A bill providing that tax levies in Oregon be made as of January 1, instead of March 1, one of the measures presented by the special committee that studied taxation during the last two years, was killed by indefinite postponement in the senate on adoption of an adverse committee report.

A bill introduced by Senator Moser authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of the state penitentiary also was approved. Under this bill the superintendent of the prison would appoint a warden and deputy warden, subject to confirmation by the state board of control.

A resolution referring to the voters the question of repealing the interest guarantee law as it affects irrigation and drainage districts was indefinitely postponed.

Incidents Along Road To Florida

From page 2 miles out to one of the benches on the narrow key, across a rickety wooden toll bridge. The island seemed deserted, but a few people being on the bathing beach. The water is warmer than the Pacific in southern California, and it would seem a great attraction. It is well patronized on Sunday, however.

Going north we took the long way home, passing quite a few orange and grapefruit groves. All showed more or less damage from the recent freeze, especially young trees. At a roadside stand we purchased a dozen very large grapefruit for 20 cents, while the smaller ones were a cent each. They are very delicious. Oranges are also very cheap and sweet.

The next town was Clearwater, also a popular bathing beach for Tampa people. There is quite a town there and across another rickety toll bridge is a very large, exclusive hotel, with many fine residences near by. There were a few people on the beach, but not much doing. We were told that the local residents flock here in the warmer season.

The road from Clearwater circles around the head of Tampa bay and back to the city, a very pretty ride. Many subdivisions have been started along the road, and in fact in every part of the bay district, most of them with but a house of two built, and apparently at a standstill. The boom is over here as well as in the rest of the state, but they are bragging here that the big hurricane of last September did not do any damage here. We could see no evidence of it.

"Inside" Information

Cooking does not destroy the valuable mineral salts found in many fresh vegetables, but some of the minerals are dissolved in the water in which the vegetables are cooked. This liquid should therefore be served or utilized in some way. It may be saved for soup or used in gravies or sauces.

Cooking a meringue in too hot an oven makes it tough and watery. Use a slow oven with meringues. Then they will set all the way through, brown delicately on top, and remain puffy after they are taken from the oven.

The body must have mineral matter to build and repair bones, teeth, and other tissues, and keep it in good running order. Calcium is found in dried beans, cauliflower, Swiss chard, peas, turnips, carrots, parsnips, oranges and certain other fruits and vegetables. Milk used in cooking any of these foods or served with them increases the amount of calcium taken. Iron is supplied by fruits in general and by the green-leaf vegetables, such as lettuce and dandelion greens, and particularly by spinach. As a source of iron, spinach is in a class by itself. Egg yolk is another good source of iron.

Even at ordinary temperatures gasoline gives off a very explosive vapor, the vapor from a single pint rendering the air in an ordinary-sized room explosive. Whenever it is used indoors for cleaning, it is important that there be no fire in the room and that the doors and windows be open so the vapor may escape. Often some cleaning agent which will not take fire can be used as satisfactorily as gasoline.

When porportions are given in terms of sweet milk and baking powder, an equal quantity of sour milk may be substituted and enough soda used approximately to neutralize the acid, or a scant half teaspoon for each cup of sour milk. In the case of thin batters the soda and sour milk generally furnish enough leavening but for thick batters or doughs baking powder is usually needed in addition. When sweet milk is to be used in place of sour, baking powder is substituted for all of the soda in the proportion of 4 teaspoons of baking powder for 1 teaspoon of soda if no other acid ingredients such as molasses is used. If such an acid ingredient is used, as in gingerbread, some soda is required.

HOME REMINDERS

(O.A.C. Home Economics School.) Keeping an iron hot to press the seams of folds as you sew gives the article when finished a better appearance.

Equal parts of raw chopped spinach and cabbage are a novel way to use spinach in a salad. Chopped peanuts are sometimes added. To serve raw vegetable salad attractively a custard cup for molding is used.

A colorful shamrock salad is made by stuffing green peppers with cottage cheese. After thoroughly chilling, it is cut into slices two

or three for a serving. Another spinach variation is creamed spinach and mushrooms. A teaspoonful of vinegar put into the water when poaching eggs prevents their breaking. Common brown manilla paper absorbs fat from fried cakes, potatoes and croquettes. Soaking material in sour milk or buttermilk removes mildew. Infertile eggs bought for preservation will keep longer than fertile eggs under adverse conditions. They contain no developed germ, are slow to decay and cost no more than fertile eggs.

Only County Paper Received Hall of Representatives, Salem, February 18, 1927.

Vernonia Eagle, Vernonia Oregon. Gentlemen; Attn. Mr. M. E. Moe:

The writer wishes to thank you for your personal kindness in seeing that I received the Vernonia Eagle while at the Legislature and it surely was very thoughtful of you, and if I must say it myself, you are the only newspaper editor of our county that thought of doing this and I have carefully watched anything you have said in regards to bills coming up.

Thanking you again for the courtesy extended me while here, I am,

Yours truly, A. E. Allen, Representative, Columbia County, Oregon.

Northwest Employment Continues On Up-grade

Portland, Feb. 15—Employment in most of the fir districts of the west coast continues to increase gradually week by week, according to the 4L employment letter issued here today, which stated that there is noticeable less unemployment than was the case in mid-January.

The strike of shingle weavers in the Grays Harbor district, where 15 mills have been closed and nearly 1000 men idle for the past two weeks, is still in effect. Several logging camps in this district have been closed, but there has been no strike in the camps.

Conditions in the inland empire districts are improving. Every week sees more pine sawmills operations starting up for the season. Woods work there is still in full swing. Railroads are working more men than recently and other lines of work are picking up.

Little change in fir sawmill operation is to be noted. Logging in the Puget sound and Columbia river districts is being increased.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Saturday evening at 7:30 preaching service by Dr. C. C. Poling, the district presiding elder. At the close of the message the fourth quarterly conference of this conference year will meet for their quarterly business meeting.

Sunday services as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The morning hour of worship with communion service at 11 o'clock. The evening service at 7:30. Dr. Poling will be with us for both these services and bring the messages. We extend a hearty invitation to all to come and hear Dr. Poling, for we assure you that you will enjoy hearing this spirit-filled man of God. The evening message will be preceded by a 30-minute gospel song service. Special music by the choir at each service. Wm. F. Rademacher, Pastor.

Many Attend P.T. Benefit.

A large crowd attended the benefit entertainment offered by the Parent-Teacher association at the Majestic theater Monday night. The school children viewed the show in the afternoon, and the theater was filled again that evening, assuring the association of large net proceeds to spend for school equipment that is needed.

The show was managed by Mrs. M. D. Cole, to whom much credit is given for its success. The one-act play, "The Ghost Story," was coached by Mrs. Judd Greenman.

Princess Drifted Snow IS COMING To fly back to Portland? Inquire of your grocer for rules covering guessing contest. Vernonia Trading Co.

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