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## REVIEW OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Both Houses Organize and Settle Down to Work in Quick Time.

Small Number of Bills Introduced—Cash Bonus in Disfavor—Would Expedite Road Business—Would Refer Tax Resolutions—Increase in Legislature Proposed—Would Enumerate Live Stock—Regulate Automobile Transportation—Raise Pay to \$5.

Salem.—Just as in previous sessions, the first week of the thirty-first session passed with very little accomplished aside from organization.

None of the big bills over which most of the legislative battles occur materialized in either senate or house, and if the state administration has any important measures to press they did not make their appearance.

While nothing of importance was accomplished during the first week of the session, yet the prompt manner in which both house and senate organized and settled down to business augurs well for a successful session if the expeditious work is kept up. There was no contest for president of the senate or speaker of the house. Roy Ritner, of Umatilla, president of the senate, and Louis E. Bean, speaker of the house, were elected without opposition. Rarely has an Oregon legislative assembly proceeded to business so promptly, for both houses effected organization the first day and began receiving bills. Legislators in both houses stated that when the session adjourned Thursday over Sunday more progress had been made than during the same period in previous legislative sessions.

Eighty-Three Bills Introduced.

One feature of the first week's session was the relatively small number of bills introduced, as compared with the previous sessions. Forty-five bills were introduced in the senate and 38 in the house, or a total of 83 bills for both houses.

The last act of the senate and house before adjournment until Monday was the adoption of a joint resolution at the instance of Governor Olcott to hold a joint session Monday afternoon to receive a special message from the governor. The governor gave no intimation as to what his special message was about, and there was much speculation among legislators over its contents.

During the present week it is expected that many of the more important measures to come before the session will be dumped into the legislative hopper and the various committees will begin serious work. The joint ways and means committee will hold regular meetings, with Senator Patterson and Representative Gordon alternating as chairman. Members of this committee seem to be in an economical frame of mind and inclined to hold the budget within reasonable limits. Appropriations are scheduled to be held within the six per cent limitation and it would not be surprising if a number of tentative items would be slashed. In fact, the committee faces the task of cutting \$800,000 from the budget of estimated expenditures for the state government if they are to be kept within the six per cent tax limitation law.

Cash Soldier Bonus Not Favored.

The question of a soldier bonus will undoubtedly play an important part in the proceedings of this session. A cash bonus seems to meet with disfavor among members of the legislature, principally owing to the fact that they cannot see where the necessary money is to be raised.

Many of the legislators, it was said, have expressed themselves as opposed to assuming the responsibility for creating this obligation, and are of the opinion that the entire matter should be referred to the voters for final consideration.

Under suspension of the rules, the senate passed without reference to a committee house joint memorial No. 2, memorializing congress to pass the Fordney national bonus bill for ex-service men. By the same procedure the senate passed house joint memorial No. 1, urging the national congress to pass the McArthur-Chamberlain federal aid road bill, appropriating \$100,000,000 for post roads and \$10,000,000 for forest roads.

Road Legislation Stared.

Road legislation appeared in both branches of the state legislature through introduction of a bill releasing the \$2,500,000 Roosevelt highway bond issue without federal co-operation, decision by the roads and highways committees of both houses to meet in joint session in order to facilitate and expedite business, and adoption of a house resolution memorializing congress to appropriate immediately funds for use on road construction in Oregon and other western states.

## ARCADIA

BY OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. C. W. Barrett gave a party at her home on December 10th in honor of the 19th birthday of Jack Barrett and Vernon Butler. The evening was spent with music and games. Those present were: Lillie Mae Hunt, Treasie Lackey, Ruth Barrett, Genevieve Vaughn, Lizzie Zitterkob, Robert Leng, Charlie Newbill, Vernon Butler, James Kakebeke, Jack Barrett. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

James Binall and wife and Almer Smith attended church in Nyssa Sunday.

Nick Smit had the misfortune to lose a good horse last week that he paid \$125 for.

Mrs. Frank Edwards was called to Caldwell Sunday to see her sister, Mrs. Emma Steel, who is sick.

Mrs. Jim Binall was visiting Mrs. Charlie Gossett Monday afternoon.

Most every one in the neighborhood attended the coasting party on the Fleming hill Saturday night. A big bon fire was built and a jolly time was had by all until a late hour.

Ira Dell was in Nyssa on business Monday.

C. W. Barrett and wife were calling on the Binalls and Smiths Sunday evening.

Two elders of the Latter Day Saints' church held a meeting at the school house Monday night which was well attended.

Roy Williams and Bert Priest are moving the Mack Hand lambing sheds from the Pete Tenson ranch and storing them at Mr. Thera's.

Mr. Matheny has gone to Walla Walla on business.

Charles Bullard, Charlie Gossett and Charles Thompson attended the ditch meeting at Ontario Saturday.

Elbert Butler, Jr., and family attended the picture show at Nyssa Saturday night.

John Hunt is doing some more improving. He is building a new barn that will shelter 10 head of horses and is improving his sheep corrals.

Mrs. John Cancelmo and baby are quite sick with typhoid fever. A nurse from Boise is taking care of them.

Hiram Vandike made a trip up on the Owyhee last week on business.

A few mornings ago Charles Bullard and son Otis shot and killed three coyotes that had come to the dead carcass of a sheep in their field.

## Big Bend

The play, "All a Mistake," which was given last Friday night at the Park hall was a great success. The young people who were in the cast were Misses Pauline and Leona Ekow, Mary Butch, Marguerite Purdy and Messrs. Claude and Verne Backus, Homer Sweet and Elsworth Millsap. The proceeds will be used to purchase some needed equipment for the Wade school. After the play the young people present had an informal dance. Mr. and Mrs. Bruning and Mrs. Peck furnishing the music.

The County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting at the Park hall Friday. There will be a business meeting in the forenoon and a program in the afternoon, and dinner will be served at noon by the Ladies Aid Society.

The ladies of the community gave a surprise shower at the home of Mrs. C. E. Peck in honor of a recent bride, Mrs. Joseph Bruning, at which Mrs. Bruning was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. A delicious luncheon, brought by the guests, was served at the close of a very pleasant afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society met this week at the home of Mrs. Pillsbury. The ladies hemmed some new curtains for the primary room at school and made plans for the Farm Bureau dinner. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The people of the Bend are justly proud of the new Park hall. The hall is built in octagonal shape, with the walls in removable panels which can be taken out in warm weather. The floor is a fine one for dancing, and there is an alcove all around the dancing floor where visitors may sit and enjoy the music. There is also a large stage for speakers or plays. The park has always been a popular place for summer gatherings and the erection of the pavilion makes it just as pleasant for winter affairs, as it is large enough to accommodate several hundred people.

Most of the clover seed which was raised in the Bend last summer has been sold at prices ranging from 12 to 14 cents.

Messrs. Brumbach and Purdy are serving on the jury in Vale.

One of the little twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Millsap is reported quite ill.

Mr. Phelan is able to be about the house after a long siege of typhoid fever.

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