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MR. GEER'S RAILROAD BILL.

The most important measure introduced at this session of the Oregon legislature is the bill introduced by the now Speaker Geer of Marion in the last legislature. The bill then passed the house and was hung up in the senate until too late to be considered and so did not become a law. It was entitled a bill for an act to increase the powers and further define the duties of the Board of Railroad Commissioners. As there has been an almost unanimous demand in Oregon that more power be given the commissioners, and that they be authorized to make rates of freight, this bill becomes of great interest at present. The selection of its author for speaker of the house, upon his public declaration that the railroad commission be given just the powers sought to be conferred by this measure, is additional evidence that entitles it to prominence as an important bill. The logic of the situation and the force of the whole discussion have been to confirm intelligent persons in the belief that the house is under obligation to pass this bill. But it should only pass on its merits, regardless of its political prestige. Its main provisions are meritorious. It requires railroad companies to furnish the commission a schedule of freight and passenger rates, and empowers the commission to revise such rates and determine if such charges are just and reasonable, and whether or not any unjust discriminations are practiced. The commission is empowered to enforce compliance with its fixed tariff charges, and punish violations of its rates. The commission's rates are receivable as evidence that any overcharge was unjust, and are made prima facie evidence of the reasonableness of the same. The burden is placed upon the corporation to show that the rates made by the commission, after full hearing, are not just and reasonable. The following is an important section of this bill:

Section 6. That whenever any common carrier engaged in the transportation of persons and property by railway in this state, and subject to the provisions of this act, shall neglect or refuse to comply with the findings and recommendations of the commission, as in this act authorized to be made, for a period of twenty days after such common carrier has been notified thereof, as in this act required, it shall be the duty of said commission to bring an action of suit, as the case may require, in the proper circuit court of the state, in behalf of such complainant, on the original case of complaint alleged before the commission.

This bill is carefully guarded to do no injustice to any corporation, and at the same time it requires the commission to vigilantly exercise that supervision which alone can protect the public in its rights upon a public carrier. It is amendatory of the present railroad commission law, and will be favorably reported by the present railroad committee of the house. That committee is composed of men able and intelligent, and if they recommend this bill favorably, it should receive earnest consideration from both houses of this legislature.

Whether Governor Penoyer corresponded with Southern democrats before writing his late message is not known, but the views of Oregon's chief magistrate on the appropriations for the World's Fair are being endorsed at Washington by statesmen from over the Mason and Dixon line, who have set up a cry that the expense will be too great. The action of these so-called reformers is likely to cripple the efforts of the promoters and jeopardize the success of the great exposition—Astorian.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE—FORENOON.

Jan. 27.

No 150—By Johnston, to create the county of Cascade. To com. on counties.

No 151—By Baker, to establish a soldiers' home. To com. on military.

No 152—By Butler, to make fee for creating notary public \$10. To com. on judiciary.

No 153—By Butler, defining causes for divorce. Same reference.

No 154—By Myer, relating to acknowledgment of deeds by married women. To same.

No 155—By Moore, relating to sale and usage of opium and other poisons. To special com. on medicine and surgery.

No 157—By Minto, to construct a fishway over the falls at Oregon City. To com. on fisheries.

No 158—By Reed, to protect salmon and other food fish. To com. on fisheries.

No 159—By Henry, for a wagon road in Lynn county. Spec com. on road appropriations.

No 160—By Merritt, granting Central Point Sugar Pine Flume company right of way. Ref to Jackson delegation.

No 161—By Geer, to grant right to the Capital City Railway company across State lands from the penitentiary to the insane asylum. To Marion county delegation.

No 162—By Welch, to authorize the Astoria Seashore and Eastern railroad company to construct certain bridges. To third reading.

No 163—By Stewart, relating to foreign surety companies. To com. on judiciary.

No 164—By Tracy, to promote peace and good order in society. Same reference.

No 165—By McCracken, for the relief of David McCully. To com. on claims.

No 166—By Hall, to protect meadow larks, robins and other birds. To com. on judiciary.

No 167—By Dustin, to appropriate money to improve a wagon road in Baker and Grant counties. Special com. on roads.

No 168—By Barrett, relating to code of civil procedure. To com. on judiciary.

No 169—By Armstrong, to provide for publication of proceedings of county courts. To com. on printing.

No 170—By Armstrong, to provide for the publication of the laws. Same reference.

No 171—By Thomas, of same com. authorizing the building of a bridge across the Willamette river at Portland. To 3d reading.

REFERRED ON 2D READING.

No 172—By Manning to create an agricultural district on west side. To com. on agriculture.

No 173—By Wilkins, to appropriate money for a road in Lane county. Special com. on roads.

No 174—By Barrett, to punish persons for refusing to aid an officer in discharging his duties. To com. on judiciary.

No 175—By Barrett, to punish persons for an assault on an officer of the law. Same reference.

No 176—By Hartman, to authorize county courts to offer rewards for the arrest of criminals. To com. on judiciary.

No 177—By Butler, relating to the duties of district attorneys. Same reference.

No 178—By same, to regulate the salaries of county treasurers. To com. on counties.

No 182—By Dustin, to build a bridge across the John Day river at Monument, Grant county. Spec com. on roads.

No 183—By Holmes, relating to tenancies. To com. on judiciary.

No 184—By Wilkins, to promote drainage for agricultural purposes. To com. on agriculture.

No 185—By Miller, to punish corporations for discriminating in transportation of freight. To com. on railroads.

SENATE RESOLUTION.

The house concurred in resolution to publish 10,000 copies of school laws.

SENATE—FORENOON.

BILLS PASSED.

No 14—By Croso, Recording town and cemetery lots.

No 6—By Watkins, To construct portage railway around Cascades and The Dalles. Ayes, 22; nays, 2. The appropriation is \$60,000.

No 37—By Dotson, Additional judges, sixth district.

S R 20—By Fullerton, To refer biennial report of weather bureau to committee on agriculture. Adopted.

NEW BILLS.

No 144—By Matlock, Amending See 153 laws of Oregon.

No 145—By Willis, Relating to wills.

No 146—By Wait, Keeping U S prisoners.

HOUSE—AFTERNOON.

SALEM, Jan. 27, 1891.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

From Com on elections, in favor of house bill No. 49.

Portland police Commr. act, with amendments. To third reading Wednesday.

Rep Paquet, from Com on rules, that house rules be amended.

Favorably on No. 111, for a state board of charities, to third reading Wednesday.

Favorably on No. 108 and 113. Reported and ordered to third reading.

No. 188—By Wright, to authorize county clerks to certify to the official character of notaries public. Com. on judiciary.

No. 189—By McCall, to amend an act to create a state board of horticulture and to appropriate money therefor. Com on agriculture.

No. 190—By Minto, for relief D C Sherman and E. L. Briggs. Com on Claims.

No. 192—By Baker, to prevent certain animals from running at large. Com. on Agriculture.

No. 193—By Welch, to prevent and punish unlawful combinations. Com. on Judiciary.

No. 195—By Manning, relating to assessment and taxation. Com. on Taxation.

No. 197—By Fox, to incorporate the city of Astoria.

To Clatsop Delegation.

No. 198—By Starr, relating to assessment and taxation. Com. on same.

No. 199—By Thomas, to amend code of criminal procedure. To Judiciary Com.

No. 201—By Welch, an act to expatriate Canadian thistles. Com. on Agr.

No. 202—By Hall, relating to bailiff in county court.

No. 203—By Miller, to prevent and punish wanton and malicious obstructions of railroad and street car tracks. Com. on railroads.

No. 204—By Jennings, to provide interchange of traffic and the division of freight and passenger traffic between connecting railroads. Com on railroads.

No. 205—By Myer, to establish county uniformity in the adoption of text books. Com on Education.

No. 206—By Tracy, relating to road viewers and surveys. Com on highways.

No. 210—By Mulkey, to secure uniformity of text books. Com on education.

No. 211—By Paquet, to amend an act to prevent nuisances. To 3d reading.

No. 213—By Armstrong, to license auctioneers. Com on ways and means.

No. 214—By Garfield, to submit to the people the relocation of the county of Coos, Com on counties.

No. 215—By Dustin, relating to game. Com on judiciary.

No. 216—By Reed, relating to the fees of county commissioners. Com on counties.

No. 217—By Reed (by request) to aid in repairing the road from Drain to Scottsburg. Spec com on roads.

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