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**LOCKAGE
CHARGES
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Farmers of Tolls**

Eastern, Southern and Western Oregon, with the exception of a few delegates from Multnomah and Washington counties, stood shoulder to shoulder in the house yesterday afternoon and piloted through, against a strong current of opposition, substitute house bill No. 7, by Jones, of Polk and Lincoln, the committee of the whole secured the adoption of the favorable report by the house, and the bill is now in the hands of the engrossing committee, and will come up for final action early next week, and there is no evidence of anything but the weakest possible opposition to its passage.

This is the bill providing for the construction of locks on the east side of the Willamette falls, at Oregon City, which carries with it an appropriation of \$300,000 by the state, contingent upon the appropriation of a like amount or sufficient to complete the construction of the canal and locks by the government, the condemnation of property therefor and the operation of the locks by the government free of charge. Practically the only opposition which developed was on the part of Farrell, of Multnomah, the most strenuous opponent, and Barrett, of Washington, and Campbell, of Clackamas. Their every argument and objection, however, was overwhelmingly overcome by the supporters of the measure from all parts of the state, particularly from Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon and the great majority of the members of the Multnomah delegation, who stood almost as a unit in favor of a free open river and government ownership of the locks.

The most insistent opposers to the favorable consideration of the bill were Campbell, of Clackamas, and Farrell, of Multnomah, who ex-

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hausted every resource in their efforts to defeat the measure, but their every objection and contention was wiped out entirely by the forceful arguments for harmony and unity among all sections of the state by Speaker Davey, Rodgers, of Marion, Newell, of Washington; Coffey, of Multnomah, and Barrett, of Umatilla, who said that Western Oregon stood for everything in the line of progress and improvements, regardless of section and political influences. Mr. Barrett's brief but pointed and earnest remarks served to instill the spirit of patriotism and state pride and wipe out the least spark of sectionalism that may have been kindled in the breasts of many, and he was heartily applauded.

The original bill called for an appropriation of \$400,000 on the part of the state alone for the construction of the locks, and the greatest objection raised against the measure was that the opposition did not favor the idea of the state bearing the whole burden of expense, besides shouldering upon the taxpayers the extra burden of taxation for the annual operating expenses, but, in accordance with the expressions of the opponents of the bill, Mr. Jones had it re-drafted to conform to their objections and the sum appropriated was made contingent upon the government appropriating a like amount. When the first and most vital question came up for consideration Mr. Vawter, in order to bring the question fairly before the house, moved that the amount be amended from \$300,000 to \$250,000. The effect was all that could be desired, for Mr. Jones took the floor and explained that, if this amendment was adopted he feared the whole effect of the measure would be lost, and hoped it would not prevail.

Farrell was the next to gain recognition from the chair, and he stated that he was opposed to the measure, as he did not see any necessity for making the locks free, since the charge of 50 cents per ton was considered a reasonable price, and he launched out upon a speech that was intended to be flowery, but he was soon called down on a point of order. Mr. Newell quoted some figures from United States engineers' reports, estimating the cost of constructing locks, one amounting to \$414,000 and the other \$431,000, with a 20 per cent allowed increase for cost of land, condemnation proceedings, etc., which would amount to \$517,000, and he stated that he favored the \$300,000. He also stated that he did not oppose the former bill because it was for the especial benefit of any particular section of the state, but on account of his opposition to the state burdening itself with the entire cost, and he would support the bill.

Mr. Barrett, of Washington, said he was afraid it would establish a bad precedent, and that the making of this appropriation would not end the constant drain upon the treasury. Mr. Burns, of Multnomah, seconded the sentiment as expressed by Mr. Barrett.

Speaker Davey then took the floor. He said that the same reason advanced by Mr. Barrett for opposing

the bill appealed to him as good reasons for supporting and justifying the measure. He was in favor of removing the burden of the extra 50 cents per ton from the shoulder of the valley farmer to help pay his taxes for the support of the state government, and believed that the gates of God should be thrown open to the people. The valley can produce sufficient to support millions, and it was high time that the embargo be removed. He believed the government would respond, and in time reimburse the state for every cent expended in the work. "The people should work in reciprocal harmony," he said. "Do away with that selfish policy which legislates for one or two sections of the state alone. Oregon will never amount to anything if one county continues to fight another, and the spirit of sectional antagonism is fostered in the breasts of the legislators."

"I endorse every word that Mr. Davey has said about lifting the embargo from the valley producers and shippers, and that all should work in harmony, regardless of section or geographical conditions, but we are not going about it in the right way," said Mr. Campbell, of Clackamas. "We are about to enact legislation to regulate the freight charges on railroads, why not enact a law to regulate the rate charges for tonnage through the locks? If we can regulate the railroads, why not the canals?"

"The state has no power to regulate the shipping facilities on navigable streams," interposed Mr. Rodgers, of Marion, but Mr. Campbell contended that the Willamette was not a navigable stream where the locks are located.

It was at this point that Mr. Barrett, of Umatilla, took a solid stand for the measure, and stated that he

as a representative of Eastern Oregon, was unqualifiedly in favor of the bill and hoped that it would pass unanimously. Eastern Oregon, he said, was struggling to secure an open river to the sea, and he hoped the time would come when every navigable stream in the state would be opened up to freight traffic, and he would vote for every measure of the kind within reason that came up.

Mr. Rodgers, of Marion, then took the floor and launched out upon a forceful and convincing review of the conditions existing in the valley: the injustice of the Portland Electric Company being allowed to maintain this commercial monopoly, and when it had absolutely refused to even pay the state the legal percentage of the net earnings of the locks, under the law under which the franchise was granted for the construction with state aid. During Mr. Rodgers' talk he and Mr. Campbell locked horns good-naturedly upon technicalities concerning the right of the state to regulate traffic on navigable streams. He then addressed his remarks to the Multnomah county delegation, and particularly Farrell, the chief opponent of the measure, who stated that he had instructions from at least 50 of his constituents to fight this bill to a standstill, and he did not believe that it would be of any benefit to the state or to Multnomah county.

Mr. Rodgers confined his remarks to a view of the situation from a business standpoint, and warned the Multnomah delegation that Portland would have to look to her laurels, as San Francisco was making a strong bid for and great inroads on the trade of Western Oregon, and that Portland should awaken to the fact that, if it ever hoped to become the metropolis of the Northwest, as was its natural right and destiny, she

would have to consider the rights and needs of the territory upon which she depends for obtaining this exalted position in the commercial world.

Mr. Chase, of Coos, followed in the line of argument presented by Mr. Barrett, of Umatilla, and said that his section of the state was for the improvement and betterment of the commercial conditions of the whole state at large, regardless of section. He was followed by Messrs. Newell, of Washington, and Jackson, of Douglas, both of whom elaborated upon the merits of the bill, and then Mr. Coffey, of Multnomah, took the floor and sounded the keynote of harmony, by stating that he, both as a citizen of Multnomah and as its representative in the legislature, was in favor of offering every inducement and encouragement for the up-building and development of the resources and possibilities of the state at large, and hoped that the measure would pass.

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