

# New Bills Continue to Pour in Upon Legislature Without An End

## SENATE BILL FOR PROHIBITION IS SENT TO HOUSE

Measure is Read By Title and Referred at Once to the Judiciary Body

By an eleventh-hour revision by the senate of the final amendment to S. B. 100, which refers the question to the voters at a plebiscite, opposition to the prohibition bill which may have been formed in the house is now believed to be overcome.

Buried in a mass of bills, resolutions and other measures the prohibition bill came to the house this morning in the senate, where it passed third reading yesterday afternoon with but one dissenting vote.

Referred to Judiciary Committee

The bill immediately passed first reading by the title and will be referred to the Judiciary committee of which Representative Lorrin Andrews is chairman, where it will remain until that body is ready to make its final report to the house on the measure.

There was a rumor today that the house committee might oppose the measure. But this was quickly dispelled by a canvass of opinions which shows that the committee members apparently favor putting the question of prohibition to the voters.

Has Mistaken Impression

"But is this measure legal?" one representative asked. "This would appear to be a case where a bill is signed by the governor and then passed on by the people, possibly vetoed by public vote. I don't know of anything in the Organic Act permitting such procedure."

The view of the bill taken by a member of the house expresses a misunderstanding of the measure. The substitute bill, as finally amended and reported out by the senate, makes provision for the holding of a plebiscite next July to vote on the question of prohibition. It is not a bill which, with its approval by the governor, would make the territory bone-dry. But the house member who questions the legality of the measure admits he has not read the bill as finally passed by the senate. All questions of legality were carefully considered and debated at length in the upper house with a view to making the measure immune from attack.

Lining Up in Support

Indications now are that, with possibly one or two exceptions, the members of the house are lining up strongly in favor of the bill. Many of those who have favored the measure from the start declare it will be favorably reported on by the Judiciary committee with comparatively few, if any, amendments. Both Republican and Democratic representatives have said they will vote in favor of the bill.

"It is not like voting on a measure that would make Hawaii dry if it became a law," says one Republican.

"The Republican platform pledges not to interfere with the present liquor laws. Certainly it would not be a pledge violation to vote on a bill which refers the question of prohibition to the voters, who sent us to the legislature."

Chairman Andrews says a public hearing on the bill will be held if desired by persons interested.

Consider Bill "Bone Dry"

"If this bill is not 'bone dry,'" said President Chillingworth of the senate and the man who put the question of prohibition before the upper house, "then what is it?"

"I'd be glad to listen to suggestions from any one to make it more so."

Chillingworth referred to the statement made yesterday by Senator W. T. Robinson of Maui, the only member to vote in the negative on the bill.

As stated yesterday by the Star-Bulletin, Chillingworth cabled the news that the prohibition bill had passed the senate to Delegate Kalaniana'ole at Washington. This message read:

"Prohibition bill passed senate this day 14 to 1. Referred to plebiscite July 14."

Last night he wrote a letter to the delegate explaining the senate's action more fully.

"I trust you will be back here in time to campaign for prohibition," he concluded.

## SENATE NOTES

The ways and means committee will visit the territorial prison at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

## POLICE COURT NOTES

For being implicated in a chafa lottery Chung Hoon was fined \$25.

William K. Luther was sent to prison for three months when found guilty in police court on a charge of gross cheat in connection with worthless checks he had written. He got a suspended sentence on four similar charges.

Five men were arrested Wednesday afternoon by Capt. McDuffie's men on a charge of gambling in an auto at the Princess auto stand on King street. John Smith forfeited a \$10 bond and four others—Carl Ross, V. James, A. F. Barr and W. Benford, were fined \$5 each.

## WITH OUR VISITORS

Charles A. Rogers, a visitor here from Hartford, Conn., who has been staying at the University Club, has moved to the Hawaiian Hotel.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD IS REGULATED BY BILL FROM PETRIE

No Member Would Be Salaried Employee of the Territory Under New Measure

All laws relating to the parole of prisoners will be repealed and new regulations will take their place if a measure introduced in the house this morning by Representative Lorrin Andrews becomes a law.

The new provisions make it possible for any prisoner to be subject to parole if he has not been convicted of the times a first and second degree murder, rape, first degree robbery, or attempt to commit first degree murder. A parole may be granted at any time after the prisoner is received at the prison, and proceedings to secure it must be initiated by the written recommendation of the warden to the board of prison inspectors. The board, however, may proceed if it sees fit in the absence of such recommendations.

Paroles may be granted only by the governor on the written recommendation of the prison inspectors, and the chief executive shall have absolute power to either grant or refuse a parole. A prisoner, while on parole, is at all times in the custody of the warden and the prison board and is subject to be taken back to prison at any time, in which case he shall be required to serve that period of his sentence yet unexpired. If a prisoner is serving more than one sentence he may be paroled as if under but one sentence. Any prisoner who has served not less than one year on parole and who gives evidence of good faith and honesty, may then be considered by the board as being eligible for discharge.

## Regulates Utility Board

Representative Petrie introduced a bill relating to the number, appointment and salaries of members of the public utilities commission. It provides for the appointment of three members for a term of three years, and that no member shall be a salaried officer or employee of the territorial government, or of any political subdivision. Each member shall receive a salary of \$10 a day while actually engaged in the performance of his duties as such commissioner. No person owning any stocks or bonds of a public utility corporation, or having any interest therein, shall be appointed a commissioner, it is further provided.

A batch of bills relating to lands and public improvements were introduced by Representative Lyman. One of these provides for the setting aside of 774 square feet of land at Waialua, South Hilo, for a fire station. Another provides for the setting aside of 13,169 square feet of land at Pihoonua, South Hilo, as grounds for a county building. A third provides that certain lands be set aside at Waialua as a public park. Still another provides for land at Waialua for a public park and playground.

A bill to prohibit the use of vehicles owned by the territory by public officers and employees, and to prohibit such officers from charging the territory or any division with the expenses of maintaining and operating privately-owned machines, was introduced by Representative Kelekolio. A fine of \$25 is provided for violators of the provisions of the act.

## More Homestead Exemption Laws

Kelekolio introduced another bill providing for the exemption of homesteads from sale on execution issued for the collection of any debt. In another bill it is provided that the minimum wage for laborers on government works shall be not less than \$2 a day, payable every two weeks. Kelekolio, in another bill, provides for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the extension of the Kihalani road, North Hilo, out of the balance of the fund available for Hawaii homesteads. Out of the balance of the homestead fund the Big Island solons would appropriate \$4,000 for the Kaopoko homestead road and \$8,000 for the Laupahoehoe homestead road.

## To Aid Hawaii Students

Representative Lyman introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a fund to be known as "The Advanced Educational Revolving Fund." This provides for a board of examiners, consisting of the dean of the College of Hawaii, president of Oahu College, president of the Kamehameha schools, principal of St. Louis College and the superintendent of public instruction as a committee to select those who are to be beneficiaries under this fund. The beneficiaries are to be selected from among the graduates of the public schools of the territory, each county being entitled to a certain number as follows:

Hawaii, 4, two each year; Maui, 4, two each year; Kauai, 2, one each year; Honolulu, 6, three each year.

Those selected as beneficiaries under the act will be allowed \$50 a month to help pay their expenses while attending college or some recognized institution of advanced learning on the mainland, such monthly payments to continue for a period not exceeding five years. Each beneficiary may, as first payment, secure \$120 for travel expenses.

Representative Andrews introduced a bill providing that the first circuit court shall have three shorthand reporters at a salary of \$225 a month each. This is a material increase over the present salary. He also provides in a bill for an increase of the salary of the chief clerk of the first circuit court to \$2,700, and provides for the appointment of a second assistant clerk at a salary of \$900 a year.

## Libraries Protected

Another bill by Andrews provides a fine and imprisonment, maximum one year or \$1,000, for the unlawful removal of books from libraries or galleries. He also seeks to put a stop to the peddling of fish in Honolulu, providing a penalty of a fine of \$100 or six months in jail.

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House Bill 205 Repealing section 4174, R. L. 1915, relating to being present at a gambling game behind barricaded doors.—Andrews.

House Bill 206 Providing for the arrest without warrants of persons under suspicion.—Andrews.

House Bill 207 Regulating the appearance of defendants charged with misdemeanors.—Andrews.

House Bill 208 Relating to the signing of judgments in the district courts.—Andrews.

House Bill 209 Amending the law providing for the parole of prisoners.—Andrews.

House Bill 210 Appropriating \$24.65 for the relief of the Maui Publishing Co.—Walsh.

House Bill 211 Appropriating \$50,000 as a revolving fund for advanced education. Lyman.

House Bill 212 Setting aside land at Waialua for a public park. Lyman.

House Bill 213 Setting aside land at Waialua for a fire station. Lyman.

House Bill 214 Setting aside land at South Hilo for a county building. Lyman.

House Bill 215 Setting aside land at Waialua for a public park and playground. Lyman.

House Bill 216 Relating to leper settlements and hospitals. Kelekolio.

House Bill 217 Prohibiting employees of the government from using government automobiles. Kelekolio.

House Bill 218 Prohibiting employers from collecting the wages of employes for personal taxes. Kelekolio.

House Bill 219 Preventing sale of homesteads for debt. Kelekolio.

House Bill 220 Making \$2 a day the minimum wage for government laborers. Kelekolio.

House Bill 221 Making an appropriation for the construction of certain homestead roads on Hawaii. Kelekolio.

House Bill 222 Appropriating money for the extension of a certain road on Hawaii. Kelekolio.

House Bill 223 Fixing the salaries of district magistrates. Abuma.

House Bill 224 Fixing the salaries of certain deputy sheriffs. Abuma.

House Bill 225 Fixing the membership and salaries of members of the public utilities commission. Petrie.

## PEANUT BRITTLE

Place two cupfuls of granulated sugar in a saucepan and allow it to melt gradually on the fire. Stir constantly so that it will not burn. When it is melted add one teaspoonful of butter and one cupful of chopped peanuts. Pour into a greased pan. When partly cooled, mark off into squares. Break into spare pieces, when the candy has become cold.

## SPEED CONTROLLING SPEEDOMETER

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A device that may be set to limit the speed of the car to any point the operator desires and which incorporates a speed register is about to be marketed by J. H. Core of this city. Besides the usual features of the speedometer, the device acts as a lock which prevents the car from proceeding under its own power, this being accomplished by the withdrawal of the key which adjusts the speed control. The company is being organized and the incorporators will be J. H. Core, James Graham, G. H. Armstrong, Jr., W. H. Gill and J. H. Zarecor. Temporary offices will be with the last named incorporator in the Noel block.

## PERSONALITIES

SOLOMON MEHEULA, clerk in the police department, has been ill at home this week.

CAPT. R. P. HARBOLD, instructor of the 3rd Infantry National Guard on Maui, arrived in Honolulu today on a "few days' visit."

The territorial grand jury will meet in special session this afternoon to complete the investigation, if possible, of district court continuances. No other matters will be presented.

To become acquainted with applicants for the inspector's position the board of liquor license commissioners met yesterday and adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon when a successor to the late W. P. Fennell will be named.

## END OF COUNTY RULE IN SIGHT OF SUPERVISOR

Because in several bills the legislature is attempting to delete powers of the board of supervisors and county government, the board last night severely criticized it and the course being pursued was declared to be the work of enemies of the city and county government.

Judge F. M. Hatch told the board that its legislative committee was opposing the proposed charter and asked it to advise the committee as to its stand on other matters.

A. M. Cristy, deputy attorney, said that there were a number of bills introduced which tended to deprive the board of control of dairy and plumbing supervision and other health and sanitary matters.

"There are too many legislators attempting to do things which they know nothing about," said A. M. Cristy. "It is the work of people who meet in the back rooms of the Stangenwald building and try to kill the county government."

"The board is continually blamed for spending too much money and here it is increasing the salaries of several county employes and taking that power out of our control," he added.

Logan then showed how the present statutes for dairy inspection had been put on the books by the initiative of the county. He declared that the territorial control in these matters had not been nearly so successful as under the county.

It was also pointed out that unless these bills were killed it would be only a few years before the end of county government would be in sight.

## MAY KILL BILLS TO PROTECT FISH

Three house bills, fathered by Representative G. P. Wilder and having for their purpose the protection of fish and other sea-food in Hawaiian waters, may be killed next Saturday morning when they come up for consideration.

It is reported that the Oahu Democrats are strongly against the measure and have secured the support of several members from outside islands on the plea that if the bills are passed, needed food will be cut off from Hawaiians. The author of the bills, who has given the subject much consideration and has secured advice from men in the territory recognized as being experts on fish, declares on the other hand that the legislation is badly needed to protect the supply of sea-food in these waters.

Already a compromise has been effected on one feature—the bill prohibiting lobsters. Originally the bill prohibited the taking of lobsters less than ten inches in length. There was considerable objection to this and it is reported that it will be amended to afford protection to females carrying eggs, but not otherwise. This much protection is felt to be a step in the right direction.

Friends of the three measures are hoping that public opinion will come to their aid and result in the passage of the bills.

## INTEREST IN SHARK SKINS FOR LEATHER IS SHOWING INCREASE

The interest that has been aroused by efforts to establish a wider utilization of the skins of sharks in the manufacture of leather has resulted in the receipt of a large number of letters by the United States bureau of fisheries from persons and firms connected with the leather trade or industry.

Much work was done by the bureau during the past two months. At present it has on hand about 100 small shark skins and 50 large ones. Many of these were shipped from Seattle. About 20 communications have been received expressing a desire to experiment with this product and the raw material will be supplied as far as possible. Manufacturers and brokers have been advised of possible sources of supply and an effort made to interest fishermen in this fishery.

In December 11,600 pounds of hides from Alaska were landed at Puget Sound ports, and advices from Nicaragua state that a practically inexhaustible supply may be obtained from that country. Tanned skins from a number of persons are being received. Several small samples received appear very promising.

The possibility of using skins of other fishes has not been overlooked. Skins of several species have been ordered for experimentation and will be supplied to tanners when received.—Commercial Reports

## OFFICERS EXEMPT FROM EXAMS IN NEW SERVICE

Officers of the United States army who have recently been transferred to another arm of the service and have been ordered up to take examinations for promotion will not be examined on subjects relative to the new service which they have entered until they have been in that service for one year, according to orders received today from Washington.

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## Dr. Claxton to Come If School Survey is Made

In Letter to Mrs. P. L. Weaver, Shows Education Bureau's Enthusiasm for Plan

Dr. Philander P. Claxton, commissioner of the United States bureau of education, is planning a visit to Hawaii in case a federal survey of the school systems here is decided upon.

In a letter to Mrs. P. L. Weaver of the College Club, which first proposed the survey in letters to the governor and commissioners of public instruction, Dr. Claxton says:

"If we undertake the survey I hope to come myself, for two or three weeks, but my expenses would be paid, if I come, and will not be charged to the territory."

Dr. Claxton makes it plain that the U. S. bureau views with enthusiasm the plan to conduct a survey here. The experts who would carry out the survey would be here for three months at least. He also gives the information that the federal government is prepared to spend about \$5000 as its share of the expenses, this including the cost of preparing and printing the report.

The cost to the territory is estimated at \$5000 at the outside. For this amount three or more experts could be brought from the mainland. Furthermore, various private educational institutions, including the survey idea, have gone on record as willing to pay their share of the expenses of such a trip. Oahu College, Mid-Pacific Institute and Kamehameha School have so acted.

Yesterday Representative Clarence Cooke introduced in the house a joint resolution requesting the survey. This resolution, upon passage, will be sent to Congress in the form of a memorial, this being the recognized method of approaching the subject, and Congress will indorse the survey.

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## CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS IS NOW IN PROGRESS

The annual conference of the Hawaiian Missions of the Methodist church began this morning at the Methodist church on Beretania street with Bishop A. W. Leonard of San Francisco presiding. The morning was taken up with an address by the bishop and the annual report of Dr. William Henry Fry, superintendent of missions. This afternoon is a statistical session and tonight a Korean mass meeting will be held at the Korean church on Puncuow street, where another address will be given in English and later translated into Korean.

There are present at the meeting besides the English workers 24 Koreans, 12 Filipinos and nine Japanese. A luncheon was served at noon in the church. The conference will close Sunday night with an address by the bishop, who will preside at both services Sunday.

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## GIVEN GOOD ROADS RIDE AROUND OAHU WOULD BE RIVIERA

"Nowhere else in the world will the tourist view such grandeur as is seen in a drive around the island," said W. E. Hardy of Nebraska in a talk before the members of the Rotary Club at the weekly luncheon today. "Not even the Riviera, famous in song and story, can equal that of the drive around the island."

Hardy completed his statement by saying that the roads around Oahu were practically impassible. Buying a second-hand car, he had made the tour with his wife and family but, although his wife wanted to revisit the scenes in the drive, he felt that the conditions of the road were such that he did not want to take any chances.