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SENATE PASSES TOWNSHIP BILL

The Senate by a unanimous vote last week passed Senator Brown's bill which provides a method for the dissolution of township organization by a vote of the people. The bill is now in the House.

Olympia.—The legislature started on the eighth week of the session with much important work ahead, so the closing days will no doubt witness the usual congestion and confusion. Perhaps the most important event of the past week was the introduction of the omnibus budget bill by the joint appropriations committee.

Showing a reduction of \$1,524,288.18 or about a one-eighth reduction over the biennium 1913 to 1915, the budget bill provides for a total of \$9,500,403.05 to run the state's business for the fiscal term beginning April 1, 1915, to March 31, 1917, except as otherwise provided.

The appropriation is for the purchase of land for various purposes, construction of buildings, for maintenance of sundry expenses at the various state institutions, schools and state offices and for the sundry civil expenses of the state government, and for miscellaneous purposes and making appropriations for certain deficiencies.

State Institution Appropriations Cut. Almost all the institution estimates are reduced. Forty thousand dollars asked by the board of control for a new school building at the school for the deaf at Vancouver is eliminated, but the committees provide a \$75,000 building for the school of the blind in place of the \$60,000 building recommended by the board.

Forty thousand dollars for a building asked for the state school for girls at Grand Mound is eliminated, as is \$20,000 for a woman's building at the Walla Walla penitentiary. One of the sharpest cuts of institutions was made at the reformatory, where nearly \$90,000 was eliminated. A gymnasium request at the Chehalis Training school likewise is rejected.

No provision is made in the bill as given out for the state fair at North Yakima, for which \$50,000 was requested. Senator Scott, chairman of the senate appropriations committee, said this was a mistake, as \$35,000 was intended, and promised to have this amount inserted.

No Provision for University Buildings. Sharp reductions are made in the estimates of the institutions of higher education. No provision is made for \$300,000 for new buildings requested by the university. Bellingham normal school is reduced \$140,000 from the school's estimate.

Only \$6000 is appropriated for the state tax commission, indicating that the legislature expects to pass the bill abolishing this commission, which now is resting in the house rules committee, over the veto already attached to it by Governor Lister.

Labor's First-Aid Bill Lost. The Kleebs first-aid bill, put forward by employers as their promise to provide a medical attendance amendment to the workmen's compensation act, was passed by the senate, 33 to 8, after that body had declined to substitute the first-aid bill drafted by Governor Lister's commission, employers, employees and the industrial insurance commission.

The senate made no attempt to consider the third "first-aid" bill, introduced by organized labor. When the labor men found they had no chance with this measure they switched their support to the governor's bill, which they had first opposed, finally deciding this preferable to the employers' or Kleebs bill.

Senate Passes Full Crew Bill. By a vote of twenty-four to sixteen, the senate passed the railroad committee's bill amending the full crew act of 1911, with a revised section that authorizes the public service commission to make a full investigation into train operation problems and to decree any change in the rules that may be found necessary. The commission may order more or fewer men carried on the trains and may increase or decrease the length of trains.

The amended bill as passed provides that six instead of four passenger coaches shall be required to make what is known as a train calling for a full crew; the limit on freight trains was raised from twenty-five to forty cars; the old provision that flagmen must have a year's experience was changed to compel flagmen to pass a satisfactory examination; a pilot, instead of a conductor, is provided for light engines; passenger trains are permitted to pick up one extra passenger coach between division points,

cuts out the fireman when he is not needed and provides for the public service commission investigation.

Few legislative problems are as puzzling as that surrounding the couplet of liquor bills that have been put into both houses in an eleventh-hour attempt to institute a prohibition repeal.

The lobby for the brewers' association is still in Olympia, hard at work, but its efforts are along subterranean lines. Members of it assert that they have great hope of lining up a majority, but admit that they are late in the game. George D. Conger, superintendent of the anti-saloon league for western Washington, is also on hand, with the declaration that the legislature has not the slightest chance of submitting any measure to the people.

Clear Cheney Normal. The report of the Cheney normal and feeble-minded institution investigating committee condemns the board of control severely for location of the \$250,000 buildings for feeble-minded on a new site, urges that these buildings be turned over to the eastern hospital for the insane, and proposes further investigation of the legality of the relocation. Cheney normal school is given a clean bill of health and the same finding was reached relative to the construction of feeble-minded institution buildings.

When the investigating committee's report was read on the Medical Lake and Cheney probe Speaker Conner appointed Winston, Heiny and Wilson to represent the house on the joint committee to confer with the attorney general to see what legal action should be taken.

The senate named Sharpstein, Wendt and Boner, members of the judiciary committee, to take up the investigation of the legality of the control board's action at Medical Lake.

Oregon Stand on Ferris Bill Liked. Oregon's stand in opposition to the Ferris waterpower bill now pending in congress, as set forth in the joint memorial, passed during the closing hours of the Oregon legislature, met with instant response when the text of the measure was received.

Governor Lister immediately transmitted it to both houses of the legislature. Senator French, of Clarke county, chairman of the senate memorials committee, at once prepared a concurrent resolution to pledge Washington to join in the western states' conference at Portland, proposed by the Oregon legislature.

Pass "Certificate of Convenience" Bill. The senate passed the Jones bill, indorsed by the public service commission, which requires a "certificate of convenience" from public utilities before entering a new field already occupied. This measure is distinct from the general utility bill passed by the senate earlier in the week and to which a referendum clause was attached referring it to the people in 1916. The Jones bill merely prescribes that a certificate of necessity and convenience must be had, and nothing else.

The measure incorporates municipal plants and steamships within its scope which two things were eliminated in the bill referred to the people.

Legislative Brevities. Governor Lister vetoed the tax commission bill, last of the McArdle group of measures.

A new house bill makes it a gross misdemeanor to drive a vehicle while intoxicated.

A four-year universal registration law, passed by both houses, was signed by Governor Lister.

The senate has passed a senate bill covering the irrigation code and a senate bill requiring property qualifications of voters at bond elections.

The senate passed a bill submitting a constitutional amendment, that none but property owners can vote on bond elections.

The senate killed the senate bill prohibiting boys under 15 years from having air guns. The vote stood 49 to 43.

The house organization fought off all attempts to attach unfriendly amendments to its election bills by majorities that made final passage of these measure by two-thirds vote seem certain.

The senate passed a resolution requesting Governor Lister to appoint a delegation to represent this state at the Cello celebration on May 3, when the Columbia locks are opened.

Among the new bills introduced by two-thirds consent, was one in the house submitting a constitutional amendment repealing all salary limitations of state officials so that if the measure is approved, the legislature can raise or lower salaries at will.

The house indefinitely postponed house bill 129, prohibiting discrimination in wholesale prices of commodities in various sections of the state. The bill was opposed by wholesalers

GROWERS JOIN SELLING FORCES

The combination of fruit growers and canners of Western Washington under one selling head was practically accomplished at a meeting of representatives of the various organizations in Bellingham Tuesday. The move will assure the grower a fair price for his berries and fruits.

Lynden was represented at the meeting by Robert Heaton, D. F. Smith, Walter Elder, and B. C. Crabtree. They report a successful meeting, which will result in all the canneries and associations combining for marketing purposes. A standard will be set for the pack, and all fruit canned will come up to this mark. W. H. Paulhamus of the Puyallup Valley Association addressed the meeting and outlined the plans.

Mr. Paulhamus suggested that the Whatcom County Association take over the Bellingham brewery plant, do all their packing there, and combine with the salmon packers to market their fruit. He pointed out that it would be possible to get carload rates by combining cars of salmon and canned fruit and marketing them in all parts of the country.

One suggestion made was that a superintendent be employed to visit all canneries and see that they were run according to the standard set.

T. H. Smith said the fruitmen of his section realize that they must join with the Puyallup growers or someone who has learned the initial steps of the business, in order to be successful. In the Nooksack valley, he declared, the growers have learned that experience is needed to market canned fruits successfully. He maintained also that a superintendent is needed to oversee not only the packing but the picking of fruits. The proper marketing of fruits should start with the pickers, he held.

Robert Heaton maintained that the fruitmen must operate on a larger scale in order to market their goods at a profit. He said he favored giving the farmers a good price for their fruits and obtaining a good product, instead of forcing them to grow an inferior product in order to dispose of their produce at a living margin. He expressed himself as favoring the employment of a superintendent to cover the canneries of the state and work for the output of a standard pack.

Hold Services For W. H. Treadway

W. H. Treadway passed away Sunday in Bellingham at the age of seventy-nine. Funeral services were held from the family residence Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Paul Ashby officiating.

Mr. Treadway was operated on last week and seemed to be recovering when he was stricken with pneumonia. He is survived by his widow, a brother in California, one in Minnesota, and two adopted daughters, Mrs. Linda Farley, of Minnesota, and Mrs. Minnie Wheeler, of Lynden.

Mr. Treadway was born in Kingston, Ontario, Feb. 10, 1936. As a lad, he came to Ohio, and later moved to Wisconsin. He came to Lynden seven years ago.

His fine character and many good deeds won him friends among young and old, who join with the family in mourning his loss.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a memorial service for Frances Willard at their meeting Thursday, March 11.

The L. T. L. will meet at the school Thursday afternoon after school.

B. C. Crabtree, Grace O'Neil, Luther Reed and C. P. Nelson of Lynden, were selected this week to serve on the superior court juries.

Mrs. Charlotte Heun and Kenneth Heun will continue their Lynden school of music, although they have leased their farm near Everson. Their studio is located in the Palace hotel.

and urged by retailers and the debate was warm.

The governor signed the Conner bill allowing the commissioners to build bridges across tidelands and the bill appropriating \$4,000,000 for the permanent highway fund. Both measures carried the emergency clause.

The senate rules committee brought out the race bill, under a plan to indefinitely postpone it. This action blocks all further consideration of the subject during the present session. The committee's decision was unanimous.

PLAN FOR BIG STOCK EXHIBIT

That the showing of cattle at the 1915 Whatcom County Fair will be the largest and finest yet, was assured Tuesday evening when the board of directors of the Fair voted to rebuild the stock building. Plans for the new structure call for one of the finest barns used for exhibit purposes in the Northwest.

The contract for the building was awarded to George Gustin and work will begin at once. Criticism has been made in the past of the facilities for handling the blooded stock shown, but with the provisions now being made, it is expected that every dairyman will be represented in the competition.

A committee is now working on a revision of the premium list, and the new lists will be sent out broadcast over the county next month.

FRONT ST. PROPERTY SELLS AT HIGH PRICE

A real estate deal in Lynden business property of more importance than any carried through for some time was completed this week when C. A. Breckenridge transferred the fifty-foot on Front Street near Fifth to Blonden Brothers for \$4,000. Taylor and Riddle were the agents.

The Breckenridge house and the Lynden Confectionery are on the property. The deal shows an advance in property values during recent years. Seven years ago, the Blondens purchased the property where their store is located for \$40 a front foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Breckenridge left Wednesday evening for a ten months' visit in the East and California. They will go first to their old home at Edinburg, Ill., where Mr. Breckenridge's father and Mrs. Breckenridge's mother still live. On their return, they will attend the San Francisco fair.

Townships Elect Officers Tuesday

Tuesday was township election day, and a big vote turned out in most of the districts.

Two hundred and sixty-one turned out in Lynden township, where the following were the returns: Supervisor, District No. 1, E. Zwegeman, 149; Dist. No. 2, J. F. Ohlund, 128. S. B. Day, 76; Dist. No. 3, A. B. Colyer, 111. S. T. Shumway, 123; Clerk, F. P. Close, 133. Dan Van Der Meer, 102; Treasurer, Nels Jacobson, 203; Assessor, Wm. Meurer, 100. G. H. Whipple, 142; Justice of the Peace, F. M. Bloom, 147. G. H. Whipple, 76; Constable, John Tebrink, 100, Willis Worthen, 119; Overseer Dist. No. 1, Jacob Stap, 43. H. S. Slade 29; Dist. No. 2, Geo. Mongdell, 66; Dist. No. 3, J. M. Jones, 78. Peter Van Dyk, 23.

A six mill tax levy for road and bridges carried. The election board decided in favor of a \$105 salary for the supervisors, a proposition which received 38 votes, the printed proposition providing \$210 receiving 68 votes. Fifty-three voted for a \$175 salary for the clerk, 55 voting for a \$100 salary. Fifty-five voted for the \$200 salary for the assessor, 47 for the \$100, the election board deciding in favor of the latter.

Two hundred and sixty-three voted in the Delta township, and appropriated \$4500 for roads and bridges and \$400 for current expenses. Officers elected were: Fran Weidkamp, chairman; A. W. Wheeler and O. E. Wilson, supervisors; John Axling, clerk; E. L. Lash, assessor; S. T. Jackman, treasurer; W. E. Preston, constable; road overseer, Dist. No. 1, A. E. Baldwin; No. 2, Frank Pittman; Dist. No. 3, C. W. Smith; No. 4, T. P. Jeffers.

School lands northeast of Lynden and southeast of Blaine valued at \$30,000, will be offered for sale April 6 at the county courthouse. An official announcement of the sale is given elsewhere in this issue.

As an aid to the street cleaning department, the firemen washed down Front Street Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Thompson left Thursday morning with their son Howard. Mr. Thompson and son will remain in Seattle, while Mrs. Thompson will join her daughter at Wenatchee.

The last debate of the season will be held with Laurel Friday at Laurel. Lynden is still undefeated and the championship hinges on the result of the contest.

HOPE OF CIVILIZATION.

Today the welfare of the world is in the hands of the American worker. Today civilization's sole hope lies in the spirit and energy of those who labor in America's industries. Today the manhood of America guards the gates of peace to keep the world from famine and to preserve for all mankind the accumulated achievements of centuries of endeavor. With Europe plunged into bloody strife, with its manhood removed from useful production, its intelligence devoted to destruction and its farms and industries lying idle, the burden of human progress at this time rests upon the men and women of America. It is a time that should call forth the best in every American citizen. It is a time for the people of America to stand shoulder to shoulder. It is a time for every class to forgo petty differences and to unite to meet the great emergency and the greater responsibility confronting the nation.—Governor Glynn of New York at Labor Convention.

START MOVE FOR NEW CITY HALL

A plan to provide a new city hall will be taken up by the council at its meeting Friday night. Some discussion on the subject was aired at the last meeting, and found the councilmen generally favorable.

It is proposed that the city sell either all or part of its property on Front Street, using the proceeds to construct a new building on some other street or on the lot remaining, if the corner only is sold. This would give the city a good structure with room for the council, jail, fire department, library and municipal offices.

The Lynden State Bank offered to buy the corner a couple of years ago, but at that time, the council refused to consider the idea.

The Fifth Street paving question will be brought up again, and some definite action taken. The Methodist Church Tuesday evening voted favorably on paving, and this may turn the tide towards carrying out the improvement as originally planned.

Pay Tribute to Mrs. Shoemaker

Funeral services for the late Mrs. B. P. Shoemaker were held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Church in the presence of a gathering that crowded the building. The Rev. Paul Ashby officiated. Many beautiful floral pieces were sent, among them a splendid tribute from the Eastern Star.

Six members of the Masonic lodge acted as pallbearers. They were: L. Engle, M. A. Hickey, George W. Palmer, D. W. Bender, C. M. Riddle and C. B. Bay. Three beautiful hymns were sung by a choir composed of Mrs. Paul Ashby, Mrs. L. C. Wright, Miss Tromp, Messrs. Ed Edson and Frank Knapp, with Mrs. H. H. Jamieson as organist.

Mrs. Shoemaker passed away Feb. 23 after a long and useful life. Her maiden name was Ellen M. Eddy and she was born in St. Joseph, Mich., March 26, 1842. On July 20, 1862, she was married to B. P. Shoemaker, also of Michigan, and as a bride of two weeks, her husband was called to serve in the Civil War. This separated them for three years. She was the mother of three children, Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackman, of Lynden; Ben Shoemaker, of Oakland, Ore., and Clarence, who died twelve years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker came to Washington on May 27, 1890, settling first in Skagit County, where they lived three years, coming to Lynden on May 28, 1893.

In 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. Mrs. Shoemaker was an active member of the Eastern Star and the W. R. C. She made scores of friends, her greatest desire being to help young girls. A wide circle will mourn her loss.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The freshman class met Monday and decided upon a date for the party which they give annually to the juniors. March 26 was selected as the day, committees were appointed for the various duties and all promised to work hard towards making it a success.

The sophomore class met twice, Friday and Monday, to discuss their party for the seniors. March 12 was selected and everyone in the class is waiting impatiently for the great day to arrive.

Last Friday morning J. C. Herbsman, formerly of the University of Washington, addressed the high school and seventh and eighth grades on the subject of "Knowledge."

Last week a new member was enrolled in the sophomore class, Emma Boslund, from Seattle.

Roland Godfrey and his parents have moved to near Bellingham where Roland will go to school. Everyone will miss his good-natured gags.

A marriage license was issued in Bellingham Thursday to Olaf Kyrstad and Gagnhild Rasmussen, both of Lynden.

Improvement of the Guide Meridian with a permanent concrete pavement from Bellingham to Laurel is practically assured since a majority of property owners along the road have agreed to stand half the cost. A petition from them was presented to the county commissioners last week. The Guide is being gravelled and improved from Laurel to the O'Neil road under the direction of John C. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is also in charge of the welcome work— that is being done on the cemetery road to Lynden.

County News

The Miller Shingle Mill at Acme has opened up.

Lynden may get direct telegraph service from the Postal Telegraph Company, which has announced its intention of building a new main line in April from Seattle to Bellingham, and on to their main line at Sumas.

Three fires broke out in Sumas Tuesday of last week.

The people of Whatcom County will be interested in, and affected by, a ruling made by the attorney general's office to the effect that the constitutional exemption of \$300 on personal property applies to the actual value of the property and not to the assessed value. The opinion was rendered at the request of the state tax commission and upholds the ruling it gave to county assessors. Under the former method it was possible to obtain exemption on personal property which had an actual value of from \$600 to \$1000.

Ferndale celebrated the opening of its new condenser Friday with appropriate ceremonies. The big plant was thrown open to thousands of visitors during the day.

A move to consolidate the Evergreen, Alder Grove, North Star, East Mountain View, and West Mountain View, and Ferndale school districts is now under way.

A series of one-day community meetings, to start March 15, in the interests of education, is planned by County Superintendent of Schools Miss Delia Keeler. The meetings will be held at Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Laurel, Nooksack and at some point on the south fork of the Nooksack yet to be decided. Great interest is being manifested by the school authorities, and among the speakers selected are Dr. G. W. Nash of the State Normal school; Miss Martha Sherwood, of the state department of education, and J. Werner Hoppe of the Cheney Normal. Professor Hoppe is well known to school people of the county, and at the recent teachers institute in Bellingham delighted the huge crowds who came to hear him with his powers of elocution and impersonation.

HAVE YE SEEN THE MORNING SKY?

HAVE ye seen the morning sky
When the dawn prevails on high,
When, anon, some purple ray
Gives a sample of the day,
When, anon, the lark on wing
Strives to soar and strains to sing?

Have ye seen the ethereal blue
Gently shedding silvery dew,
Sparkling o'er the silent green,
While the nightingale, unseen,
To the moon and stars, full bright,
Lonesome chants the hymn of night?
—Ambrose Philips.

WAR AND THE WOMAN.

HE life and drum, the banners fine,
Spur on the men in warring line
Until the battle's lost or won;
But out in lonely hamlets wait
Those who can only guess the fate
Of father, brother, lover, son.

The Red Cross nurses gladly go
To ease the pain of those laid low
By murderous shell and gun and dart,
But science has no surgery
That for a moment can set free
A waiting woman's grief torn heart.

The soldiers in the deadly fight
Soon grow accustomed to the sight
Of wounded men and ghastly dead,
But daily deeper grows the pain
That rends a mother's heart in twain
When children cry in vain for bread.

O God of nations, grant we pray,
That there may be some speedy way
Of quieting this warring host,
And meanwhile grant thy special care
To war robbed women everywhere,
For they it is who suffer most.
—Alice Crowell Hoffman.