

BOTH HOUSES PASS BILL TO AID FAIRS

Measure Goes Through Without Opposition: Brown's Road Amendment Now In House

Both houses of the legislature have passed Gorham's bill permitting the counties of the state giving aid to county fairs, and the measure is up to the governor for his signature.

Under the new law, Whatcom commissioners could appropriate as high as \$7,500 for the aid of the county fair.

A bill introduced by Hoff of Whatcom providing that in counties having township organization, the county board shall pay the costs of bridge repair and construction where the cost is more than \$50, was passed unanimously by the house and is now before the senate. This law would settle the constant controversy between townships and the commissioners as to who should pay the costs of bridges.

A measure of the utmost importance to the highway improvement of the state, has passed the senate and is now in committee in the house. This is Senator Ed Brown's bill amending the Donahue road law to permit the issuance of twenty year bonds to pay for road improvements. If this becomes a law, it is predicted that every trunk road in Whatcom County will be hard-surfaced within five years.

Last Friday, the 40th day of the 60-day session, and the last day for the introduction of bills without consent of a two-thirds majority of both houses, witnessed the introduction of a flood of new bills. The senate received 66 and the house 110, making a total of 710 bills introduced this session, 321 in the senate and 329 in the house, a considerable increase over the session of 1915, when a total of 684 bills appeared.

New senate bills provide for optional voting of second choice instead of compulsory voting, as now required; make farm-loan bonds legal in investments for trust funds; authorize joint county ferries; appropriate \$5,000 for the appointment of a state welfare commissioner at \$1500 salary; make a felony of advocating sabotage and other forms of terrorism; extend public service regulation over inter-city lines, and gives a husband right to sue for damages for the death of his wife.

Short Ballot to Be Amended

The new house bills are designed to amend the constitution in order to establish a short-ballot system whereby only the governor, lieutenant-governor and state auditor will be elected and another establishes commission government for counties.

The house list of new bills also includes an appropriation of \$25,000 for state enforcement of the bone-dry law a proposal to increase the lieutenant governor's salary from \$1200 to \$3000 annually; to eliminate a \$3.50 charge for installation of telephones, as fixed by the public service commission, to limit any monthly telephone charge to \$25; and to create the county of Mori out of adjoining sections of Clallam and Jefferson.

First Aid Bill Passed By House

First aid bill, an important piece of constructive legislation, passed the house by a vote of 86 to 8. The overwhelming majority given the bill is taken generally to indicate that it will be adopted by the senate and will settle a vexing problem that has been before every legislature since 1911 and that has been taken up twice by initiative.

The present bill provides for equal contributions of funds from employer and employee. Deduction from the employer's pay will range from 1/2 cent to 1 1/2 cents per day, depending upon the hazard of the occupation. Two plans of operation are provided. The employer, with the consent of a majority of his workmen, may contract with a physician or hospital for the care of injured workmen, the contract to be subject to the approval of the governor. Those not adopting this method pay fees into the state fund.

Lister Vetoes Bill With Emergency

Governor Lister registered his first veto of the 1917 session in disapproving the emergency clause attached to senate bill 32, by Cox, of Walla Walla. The bill provided that grain, wool or oyster growers of the state should purchase grain, wool or oyster sacks manufactured at the penitentiary at Walla Walla pro-rata to the number of sacks applied for by the individual grower.

According to Senator Cox and eastern Washington legislators generally, this measure is designed to prevent growers with a 10,000 sack crop from applying to the penitentiary jute mill for twice the number and disposing of the excess to speculators.

In vetoing the emergency clause on this bill, Governor Lister states that rules for distribution of grain sacks manufactured at the state peniten-

The following fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Washington: Andrew Helm, Baldi, King county, new office; H. R. MacKenzie, Canyon, vice H. H. Moore, resigned; Anna B. Turner, Chesaw, vice Anna Plaine, married; David Barbeau, Colby, vice J. S. Grant, deceased.

Federal authorities prominent in the work of the department of agriculture were in Spokane to attend a conference to establish grain standards and determine locations for a standardization bureau and laboratory in the northwest. Spokane has made application for selection.

Imports of lumber and shingles from British Columbia through Blaine are getting smaller each month. Only 50 cars of shingles and nine cars of lumber were imported through Blaine during the month of January. During the last year 1601 cars passed through the boundary city and in 1915 there were 2040 cars.

Continued spring-like conditions which have prevailed in the Walla Walla section during the past week have enabled the wheat growers of the valley to make excellent progress with their spring work, and much of the farming operations, delayed by the early freeze of last fall, will be out of the way by the time spring arrives in earnest.

A well attended meeting of the citizens of Mossyrock, Harmony, Alta Vista, Mayfield, Swofford, Riffe and Nesika was held at Mossyrock to discuss road matters and other important subjects pertaining to the advancement and development of the different communities represented. A league was formed known as the Cowitz Valley Civic league.

The Western Retail Lumber Dealers' association concluded its annual convention at Spokane with the election of the following officers: President, I. G. Kjosness, Lewiston, Idaho; vice president, F. E. Connors, Sacramento, Cal.; directors, C. E. Sharp, Weiser, Idaho; Charles E. Murphy, Salt Lake City; A. L. Norton, North Yakima, Wash., and Carl Gotshall, Ripon, Cal.

Co-operation between growers, distributors and the federal bureau of markets was urged at the convention at Seattle of apple growers from Washington, Idaho and Oregon by Charles J. Brand, chief of the office of markets of the department of agriculture. Mr. Brand emphasized the necessity of growers organizing themselves into associations so they could co-operate effectively with the federal bureau.

An investigation by three members of the president's cabinet of Priest rapids on the Columbia river as a site for a federal nitrate plant is under consideration, according to a letter received by the Spokane chamber of commerce from Lieutenant-Colonel Keller, of the corps of engineers. Secretaries Lane, Baker and Houston are preparing to visit localities suggested. Colonel Keller says, and an itinerary is being planned.

In the raiding of the Colonial Gardens farm in the Puyallup valley, county authorities believe they have tapped the fountainhead of illicit trade in wines which it is charged has been carried on at Tacoma for some time. In the building of the company, which is the largest distributor of vegetables in the district, was found machinery for the manufacture of wine on a considerable scale, as well as seven barrels of wine and a number of casks of hard cider, all of which was confiscated. Three of the proprietors were arrested.

Sentences were pronounced at Spokane on the four officers of the Northwestern Trading company, convicted of using the mails to defraud. Judge W. C. Van Fleet, of the federal court, denied a motion for new trials and pronounced sentences as follows: Gale Smith is to serve a year in jail and pay a fine of \$10,000; S. T. Knudson must serve a year and pay a fine of \$7500; C. L. Davies was sentenced to nine months in jail and fined \$5000, and O. C. Fowler was sentenced to three months and fined \$250.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL ELECT THEIR DIRECTORS NEXT WEEK

The election of school directors will take place Saturday, March 1. E. Edson, at present on the board filling the unexpired term of H. E. Stuart, is the only candidate that has yet appeared in the Lynden district.

The people of the Lynden district will also vote on whether or not to give the board permission to sell the Fairview school property, and the small building on the west end of the high school grounds, formerly used for a grade class.

F. E. Knapp returned Sunday evening from Seattle. Mrs. Knapp is spending the week there with her daughter, Miss Frances Knapp, who is attending the State University.

MONEY AND PRIZES FOR THE CHILDREN

Merchants of Lynden will call special attention next week to the nationally famous goods they carry. Pictures of the best window displays will be entered in a State contest for inter-city prizes. To help select the prize Lynden windows, coupons will appear in The Tribune next week on which the people of the district can vote. To the boys and girls who bring in these coupons properly filled out and signed by their parents, or their neighbors, one cent will be paid for each coupon. In addition, prizes will be given to the boy who brings in the largest number of coupons; a prize to the girl who turns in the largest number of coupons and a prize to each of the first twenty to bring, mail or send coupons to this office.

Watch The Tribune next week for the coupons and for final instructions.

FORM STATE'S BIGGEST POULTRY CLUB HERE

School Organizes Society To Study Scientific Chicken Raising And Many Join

The biggest school poultry club in the State was organized last week in Lynden, with thirty-one charter members. The organization will make a study of poultry raising, and will keep careful records on the results obtained by each of the members.

The poultry club will work under the plans and direction of the United States Department of Agriculture, to whom reports of progress will be made. A meeting will be held every two weeks.

The club was organized by G. W. Boggan, who will act as supervisor. The following are the members: president, Hoyt Horton; Eber Bruns, vice president; Norman Crosier, secretary and Earla Rusco, Gladys Parish, Sadie Bauman, Gordon Serrurier, Wino Williams, Bert Omart, Earl Omart, Lauren Bostwick, Marguerite Smith, Buelah Long, Frieda Boslund, Ralph Dunker, Lester Dunker, Martine Ebling, Ruth Bauman, Teddy Seals, Bob Gill, Leon Hoverson, Paul Brown, Lowell Hodges, Joe Wilson, John Wilson, Vernon Hawley, Mary Worthen, Homer Long, Bennett Gale, Russell Rittenberg, and Bernard De Neul.

TRIO OF FARM SALES FOR LYNDEN BUYERS NEXT WEEK

Beginning Monday, Feb. 26, buyers of the district will have an opportunity to attend three public sales of stock, farm tools, and household goods.

The series begins with the big dispersal sale of A. H. Carvosso's splendid herd of pure-bred Ayrshires, together with 22 head of other stock. Stages will run hourly from Bellingham to this sale, a full account and announcement of which is given in other columns of The Tribune.

On Tuesday, C. A. Ralstin, who has sold his ranch to John Vandekamp, will sell at his place, one-half mile south of Lynden on the Hannegan road, beginning at 10 o'clock, ten head of livestock, including 2 cows, 3 heifers, 2 calves, 1 gelding horse, and many implements and household goods. A complete list is given on 6.

At 1 o'clock on Wednesday, F. Van Aalsburg will sell at his farm, 5 miles northwest of Lynden, and 1-2 mile southeast of Delta School, one fine three year old mare colt, 1 colt 8 months old, 40 tons hay, 2 brood sows, 2 dozen chickens, farm wagon, harness, double disc drill, mower, 9 ft. hayrake, disc, spring tooth harrow, plow, 500 lb. platform scale, new 216-egg Old Trusty Incubator, iron bed, wood bed and other articles too numerous to mention.

Usual terms will be given at all three sales. Free lunch will be served at the Carvosso and Ralstin sales. Mike Vander Griend is the auctioneer for the sales.

GEORGE HAD NOTHING ON THIS TRIO FROM LYNDEN

George Washington, whose birthday is being celebrated today, had absolutely nothing on Mabel Swope, Arthur Dorr, and Wilbur Kirkpatrick. So is theirs.

Both public and Christian schools, the bank and postoffice are closed today on account of the legal holiday.

PYTHIAN SISTERS POSTPONE POVERTY BALL ONE WEEK

Because of the cold weather, the Pythian Sisters announced today that the Poverty Ball scheduled for Friday would be postponed until March 2.

LYNDEN PYTHIANS OBSERVE BIRTHDAY OF THEIR ORDER

One hundred members of the Lynden lodge of Knights of Pythias, and Pythian Sisters, and their families and friends celebrated the fifty-third anniversary of the founding of the order Monday evening at the I. O. O. F. Hall. A fine program was given and a banquet served.

Included on the program were a cornet duet by the Rev. Percy Davies and Will Dorr, readings by Miss Bessie Biehler, Miss Elsie Sweet and Mrs. Paul Ashby; a piano solo by Miss Genevieve Steinhauer; a violin solo by Irvin Rathman; a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Will Dorr; and numbers by a ladies quartet composed of Misses Edson and Gilliland and Mrs. George Carlson and Mrs. Walter Fisher, with Mrs. P. A. Wright as accompanist.

W. H. Waples presided, and addresses were made by the Rev. Paul Ashby on the "Pythian Sisters", the Rev. Percy H. Davies on Pythian "Insurance", and P. M. Serrurier on "The History of the Order." E. C. Martin, a brother-in-law of Mrs. J. W. Rinehart, who is a grand officer of the Knights of Pythias in South Dakota and a member of over thirty years standing, was called upon and made a short address.

BUTTER DROPS BACK THREE BUT IT STILL FLIES REAL HIGH

Butter dropped back three cents this week from the tip-top price in the history of the district, but it is still aviating along at a pleasing figure, as far as the Lynden farmers are concerned.

The price is now 40 cts. a pound.

WANTS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SEVENTY STUDENT VISITORS

Seventy students from outside high schools will be in Lynden next Friday and Saturday for the annual basketball tournament, and Superintendent P. A. Wright is seeking accommodations for them. Anyone who can take care of any of the visitors is asked to report to Mr. Wright by telephone at once.

Lynden pays all the expenses of conducting the tournament, buys the prizes and looks after the players.

The Lynden team drew the speedy Normal five as its opponent in the tournament, and will have to set a fast pace to stay in the running.

HARVESTS CROP OF LYNDEN GROWN SNOW-KIST ORANGES

D. De Jong harvested a crop of home grown oranges this week when the temperature was around freezing to show that Lynden can compete favorably with Southern California in this respect. Mr. De Jong raised the Lynden Snow-kist brand at his home, and the fruit is as beautiful and delicious as any that ever came up from the South.

WEST DELTA

A very pleasant surprise party was given Miss Lena Czenkusch Friday afternoon. Needlework and music were enjoyed and dainty refreshments served. Those present were Mrs. C. Krohn, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Holtrop, Mrs. Vandermey, Mrs. Henry Weidkamp, Mrs. Theodore Weidkamp, Mrs. Henry Wampler, Mrs. Frank Weidkamp, Mrs. Markworth, and Miss Bertha Arset.

We were very sorry to hear that Tate McPhail who left here last Monday for Grandview, Wash., had just arrived there when he was taken seriously ill with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson of Glendale were entertained at the P. O. Berthuson home Sunday.

Miss Lena Czenkusch of Nebraska arrived a short time ago and will make her home here in the future.

Miss Elsie Worthen of Lynden was a guest a few days last week of Mrs. H. C. Berthuson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jackman of Blaine spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heathcote.

Mr. Sandy McGregor has been visiting a few days at the Theodore Weidkamp home.

The Delta Sewing Society will meet with Mrs. P. O. Berthuson March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heathcote who are leaving the farm soon, entertained a large number of friends at a dinner Tuesday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weidkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Weidkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wampler, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Heathcote of Patricia, B. C., Mr. and Mrs. Will Jackman of Blaine, Mrs. Westlund, Mrs. Malke, Mrs. Bertram, and Mrs. Hanson of B. C., and Mrs. Oams and children. All had an enjoyable evening and expressed sincere regrets that Mr. and Mrs. Heathcote were moving away.

Harold Weidkamp and little Julia Kuchenreuther are slowly recovering from a bad attack of measles.

Miss Lottie Yeager of Blaine, who has recently returned from a trip to Idaho and other points, is now visiting her sisters, Frances and Addie Weidkamp.

ENGINEER CONDEMNNS A LYNDEN BRIDGE

Structure Over Fishtrap Creek Pronounced Unsafe By Lindberg And Public Warned

County Engineer Charles Lindberg this week condemned the Lynden bridge on the road leading into town from the Guide Meridian, and crossing Fishtrap Creek between the cemetery and the fair grounds.

The county engineer has ordered the bridge posted to warn heavily laden wagons and autos of the dangerous condition of the structure.

The commissioners were notified by Mr. Lindberg of the action he had taken, but whether they will move at once to rebuild the bridge is not known.

"The bridge is in such dangerous shape that something should be done at once," said Mr. Lindberg today. I inspected the bridge, and found the caps so loose that they could be practically kicked out with the foot. The bridge has been standing sixteen years, or thereabouts, without any attention, except the renewal of the decking, and the understructure is rotted out. The bridge should be replaced at once so as to be ready for the heavy summer traffic."

Mr. Lindberg estimates that it will cost about three thousand dollars to replace the bridge.

A petition to the commissioners for prompt replacement of the bridge is now being circulated. Copies may be signed at the Lynden State Bank and the Tribune office and the City Drug Store.

LYNDEN GAINS \$1,400 BY NEW MEASURE

School District Will Benefit By Law Causing Outside Points To Pay To Instruction of Students

The Lynden school district will be a gainer by something over fourteen hundred dollars a year, as a result of the passage of a law last week through both houses of the legislature requiring outside districts to pay for the instruction of pupils who attend the Lynden high school.

The addition to the funds of the local district will mean a reduction of taxation of approximately two mills.

Forty students from outside districts are now attending the Lynden high school. The present cost per student at the high school is \$62 per year, as against \$80, the state average, and should there be any increase in the local costs per student, the sum that must be paid by the outside districts will increase proportionately.

PRIZE AYRSHIRE HERD OF COUNTY TO BE AUCTIONED

A. H. Carvosso's crack herd of Ayrshires that have been one of the blue-ribbon features of the Whatcom County Fair each year, will be sold at a public auction Monday beginning at 10 o'clock at the Carvosso ranch on the junction of the Hannegan and Laurel roads, 2 miles east of the Laurel Creamery.

Thirteen pure-bred Ayrshires will be offered, among them the prize-winners at the Fair. Mr. Carvosso was credited by the experts who visited the Fair last year with having some of the finest cows of the breed in the country, and some lively bidding is expected.

In addition to the Ayrshires, 20 head of other livestock will be sold, including some splendid cows. A complete copy of the bill will be found on page seven of The Tribune.

CALL FOR PAYMENTS ON SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FIRE AUTO

Payment of subscriptions to the fund for the purchase of an auto for the Lynden Volunteer Fire Department has been called for. Payments should be made at once at the City Drug Store.

The entire fund will be collected before March 15, at which time the purchase will be made. The following were named on a purchasing committee by the firemen last night: E. Edson, representing the business men, George Scovill, the council, and Charles Philo, the fire department.

DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR LYNDEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Directors of the Lynden Christian School were elected at the annual meeting of members Monday evening at the school.

Sam Sturman and Tom Heeringa were reelected and H. Elenbaas and A. Te Selle were named as new members. Directors who hold over are H. Oordt, M. Vander Griend and D. J. Zylstra.

The directors will meet Friday and name their own officers.