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LEGISLATIVE GRIND

Doings of the Idaho Solons at Boise.

Boise, Idaho.—When the legislature adjourned the last day of last week it had passed the forty first day of the session without having considered any of the large appropriation bills, which must come before it. On the other hand the senate is up with its work and fewer bills have been introduced in each house than in any session for many years.

The passage by the senate of the new primary bill and the adoption of the house amendments to the consolidation of departments measure are the outstanding features of an otherwise dull week of legislative grind.

Action by the house on the senate primary bill is expected at an early date. But one change of note may be made. It is possible the provision for the state to pay the expenses of delegates to state conventions may be eliminated. This payment is urged in order that no delegate may be under obligation for his expenses and so that no poor man, otherwise qualified, may be shut out from being a delegate.

Farmers are affected by several measures of importance which have been fought out during the week. The passage of a bonded warehouse bill in the house is forecasted. With that measure a law all those engaged in storing products would be bonded for the protection of those using the warehouses. This bill is sponsored by the administration.

Idaho will also be in line for the protection of stock growers who have livestock condemned and killed because of tuberculosis. The grower will stand one-third the loss, the federal government a third and the state a third. This bill has passed the house and senate but a reconsideration in the senate has recommended it for amplification.

Favorable consideration by the senate committee of the whole of the house bill requiring the state board of agriculture to investigate cases of loss in marketing which might be reported to it forecasts the passage of this measure. The object of the bill is to ferret out and prosecute brokers and commission houses that manipulate markets and distort returns. In numerous cases it is said Idaho shippers have been robbed by middlemen, sometimes even being billed for the freight after their produce has been confiscated to the purposes of thieving commission agents. Public announcement would be made of the names of honest brokers and every thing possible done to secure for Idaho growers a fair price for the produce they ship.

The big penal and charitable institution bill introduced Feb. 17, carries a total appropriation of \$800,000.

A good roads bill was started in the house Monday creating a permanent levy of two mills for roads.

The present primary law would be repealed in a senate bill introduced by Senator Nelson of Coeur d'Alene, and Senator Nash of Preston, authors of the new law.

The house passed an appropriation bill of \$30,000 to investigate water resources of the state. Real estate agents and salesmen would be required to give a bond of three thousand dollars to do business under a house bill introduced by Rep. Weeks.

The state affairs committee asked for \$5000 to assist in paying for the education of persons of foreign birth; \$25,000 was asked by the judiciary committee of the house for the publication and distribution of the new compiled laws of the state. The same committee asked for \$3,000 to be placed in the hands of the secretary of state to be disbursed in distributing the Fifteenth legislature

session laws to the state and county officials.

From the educational institutions committee came a bill to provide \$10,000 to pay the traveling expenses of students attending the state institutions.

Still another appropriation measure asks for \$30,000 for the improvement of the south fork of the Coeur d'Alene river in Kootenai and Shoshone counties.

The house defeated the proposed constitutional amendment to increase pay of members of the legislature from \$5 to \$10 per day.

The legislature has passed a new law for the protection of song and insectivorous birds and to authorize county commissioners to launch a campaign against the English sparrow.

An increase of \$1000 in the salaries of the secretary of state and the state auditor will become effective the first Monday in January, if a measure introduced in the senate by W. Lloyd Adams of Madison and E. P. Armstrong of Blaine meets with the legislature's approval. No attempt is made in the bill to change the stipends of other state officers.

Idaho voters are not likely to have the opportunity to express themselves on a proposed constitutional amendment designed to increase the terms served by county commissioners. Two resolutions providing for the submission of such an amendment at the 1920 elections, one of which originated in the senate and the other already passed by the house, were recommended unfavorably by the senate committee on privileges and elections.

The features of Tuesday's session were the passage of the modified eight-hour act for women, and the investigation in executive session of the alleged misuse of funds by the adjutant general under the Alexander administration.

The senate passed the garage licensing and bonding bill.

H. B. 71, regulating the width of tires, was killed.

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Idaho State News Items.

The war department has compiled figures showing that Idaho sent 19,016 men into the army and naval service during the war.

President Lindley of the University of Idaho will deliver the baccalaureate address for the graduating class of Lewis and Clark high school in Spokane March 9. "A Perpetual Discovery of America", is to be the subject of Dr. Lindley's address.

The Sandpoint school district has an outstanding warrant indebtedness of \$30,000 costing 7 per cent interest. It is proposed to vote a refunding bond issue bearing 5 per cent, thus saving the district \$600 a year in interest.

Charles E. Elmer was named register of the land department, and M. C. Stott was named acting commissioner Friday by the state land board, both to serve until reorganization is effected March 31 under senate bill No. 19.

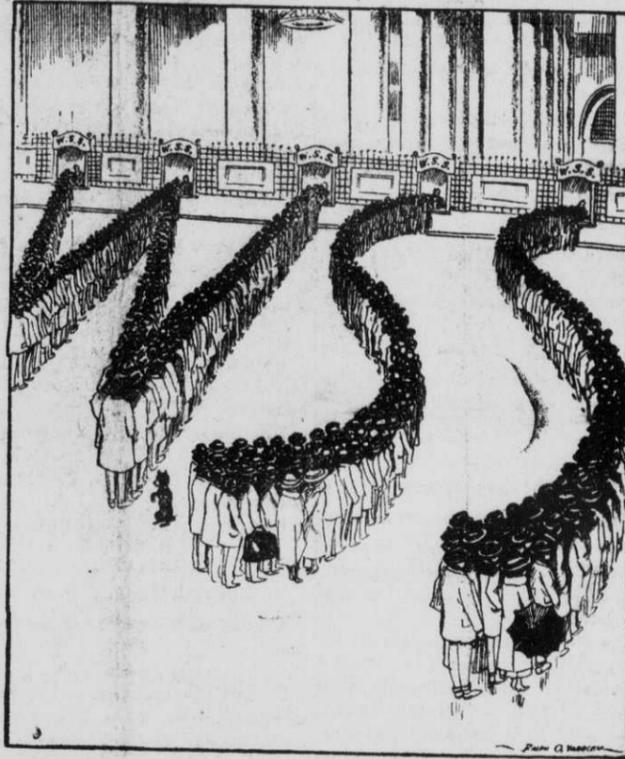
The Bonners Ferry Lumber company has started to cut 500,000 feet of cottonwood timber. Manager R. H. McCoy says this is an experiment, as the company has not found a market for the product, but expects the lumber will be used by box makers and coffin manufacturers.

If Idaho does not watch its seed industry closely it will fall from its present high rank among the seed producing sections of the nation and world through the spread of weeds in its seed production regions, according to P. A. Wenger, state seed analyst, who recently returned from the American seed analysts' convention at Baltimore, Md.

The second annual state high school basketball tournament will

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JOIN THE LEAGUE OF THE NATION



BUILDING A CUT OFF

Georgetown Citizens Donating Road Work.

The enterprising citizens of the Georgetown community have been making a new and more direct road to Rathdrum, running it along the north slope of the hill on the Perley Smith place near where it joins the J. F. Reuther place. The main purpose is to eliminate the heavy grade on the Webster hill. The greater part of the work was done last week, those donating time or otherwise helping, being Geo. W. Anstine, Fred Lundin, J. L. Townsley, Fred Keiler, A. D. McDonald, Marco Belcheff, Arthur Bowers, Geo. Albert, Geo. Miller, Dale Sencenbaugh, E. G. Greenup and P. H. Smith.

The survey for this piece of road was made last year. The next step is to petition the county commissioners to view the road and accept it as a county highway.

Another improvement contemplated in that neighborhood is the construction of a road across the meadow on Dr. Wenz's south line. It is believed this would facilitate the granting of rural free mail delivery by a third route from Rathdrum, which has been delayed on account of road conditions.

FROM OVER THE COUNTY

POST FALLS

Earl Gaskill has leased the T. J. Deck fruit ranch.

A daughter was born Feb. 13 to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Young.

Sam Young, Henry Metz, Eric Johnson and Rev. N. M. Fiske attended the quarterly conference of the M. E. church at Rathdrum.

Four car loads of ice were shipped in from Blanchard.

Lee Brugger succeeds Gene Laventure as ditch boss for the Post Falls Irrigated tracts at \$125 a month and use of a truck.

The Presbyterian ladies have completed paying the indebtedness on the manse, built at a cost of \$1590.

HARRISON

A Roosevelt memorial service was held at the M. E. church last Sunday evening. There were five speakers.

The commercial club meets twice a month and is boosting for better roads, larger industries, more telephone communications, a ferry and many other things.

The Harrison Y. M. C. A. team defeated the St. Maries team at basket ball 21 to 13.

Word was received that R. S. Thompson broke his leg in a fall at Bremerton, and his wife prepared to go to see him the latter part of the week.

Private Earl W. Barnhouse, recently discharged from the army, married Miss Nellie Booe at Plummer and will reside in Harrison.

SPIRIT LAKE

Walter Lockling has gone back to work at the shops after being laid up with a sore hand.

Milton Adams, who had his arm broken, is recovering.

C. H. Straley and Ed McMahon have been discharged from the navy.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brown Feb. 7.

G. F. Hagenbuch, superintendent of the Panhandle Lumber company, left last week on a business trip to Williamsport, Penn.

The ban on dances has been lifted.

The Eastern Star installed officers Friday.

A daughter was born Feb. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerow.

COEUR D'ALENE

W. R. Whitney, father of Judge M. G. Whitney, died Saturday morning, aged 87 years.

The case of John Deignan versus the Kootenai Growers Association, in which the plaintiff was suing on an alleged failure to fulfill a contract, involving the delivery of fruit-boxes, was consulted by Judge R. N. Dunn, in the district court Saturday, on the grounds that the plaintiff had introduced insufficient evidence to submit the case to the jury.

Huntington Taylor, chairman of the Kootenai County Chapter, Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, has received a congratulatory letter from Campaign Manager Chadwick, of the American Red Cross, for this county's fine showing in the Roll Call. The report shows that this county

WILL BOOST TAXES

Said to Be Only Way For Idaho to Get Road Money.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 17.—There will be available for construction of good roads in Idaho around \$6,000,000 from the federal government during the next three years if Idaho shall put up a similar amount.

That sum is in addition to federal allotments amounting to \$900,000 for the present year. The new government arrangement means that Idaho will have to appropriate around \$4,000,000 for the coming two years. The exact amount for the present year is \$1,700,000, but the government total will be increased 50 per cent after this year, providing the state allotments grow correspondingly.

Will Increase Taxes.

As Idaho has reached the limit of bonded indebtedness so far as any large additional bond issues are concerned it will be necessary to raise this road money by direct taxation.

Men from all over the state have been here during the past week at conventions representing every industry and class in Idaho and they declared that the necessity for good roads in Idaho and the benefits of increased values and the benefits of increased values and improved marketing facilities for the farmers, are so generally recognized and appreciated that the public will gladly pay the increased taxation.

However, it is admitted, all arguments merge into this: If Idaho wants federal aid in abundance in building permanent highways it will have to meet the government on a fifty-fifty basis, and it will have to be done by taxation.

exceeded the 1918 membership by 61 per cent, \$3,786.00 being taken in on annual memberships and \$40 in magazine memberships.

E. B. Hitchcock, soil specialist with the University of Idaho extension division, spent a few days with the county agricultural agent for the purpose of arranging soil demonstrations in Kootenai county. Various farmers will be secured to cooperate in the plan by adopting the recommended rotation of crops and keep data on them that will be used for the information of the farmers at large.

Wednesday of last week the county agent met with the farmers of Medimont and Thursday with those of the Hayden Lake district to discuss problems. A farm bureau committee was elected at each place to cooperate in putting on a program of work at each place. At Hayden Lake the farmers decided on taking up the following problems: Squirrel Extermination, Soil Improvement, Livestock, Potato Growing, Marketing and Grains and Grasses.

That the University of Idaho handled the S. A. T. C. better and more economically than any school in the northwest is the statement of W. A. Hobson, inspector for this work, who checked up the accounts preparatory to settling with the university. Mr. Hobson spent two days going over the records and auditing all claims and passing upon the expense and the amount of work done and the results attained.