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AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE FIFTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ILLINOIS.

IMPORTANT LAWS ACTED ON

Four Measures of Vital Interest to the People of the State Passed—Appropriations Reach a Total of \$50,000,000.

Springfield.—The Fiftyeth general assembly adopted a resolution recessing the legislature until noon, June 29.

More measures to be taken if it were possible for members to initiate any sort of measures at any time the assembly came together and the special bills desired by the governor and the state council of defense might be seriously set back by the consequent wrangling.

Joint resolution proposing submission to the voters of the question of holding a constitutional convention.

Administrative code bill consolidating overlapping state boards, commissions and other agencies and creating new departments of finance, agriculture, trade and commerce, public welfare, labor, mines and minerals, public works and buildings, health and registration and education.

Private bank regulation bill requiring all private banks to incorporate and come under state supervision by January 1, 1921.

Sixty-million-dollar bond issue, providing for the construction of 4,400 miles of hard roads, and companion bill raising automobile license fees to finance the bond issue.

With the constitutional convention, the private bank bill and the \$50,000,000 good roads bonds issue up for action, in addition to the election of a United States senator and other state and county public officials, the election of next year will be one of unusual interest.

\$50,000,000 Appropriation.

Enough estimates of the total appropriations for the session indicate that the figure will be about \$50,000,000, as against \$47,300,000 two years ago.

The chief items in the appropriations follow:

Omibus bill appropriating for the maintenance of state government \$17,500,000

Charitable institutions 10,000,000

University of Illinois 4,933,000

Good roads 3,800,000

Salaries of state officers and legislature 3,100,000

Penal and reformatory institutions 2,800,000

Military 1,900,000

Normal schools 1,570,000

Deficiency appropriations 1,100,000

Centennial building, Springfield 100,000

Centennial celebration 150,000

Tornado sufferers 275,000

Agricultural boards 200,000

Expenses of legislature 100,000

Foot and mouth disease 75,000

Miscellaneous items 500,000

Following is a list of important bills passed by both houses of the legislature. Where bills have been signed or permitted to become laws without signature it is indicated by a "law."

Yetted bills are not in the list.

Financial.

Appropriates \$196,045.09 for expense of mobilization in 1919 of Illinois National Guard.

Excludes from scaling process for five years, beginning 1917, taxes levied for payment of principal and interest of bonded indebtedness of cities.

Private bank bill. Provides that all private banks must incorporate on or before January 1, 1921. If law is adopted by referendum in November, 1919. Provides for capital stock in different classifications of municipalities and places all banks in state, except national banks, under control of state auditor.

Authorizes submission to a referendum vote in 1918 of the proposition to issue \$80,000,000 worth of bonds to

be used in construction of a hard road system in Illinois of approximately 4,400 miles.

Provides for withdrawal of special assessment against property when city bids at delinquent tax sale.

Emergency act increasing pay of election clerks in cities under election commissions from \$3 to \$5 a day. A law.

Legalizes and validates all sanitary district tax levies, except disputed levy of 1915, regardless of whether publication of levy was in accordance with law. A law.

Authorizes 3-mill tax in cities between 15,000 and 200,000 population for not more than 20 successive years for public benefit tax.

Increases motor license fees to meet cost of \$200,000,000 road bond issue. Adds 50 per cent January 1, 1918, and additional 50 per cent January 1, 1919. A law.

Gives drainage district trustees authority, when approved by the courts, to levy taxes for any improvement when necessary to avail district of financial assistance from any appropriation made by the federal government for improvements in the same district. A law.

Appropriates \$502,917 for expenses of National Guard and Naval Reserve, of which \$30,000 is emergency fund to be used by governor. A law.

Appropriates approximately \$250,000 to state board of agriculture and various other agricultural, scientific and military organizations.

"Blue sky" law giving secretary of state some control over sale and issuance of stock.

Appropriates \$20,000 to build bridges over sanitary district canal in Will county.

Appropriating \$1,325,000 for federal post roads.

To appropriate \$185,000 to complete armories as follows: \$150,000 First cavalry, Chicago; \$10,000 Second infantry, Chicago; \$25,000 at Ottawa; \$3,500 at Galesburg.

Appropriates \$1,173,790.07 unexpended balance of previously appropriated hard-road fund.

Appropriates \$200,000 for state aid roads.

Provides for appointment of health insurance commissioner and appropriation of \$20,000 for his department.

Labor.

The amended workmen's compensation act brings all employers in the state within provisions of existing law.

Amends workmen's compensation act to comply with new administrative code, increasing salaries to arbitrators from \$1,800 to \$2,400 a year and preventing county or municipal employees, etc., from recovering double benefits through pension and compensation. A law.

"Helping Hand" bill. Provides that bureau of labor statistics shall aid in procuring employment for discharged convicts.

Compels payment of wages in bankable currency and prohibits time checks, store orders or scrip.

Provides when death is caused by wrongful act, neglect or default by railroad, manufacturer, etc., it shall be liable to expenses of coroner's inquest and burial of deceased.

Agreed measures between operators and miners creating state mining investigation commission and prescribing safety regulations.

Miscellaneous.

Authorizes building of free public libraries in public parks. A law.

Authorizes annexation to existing drainage districts. A law.

Provides for construction of state aid roads through incorporated cities or villages of not more than 2,500 population.

Revises local improvement law to provide that 5 per cent of special assessments shall be applied toward all costs of collection, etc.

The absent voters' bill provides that registered electors may vote by mail in general or primary elections for state officers.

Provides for the establishment of an Illinois state farm for male offenders more than sixteen, where offense is punishable by jail or house of correction sentences. A law.

Causes highway officials to mark at each intersection directions and distances to places to which roads lead.

Stop, look and listen bill. Provides for clearing of grade crossings as a safety measure by railroads and highway commissioners.

Authorizes park boards to acquire land for playground purposes. A law.

Establishes the state council of defense. A law.

The Oglesby plan of reserve militia recommended by the state council of defense.

Fixes pay of National Guardsmen in active service at \$1 a day.

Appropriates \$750,000 for supplies, etc., for National Guard now or hereafter to be mobilized.

Regulates adoption, sale and distribution of school text books and requires text books to be listed with state superintendent of public instruction with price list. Books once adopted not to be changed within five years.

Makes it a misdemeanor to present

or participate in obscene, immoral or impure drama, play, exhibition, show or entertainment.

Makes utterances of a bad or "N. S. F." check, on which other money or goods is directly secured, punishable by fine up to \$1,000 or up to one year's imprisonment. This law would not affect check issued in payment of a debt incurred previous to its utterance. A law.

Places collection agencies under state control, proposing \$25 license fee to be collected by secretary of state.

Validates districts and bonds issued under 1911 community high school act which supreme court declared unconstitutional. A law.

Provides for state licensing and control of commission merchants.

Provides that presiding judges of court appealed to in criminal cases shall specify amount of bond.

Creates, on July 1, a new civil administrative code for the state, by which a hundred or more bureaus and commissions are abolished and the administration of all public elective offices placed under nine departments. A law.

Provides method of clearing up tax titles.

Requires county treasurers to make prompt monthly payment of inheritance taxes to state treasurer under one-tenth of 1 per cent interest penalty each day for delinquency. A law.

Curbing "loan sharks" by providing strict penalties for exorbitant interest rates; by legalizing rates of 3 1/2 per cent a month, or 42 per cent a year, on chattel and salary loans of \$300 and less, where lender is under state supervision through license and bond. Prohibits false advertising of terms, etc. A law.

Legalizes all elections held under "free road law and validates bonds where elections were held at the place of last annual town meeting. Corrects disputed elections where more than one improvement was proposed at same time. A law.

Permits life or endowment insurance companies to issue policies against total disability, but bars other accident or illness risks from life policies. A law.

Prohibits any but legally licensed attorneys from practicing in any court or from doing legal work in connection with estates. A law.

Provides that no mother otherwise eligible under mothers' pension act shall be deprived of benefit because of owning homestead. A law.

Provides that banks may discharge liability in event of joint account in bank by paying fund to either depositor in event of other's death.

Revision of community high school act which supreme court declared unconstitutional.

Provides that election precincts or districts be rearranged, when more than 100 voters in precinct, to reduce vote to standard of 40.

Provides heavy penalties for distribution of anonymous matter attacking candidates for office.

Permits cities to establish free lodging houses and maintain municipal truck farms.

Permits judges to vacate commitments to house of correction within 30 days of sentence.

To admit Torrens system title deeds to building and loan association loans.

Establishes \$100 fine as penalty for tampering in any way with a motor vehicle standing at a curb.

Raises age limit of children who may be kept in trunk or parental school from fourteen to sixteen years.

Bars corporations from practicing law.

Provides for state ownership of motion pictures.

To prohibit high school fraternities. The "third-degree" bill (prohibiting the use of strong-arm methods on prisoners for extracting confessions. Creates a court of claims.

Provides that no candidate for office shall give pledges to any organization in return for support.

Under the constitution all bills signed by the governor take effect July 1 unless subject to a referendum or carrying an emergency clause.

State insists on Two-Cent Fare.

Illinois stands in open revolt against the interstate commerce commission and the court orders of Federal Judge D. P. Dyer of St. Louis in the 2-cent railroad fare controversy.

The general assembly by unanimous vote placed the state officially on record in support of Governor Lowden, Attorney General Brundage, and the order of Superior Judge Charles M. Fiedl of Chicago in enforcing the state's 2-cent fare in defiance of Judge Dyer's ruling that the 2-cent rate must be effective and the order of the interstate commerce commission which furnished the basis for Judge Dyer's finding.

Attorney General Brundage has inflated action against the railroads in Chicago. The legislative resolution gives him the authority and practically orders the state utilities commission to suspend consideration of the railroads' pending petition to increase interstate freight rates 15 per cent.

clerk that the most effective procedure would be to call the attention of authorities to the law and its provisions.

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Fads And Fancies Of Fashion



BRILLIANT AND SERVICEABLE COSTUME BLOUSE.

Just as we come to the conclusion that there is not a possibility of anything new in blouses, something happens in that line that has not happened before. A charming and brilliant design makes its unexpected entrance differently cut, differently constructed or showing a new management of color which sets it apart from all that have gone before. As long as the unlooked for comes to pass in this fascinating way we will keep right on looking for blouses, come what will in the way of one-piece frocks.



Mrs. Edward B. McLean, on the Right, Washing Tin Cups Used at a Lunch Served by the Woman's Motor Corps and the Woman's Refreshment Section of the Washington Red Cross Chapter.

How to Get Red Cross Members.

When a Red Cross chapter has been formally organized, as directed in a former article, then—and never in any case before—should a public meeting be called and a membership campaign begun.

In the pamphlet on organization and activities (which may be procured from the magazine and information bureau, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.) we learn that "any resident of the United States, of good character, is eligible for enrollment as a member of the Red Cross."

A newly formed chapter therefore may attempt to enroll nearly all the people in its locality as members. In recent campaigns for membership six classes of members are specified as follows:

- Annual member, dues \$1.00
Contributing member, dues annually \$2.00
Sustaining member, dues annually \$5.00
Life member one payment \$100.00
Patron member, one payment \$100.00

All classes started above include annual subscription to the American Red Cross Magazine.

In the May issue of the Red Cross Magazine there is an article on "How to Run a Membership Campaign." A letter to Mr. H. J. Hill, director of membership extension, at the national headquarters, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., will bring all the necessary information. This is a work in which women can serve America in this time of trial.

Julia Bottomley

Belts of Many Kinds.

Belts this season are loose, comfortable things, wide, narrow and medium, made in plain cloth, in silk and in satin or in beads. Sometimes they blossom into sashes, and look lovely on afternoon gowns; often they are modest little bands in cloth, about an inch or an inch and a half wide, which cross over in front and button at the side or which just loop at the ends and hang loose. The bead belts on the new chemise dress are almost works of art, and hang, garlandlike, down the

skirt. Then there is the loosely draped belt, which encircles the slightly raised line of the tailormade, and which has only one danger, that of looking a little clumsy. It is only suited to the slim figure.

Well, Well! "Old Gylestock had the right idea about leaving something substantial to his memory." "Didn't do the usual thing and have a shaft erected, I presume?" "No; he had one sunk."

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LIQUOR BARRED TO FIGHTERS

State Council of Defense Urges Obdience to Federal Law Throughout the State.

Springfield.—Authorities in every town, village and hamlet in Illinois have received communications from the state council of defense, urging them to see to it that the federal law prohibiting the selling of liquor to soldiers and sailors is rigidly enforced.

This action was decided upon by the council at its weekly meeting in Chicago.

The subject was given most serious attention, and the powers of the council with regard to enforcement of the law were fully discussed. It was de-

clared that the most effective procedure would be to call the attention of authorities to the law and its provisions.

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ASKS FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Would Have President Wilson and Chief Executives of Other States Participate in Centennial.

Springfield.—Governor Lowden sent a message to the legislature urging an appointment of a committee to cooperate with the centennial commission in celebrating the next year's centennial.

The legislature has appointed a committee to study the question of the centennial celebration, and the governor has asked that the legislature should be asked to participate in the celebration.

The senate named as its committee Lieutenant Governor Oglesby, chairman, and Senators Dalesy, Barr, Curtis, Cliffe, Roos, Cornwell, Hull, Hughes, Lantz and Gorman.