

SCHOOL BOOK FIRMS LOSE HOUSE FIGHT

Publishers Will Continue Effort to Defeat Bills in State Senate.

Still smarting from the grueling indictment made against them in the house of representatives late Tuesday when three bills were passed slapping their enormous profits, textbook publishers today rallied their forces to defeat the bills in the senate.

Bitter denunciation of the methods used by the textbook companies through the circulation of anonymous pamphlets and letters and of the "misquotations and misstatements made by the opponents of the measure" was heralded by Representative Delph McKesson (Marshall), Democratic floor leader, in his fight for the bills.

Support was accorded him by Fabius Gwin (Dem., Dubois and Martin) and Clarence O. Schlegel (Dem., Clay), a teacher, and Chester K. Watson (Dem., Allen and Whitley).

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The first bill, passed 63-28, provides for the adoption hereafter by the state board of education of multiple lists, up to four, of textbooks for grade schools. Each public school corporation may make individual selection from such multiple adoptions through a committee of teachers and superintendents authorized to act.

The bill prohibits school book company representatives from soliciting business, except on invitation; and, what's more important, provides for the automatic reduction of prices on any books sold for less in other states.

The bill also provides that in re-adoption of books only one new text may be adopted every five years, instead of selecting all new books every five years as at present. It would also permit school corporations to adopt such books as fit the needs of the community and allows for a range in prices.

Return Is Permitted

A companion measure applying to high school texts was passed 69-23, while a third bill, adopted 67-22, permits school units to rent books to the students at 25 per cent per year of the original cost.

Opposition to the bill was voiced by three Marion county representatives, Gerritt M. Bates, Russell Dean and E. Curtis White.

Leading the offensive, Bates declared the bill gives unlimited power to the school trustees in the adoption of the books and would force publishers out of business by reducing the purchase price of the books. Dean said there was no need for such a bill in this session as the price of books would be raised.

Watson took them to task for these statements and declared they "either had not read the bill or were simply making the same mistake made by the publishers in their circulars."

Declaring that thousands of people in the state are not able to continue buying new books, McKesson said, "the terrible cost should be lifted."

Charges Malicious Act

The school book trust has maliciously and underhandedly issued and circulated pamphlets declaring that this is a text book company measure in an attempt to misguide the members of this assembly. There is a house rule against circulating anonymous letters of this type. I would like to have the gentlemen who wrote the letter sign their names and come out in the open.

"If the school book trusts and the gentlemen who are working for them would let these bills be passed there would be no more supplemental texts," McKesson said.

"If you want to let the American Book Company and the rest of the high binders dictate what shall be used in your schools, then vote against this and the following bills and kneel at the shrine of the American Book Company."

AIRPORT BILL CHANGED

Senate Eliminates Clause Prohibiting Commercial Contracts.

The much rewritten \$70,000 appropriation bill for Mars Hill airport, which has passed the house, has been amended in the senate to eliminate the provision prohibiting state officials from signing future contracts for commercial flying.

Senator Robert L. Moorhead, Indianapolis attorney and member of the state armory board, made the amendment, asserting "no one can foresee what the needs eventually may be." The part struck out does not effect contracts in force at present and originally was added to prevent any commercial competition between Mars Hill and the new \$750,000 municipal airport.



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End Art Show Judging



Left to Right—Wilbur D. Peat, John Herron art institute director; Robert O. Chadeayne, Louis Ritman and Walter H. Siple, judges.

AID FOR BONUS BILL IS ASKED

Congress Support in Case of Veto Requested.

Members of congress today were asked to override a possible veto of the veterans' loan bill by Ralph T. O'Neill, American Legion national commander.

O'Neill's letters to congressmen blamed an "unfriendly treasury department" for much of the criticism of the bill.

He estimated that the maximum amount of additional loans that will be made under this legislation will not exceed \$525,000,000, basing figures on data obtained by 10,000 Legion posts.

"The congress should keep in mind that these loans will have no relation whatever to an impending deficit," O'Neill wrote. "Congress merely has made available for loans to the veterans the reserve fund of \$800,000,000 which already has been appropriated for their use. The present bill does not require a bond issue."

The national commander pledged the Legion's aid to all distressed veterans in obtaining their loans, but promised to discourage veterans not in need from applying for loans.

LIEBER SELECTED AS FUND MEMBER

Civic Leader Is Given High Award at Annual Community Banquet.

Pointing out that the state board of education, of which President William Lowe Bryan of Indianapolis is a member, chooses five Indiana university trustees, Senator Alfonzo H. Lindley (Rep., Fountain, Vernon and Warren) today tried to amend the law so that these trustees would be appointed by the Governor.

"The present system constitutes a closed corporation," Lindley declared. "The president of the university chooses the trustees and they in turn elect the president."

But the Lindley amendment was tabled by a vote of 30 to 8. Senator William B. Hoadley (Rep., Brown, Greene and Warren), declared that the present system had resulted in trustees securing \$4,000,000 in private building gifts for the university.

The amendment would have been attached to a house bill giving alumni voting powers to doctors, nurses and dentists, graduates of the university, and providing that a plurality be sufficient for the choice of the three alumni trustees.

UTILITIES COMMISSION BILLS AWAIT READING

One of Measures Before House Today Would Abolish Body.

Renewed fight to abolish the present public service commission and change the method of valuation for rate making purposes will be the feature of a house session at 3 this afternoon, when two measures introduced by Representative Cecil J. Kistler (Rep., Elkhart) will be heard down for second reading.

The bills have been printed since Jan. 30 when the majority report of judiciary A committee to kill them was rejected.

Rate making valuations would be based on cost less depreciation, according to the bills, instead of the present method of reproduction value.

The bills would also prohibit utilities from adding to property valuation equipment used in manufacture of apparatus designed to use the product of the utility.

DEATH CLAIMS PIONEER INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENT

Funeral Rites to Be Held Thursday for Mrs. Ada M. Carey.

Funeral rites will be held at 10 Thursday in the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, 25 West Fall Creek boulevard, for Mrs. Ada M. Carey, 93, who died Tuesday at her home, 204 North Delaware street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Carey had lived here sixty-five years and was prominent in early activities of the Meridian Street M. E. church.

The bill carried a provision against parole before forty years of a life sentence had been served. It was reported on this morning by the criminal code committee for indefinite postponement and the house accepted the recommendation.

MOTHER OF THREE DIES

Mrs. Pearl Alderson Is Taken by Pneumonia.

Expulsion From U. of Detroit Threatened for "African Golt."

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BIG BILL WINS OVER LYLE BY 67,800 VOTES

Thompson Is Chosen as G. O. P. Nominee for Chicago Mayor.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Big Bill Thompson emerged triumphant today as Chicago's Republican mayoralty nominee for the fourth time in his amazing political career.

The cowboy mayor rode to victory with an unofficial plurality of 67,800 votes over John H. Lyle, gang-baiting judge. Arthur Albert, 33-year-old alderman, was third. George Schmidt, former city comptroller, and Eugene McCaffery ran fourth and fifth.

Anton J. Cermak, president of the Cook county board of commissioners, was nominated by the Democrats almost unanimously. His one opponent averaged about two votes to the precinct. Cermak's vote exceeded 225,000.

Thompson and Cermak go to the polls again April 7 to determine which shall head the nation's second largest city for the next four years.

Counting of the ballots ended Chicago's most spectacular primary—a campaign punctuated with circus acts, vaudeville, invective of the frontier sort and numerous libels.

Results were announced only after they had passed to Thompson's offices through the hands of the police.

Far into the morning hours Thompsons made merry in the executive offices on the fifth floor of the city hall.

A jazz band whooped up Big Bill's campaign song, "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Hundreds of well-wishers showed to shake the mayor's hand or pat him on the back.

Caterers carried in trayload after trayload of food.

Big Bill talked so much he was

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