

THE LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY OF NEW LAWS PASSED ON BY GOVERNOR UP TO FIRST OF WEEK.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT MAY 20

Laborers End Labor After Enacting Three Hundred and Thirty-three Measures—Many of Small Importance.

(By Gurd M. Hayes.)

Lasting—May 5—Although the opening of the 1915 legislature will not be opened until the gavel falls on the day of final adjournment, May 20, the monument, in the form of 333 laws, has already been erected.

Governor Ferris is the master craftsman who is putting the finishing touches on the legislative masonry building since the lawmakers assembled in the state house early in January. The chief executive has now signed 124 bills passed during the four months that the legislature was in session and he must complete his task before the final adjournment.

Governor Ferris is not relying entirely upon his own judgment in this matter. Any bills involving points of law or the railroad question are sent to the attorney general's department and they are returned with a letter from the state's legal advisor setting forth his opinion on the matter.

The dairy and food commission is given an opportunity to review any bills making changes in the food laws and so on.

Several bills passed the senate to give the employes more money, but the house assumed the attitude that strict economy was necessary and the clerks who are desirous of additional compensation will have to wait at least two years more.

The fuel crew bill, the car limit bill and other measures introduced at the request of the lobby representing the railway employes were killed.

However, the railroad representatives fared little better than the other men. The house frowned upon the attempt to boost passenger rates and have driven the transportation commission into the courts where the attempt will be made to establish a straight three cent fare.

The farmers and the labor unions can glad to get relief from the deliberations of the 1915 legislature. Most of the pet measures fostered by the grazers, including the Torrens system of land titles and bills providing for a guarantee of bank deposits, went down to defeat.

The "blue sky" law, the "loan shark" bill, the teachers' pension and the judiciary act constitute the really important measures passed this session. Numerous bills making technical amendments to the statutes were passed. Following is the list of bills already signed by Governor Ferris:

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