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IT IS PATTON OR CAMPBELL, AND TOM KAY TILLMAN IS ANGRY AND WILL TAKE A FALL OUT OF TEDDY

MARION COUNTY AND SALEM HAVE A LOW TAXATION LEVY

Tax Levy in The Capital City More than Fifty-Eight Per Cent Lower than At Eugene, but Valuations Are About One-third Higher Here.

So far as heard from the Marion county court has made the banner economical tax levy for the year 1909—ten and nine-tenths mills, and total for Salem City, school and county and state tax of 20 and 9-10 mills.

Lane County's High Levy.
In Lane county the levy for county and state purposes is 15 mills. The total city and school and county and state tax at Eugene is 32 mills, or 58 per cent higher than at Salem. It is probably a fact that valuations are not as high as here in Marion county. This county has a valuation of about \$32,000,000, and the city of Salem nearly \$10,000,000.

while Lane county is valued at \$19,000,000, and the city of Eugene only \$3,500,000.

Justice to Mr. Goulet.
In justice to Mr. Goulet it must be said that he stood with Mr. Beckwith for a mill and a half road tax, and finally when Judge Bushey showed them that the debt must be paid off, they both went to the one-mill levy for roads, instead of a mill and a half, and Bushey and Beckwith went together for the lower levy. The Journal is glad it went that way and is glad Mr. Goulet went with the rest of the court, as the people are very much pleased to have it that way.

PITCHFORK BOLDLY ATTACKS BIG STICK

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—United States Senator Ben Tillman announced today that he is fully prepared to make a detailed reply to President Roosevelt's accusation that through the efforts of the secret service agents it was learned that in his capacity as senator he was connected with an alleged "land grab" in Oregon.

Tillman was apparently greatly perturbed today while discussing the statement made public by the chief executive. In his most fiery way he declared he would on Monday take the floor of the senate and explain his every action in connection with the land deal referred to by the President.

"It is a serious matter for a President of the United States to attack the honor of a senator," said Tillman, in discussing the latest political scandal.

"In explaining my position in this instance I shall proceed slowly and give the subject the careful consider-

ation it deserves. I will show that none of my acts were unlawful. I shall prove to the country that President Roosevelt has made a serious mistake. I do not fear the outcome."

Senator Tillman does not attempt to deny the authenticity of the letters that President Roosevelt says passed between the senator and certain land agents in Oregon. He says he will be able to explain them to the in the matter.

The Southern senator added a new sensation to the controversy today by announcing that certain letters that would aid him in explaining his position had mysteriously disappeared from his desk. He does not charge anybody with taking them, simply stating that they had disappeared.

"My secretary is a reliable man," he said. "He assures me that he placed them in a pigeon hole in the desk last spring, and never took them out."

MACHINE WANTS CONTROL OF BOTH HOUSES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Caucuses for Both Bodies Being Manipulated for McArthur and Bowerman.—Independent Sentiment Favors Patton or Campbell for Speaker and Kay for President of the Senate.

"No honest, honorable member of the general assembly should consent to a machine organization of either branch of the legislature. The people know what the old political machine is, and what it will do for them, if they put it in the saddle. Taxes will be still higher. Reform measures adopted by the people will be imperilled, and extravagance take the place of common, ordinary decent business methods." These were the words this morning from a veteran Republican and taxpayer, when he read in the Oregonian its fabrication that caucuses would prevail, and McArthur would be speaker and Bowerman president of the senate.

payer, nor a producer, and has no record but of extravagantly using up public money when he gets a chance." This is a hard statement about McArthur, and let us hope if he is speaker he will disprove its truthfulness, but the best thing to do is never to make him speaker. Mr. Campbell has just the opposite record in the legislature. Mr. Patton in the Business men's League of this city has stood for economy.

Down the Machine.
Members of the legislature will make no mistake in downing the machine candidate, and electing Kay president of the senate and Patton or Campbell speaker of the house. The caucus is a step backward, and means extravagance, a mad rush for plunder, and the demoralization of the legislature right from the start, by strengthening the hands of the machine, which is nothing but an organization for predatory purposes. Let every member of this general assembly take his honor and conscience in his own hands, and be prepared to have his name published as standing for the people or standing for the old rotten political machine that has not a redeeming feature, promises nothing and is on record against every reform measure.

No Sure Thing.
The fact is, after the deliberation at Portland Friday, there was no assurance of a caucus in either house. The McArthur-Bowerman combination were offering not to even mention United States senator if they could get a caucus. As the matter stands they are the blind pig candidates, promising nothing but division of spoils, handing out enormous appropriations, and endless clerkships and junkets, in fact, general looting of the taxpayer.

Statement Men Shy.
"It is natural that under these circumstances the Statement members who held themselves in some sense of responsibility to the people should be shy about entering such a mess and joining in the name of the Republican party," said another Republican business man today. "They have nothing to gain, but a bad record, by giving a single vote to the McArthur-Bowerman program. McArthur and Bowerman do not represent a single reform principle advocated by the rank and file of the Republican party. They are solely acceptable to the Portland machine managers, because they are easy and inexperienced. McArthur has done nothing in connection with past legislatures but work the clerkship grafts to a finish. He charged a Republican state central committee \$100 a week for his services in handling the campaign. He is not a tax-

Granges for Patton.
Hon. Cyrus Walker writes The Capital Journal as follows:

If I am not mistaken Hon. Hal D. Patton, of Salem, is a Statement man, and, as I am not personally acquainted with him, I have no personal bias in his favor, but the impression has suddenly come so strong upon my mind that I am impelled to say that he is the man for the Statement forces to unite upon at the conference to be held in Portland next Friday night.

Along general lines Salem's "push" is the heaviest power that can overcome Portland's "pull" of any other place in this state. Of course, you have the "advantage of me" in a nearer point of view, but sometimes "intention" is more far-reaching than "looking on" would be. We must beat McArthur.
"Think on these things."

COST CUTS NO FIGURE

During Our Alteration Sale

It is a matter of disposing of the goods, as we don't want them to be destroyed by lime, sand, mortar and dust later on. Follow the crowds. You will find them all at the Chicago Store :: :: :: ::

This Is How We Sell the Goods Now Come and See :: :: :: ::

- 6 1/2 and 7c pretty, light colored Percales, yard 3 1/2c
- 9c Bleached Muslin, 36 in. wide, yard, now 5c
- 85c latest Silks, in the newest shades, yard 49c
- 50c Wool Dress Goods, yard 25c
- 89c Wool Dress Goods, yard 49c
- 50c full size Bleached Sheets for double beds 29c
- Woman's \$8.00 Long Coats \$2.75
- Ladies' Suits, now from \$4.95 up; worth \$12 and \$15.
- Furs Half Price.

And when you do come you will see this sale altogether different from any sale you have seen before in Salem. It is not a matter of cost with us now; it is a question of getting rid of the goods, as later on the walls have to be torn out, and the goods will be in our way. We prefer disposing of them at a loss now rather than carting them to some warehouse and run a great risk.

JEFFRIES TRAINING MAY MEET JOHNSON

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 9.—James J. Jeffries, retired heavyweight champion of the world, today signed a contract to appear at the Wigwam theatre, in San Francisco, for a week, beginning with the matinee performance, January 17. Jeffries has been training publicly for the past few days in the gymnasium of the Los Angeles Athletic club, and his condition has surprised his friends. He is in excellent shape, and, with a little training, would be in condition to fight Jackson. Jeffries' principal

work has been shadow boxing, skipping the rope and working on the rowing machines, and is fast ridding himself of superfluous flesh, and his weight is being reduced rapidly.

On account of Jeffries going at his work with such earnestness, the sporting men here believe that he is training for something more important than a vaudeville engagement, and that when he appears in San Francisco at the Wigwam theatre he will have an interesting announcement to make regarding his future plans.

VALLEY IS UNDER SNOW BUT COLD NOT EXTREME

Reports from over the Pacific Northwest last night show that the snow area is spreading south with a corresponding fall in temperature west of the Cascade mountains. Zero weather continues east of the Cascades, with a slight increase in snowfall. In the Willamette Valley, clear skies were reported last night.

Three inches of snow fell at Ashland yesterday, and in the Siskiyou Mountains the snow is 16 inches deep. Snow fell at Roseburg and Grants Pass. Train service is impeded to the south and telegraph wires are down. News service from San Francisco came into Portland last night by way of Salt Lake and Chicago.

La Grande reports a storm yesterday, which at times assumed proportions of a real blizzard. The storm was the worst, old-time say, in Union county in 20 years. Light snow fell over the whole of the Inland Empire yesterday. Lakes and rivers, which are usually navigable the year round, are frozen over for the first time in years. Traffic on the St. Joe river is suspended, and the Mount'n Gem, plying on the Snake river and Middle Columbia, is tied up at Pasco. A severe storm is reported in Western Montana, be-

ing very severe at Missoula.

At The Dalles the mercury dropped to 4 degrees above zero, and the Columbia river is impassable from floating ice. Because of interruption of communication with the north bank of the Columbia there is a serious milk famine in The Dalles. Dairymen are denying milk except to families with small children and sick people.

In Portland yesterday the temperature dropped to 10 above zero. At midnight the thermometer at The Oregonian office registered 9.

At Grants Pass it had been raining heavily, to noon yesterday, when it turned colder, and by night there was a five-inch snowfall.

At Ashland there was only three inches of snow up to dark but sleet was falling. At Siskiyou station there was 16 inches and snowing.

Hillsboro reports ten inches and the thermometer ten above zero, and Astor registers 23 above.

Oregon City's snowfall is ten inches and temperature 12 above; Eugene seven inches and 22 above; McMinnville the same temperature and ten inches of the beautiful.

At the Cascade Locks the snowfall is from one to five feet deep and

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COUNTY SCHOOLS SHALL RUN AT LEAST 6 MONTHS

Great Step of Progress for the Small Rural Districts that Have Had Only Four Month's School

The new education bill has been completed, and will provide at least six months school for every school district in the state. The present law providing seven dollars for each child of school age in the district will be left standing as it is now, but two new factors are provided.

First, if the district does not get a school apportionment of at least \$300, then it shall be required to levy not to exceed five mills or enough to make up the three hundred dollars.

Second, if the seven dollars per

capita and the five mill levy do not produce the three hundred dollars for the district then enough shall be added from the county school fund to raise that amount.

It is estimated that three hundred dollars will run a school for at least six months in every district in the state. But two districts in Marion county would have to have any help from the county to run six months, Nos. 114 and 116.

This bill has been agreed upon by the educational committees working out the details of the problem how to get six months schools for all.

