

COLLECTION OF ROAD TAXES.

The question of what would be the best means of collecting road taxes is being discussed by the people all over the state and is one of great importance.

Under the present unsatisfactory system each male over the age of 21 years is subject to a tax of \$3 or work two days on the road, giving eight hours for a day's work.

The time arrives and they appear, in many instances without the proper implements required for the work, and in consequence the foreman is compelled to either take the time and expense of securing them proper tools or else allow them to work at a disadvantage all day, and by night not having accomplished very much.

This plan has been suggested and urged by most of the supervisors of the county, and no doubt would be the means of great good in road making, as it is a well known fact that when a man has the money to spend he can always get a great deal more work done and at the proper time.

It is a matter of great importance to the lumber region of the state that the legislature should enact a law providing for a public scaler of logs for Oregon, similar to the one now in existence in Washington.

By all means let us have water. There is but one way to accomplish this end, and that is to pull together. Place the matter in the hands of a committee competent to handle the question and abide by their action.

The present law allowing bridge companies to submit their own plans and specifications for bridges to the county court should be repealed.

Appreciated Luxury.

Sunday and Monday were gala days for the lovers of sport. Ice skating is a luxury not enjoyed in Oregon every winter, but this time the skating fraternity seem to have been favored to their hearts' content for a limited time.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

At last the official vote of all the states has been canvassed and the complete table of the electoral vote is as follows:

Table with columns for State, Electors, and Total. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with their respective electoral votes.

OREGON'S LAWMAKERS.

The Legislature Convened at Salem Last Monday.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—The permanent organization of the Oregon legislature today resulted in the election of C. W. Fulton, of Clatsop county, as president of the senate, and W. P. Keady, of Multnomah county, as speaker of the house of representatives.

O. B. Miller was elected chief clerk of the senate on the second ballot, and J. B. Eddy, of Pendleton, was elected reading clerk by acclamation.

Wills, of Multnomah, offered a resolution inviting the clergy of the state to open each morning with a prayer. This, and the rules of the last session, was adopted.

IN THE HOUSE. The committee on credentials reported, and there being no contests, the report was adopted.

For chief clerk—D. C. Sherman, of Marion, rep., 35; J. A. Beard, of Multnomah, dem., 17.

For assistant clerk—William H. Turner, of Yamhill, rep., 36; S. M. Garland, of Linn, dem., 17.

For sergeant-at-arms—J. E. Blundell, of Douglas, rep., 36; Jesse Spencer, of Benton, dem., 17.

For doorkeeper—John S. Vincent, of Umatilla, rep., 33; W. J. D'Arcy, of Salem, dem., 15.

A resolution that the speaker appoint two pages and one maling clerk was adopted.

A concurrent resolution informing the governor that the two houses are organized and ready for any communication was adopted, and Northrup, Miller and Upton appointed to wait upon the governor and so inform him.

Resolutions were then adopted that the secretary of state furnish the members with a copy of the laws of Oregon, session laws of the two last sessions and the house and senate journals of the last session; adopted. That each member be supplied with four newspapers; that newspaper reporters be invited to seats within the bar, and that the rules of the last house be adopted until further orders and each of the members furnished with a copy. The house then adjourned.

Tuesday, January 10. IN THE HOUSE. Senate concurrent resolution for committees to investigate the secretary of state and state printing offices was concurred in.

Senate concurrent resolution for the purchasing of 50 copies of Hill's code, second edition, for members, was amended to the first edition and then adopted.

Upton introduced a resolution against the sale of non-union made cigars in the rotunda, referred to a special committee—Upton, Ford and Inman.

sergeant-at-arms to provide each member with \$5 worth of stamps and \$2 worth of newspaper wrappers.

Concurrent resolutions were adopted, providing for investigations of the state treasurer's books and the books of the state land office.

A communication from the Portland Chamber of Commerce asking for the repeal of the mortgage tax law was read.

House resolution to appoint a joint committee of five to prepare joint memorials to congress on foreign immigration; praying for the early completion of the Nicaragua canal, and the opening of the world's fair Sunday, were concurred in, and the senate adjourned.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE. The two houses of the legislature went into joint session and listened to the governor's message, which is too lengthy for publication in detail, but we give below the principal recommendations made by him:

- 1. A change in the assessment law.
2. The abolition of useless commissions.
3. A law fixing maximum rates for rail road and telegraph companies.
4. A law empowering municipalities to fix maximum rates on all monopolies.
5. A law authorizing the governor to issue a prosecuting writ.
6. A law giving to all state and county officers a fixed salary.
7. A general municipal incorporation law.
8. A change in the road laws so as to secure good roads.
9. Providing for the arrest and punishment of armed men in private employ.
10. The passage of an inheritance tax law.
11. The enactment of a law similar to that of Washington, exempting homesteads from execution and attachment.
12. Authority to the school land commissioners to withhold from any county its school fund until all the state taxes from said county have been received.
13. The creating of a state auditing board.
14. No further illegal appropriation of money by joint resolution.
15. Appropriation for a fish ladder at Oregon City.
16. A change in the law relating to the conveyance of criminals and insane persons.
17. Instructions to our representatives in congress to procure appropriation for a portage road at the dalles of the Columbia; to secure the passage of a joint resolution allowing Oregon to use the interest on the agricultural college funds for betterments on the college property; to secure an extension of time in which payment may be made by settlers for lands within the forfeited limits; to vote for the free coinage of silver; the issuance of the paper money of the country by the government alone, and the enactment of an income tax law.

Wednesday, January 11. IN THE SENATE.

Senator Myers introduced a road bill, which provides for the building of roads by money derived from direct taxation, to be levied by county courts, and expended in the county where the levy is raised.

The bill creates the office of road supervisor, who is to spend the fund in conjunction with the advice of the county court. For all repairs or new work not exceeding \$50, his personal judgment is supreme, but for larger contracts he must advertise for bids and award the contracts after consultation with the county court. There is to be a poll tax of \$2 on all males between the ages of 21 and 45 years, which may be paid in work. Bridge work is to come under the road law.

President Fulton announced the appointment of the following investigating committees: Land department—Steiner and Cogswell. Clerk hire—Denny, Looney, Dodson, Cogswell and Myers. Jetty and locks—Cross and Veach. State university—McGinn and Matlock. State penitentiary—Wills and Weatherford.

World's fair commission—Woodward and Raley. IN THE HOUSE. The following resolutions were acted upon: Senate concurrent resolution to investigate the state reform, deaf mute and blind schools, and the office of superintendent of public instruction; concurred in.

Senate joint resolution for the purchase of 50 copies of Hill's code, second edition, for the use of members; adopted. Senate joint resolutions relating to the world's fair, and to examine into the insane asylum; adopted.

CITY WATER WORKS. A Movement Started to Put In a Plant. A mass meeting of the citizens of St. Helens was held in the courthouse Tuesday night for the purpose of discussing the question of how and by what means the city could be supplied with water.

James Muckle volunteered to furnish power from the mill, until such time as the city was able to purchase a steam engine, for a comparatively small sum. This plan met with the approval of most of those present, and a committee of three was appointed, consisting of A. H. Blakesley, James Dart and E. Cox, to make an estimate of the probable cost of such a plant and report their findings to the meeting held last night.

A committee of three, consisting of A. H. Blakesley, W. J. Rice and James Muckle, were appointed to prepare a proposed amendment to the city charter which will

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A Prize Picture Puzzle.

EXPLANATION.—The following picture contains four faces, a man and his three daughters. Any one can find the man's face, but it is not so easy to distinguish the faces of the three young ladies. The picture was published in a few newspapers some time ago, and attracted considerable attention to our standard puzzle.



The proprietors of "The Ford Pill Co." will give an elegant pair of Sutherland Poles, Carriage and Harness, valued at \$200, (delivered free in any part of the United States, to the first person who can solve the three daughter puzzle. To the second a pair of Ladies' Gold Watches, set in emeralds and diamonds. To the third will be given a pair of genuine Diamond Ear-rings. To the fourth will be given a handsome China Dinner Service. To the fifth will be given a Kodak Camera. To the sixth, a Sewing Machine. To the seventh, a French Mantel Clock. To the eighth, an elegant Baguet Lamp. To the ninth, a pair of Crown Derby Vases. To the tenth, a complete Lawn Tennis Set, and many other prizes in order of merit. Every competitor must cut out the above "Puzzle Picture," distinguish the three girls' faces by marking a cross with a lead pencil on each, and enclose same with 15 U. S. two-cent stamps for one of the following: "Ford's Prize Fill Oil," "Ford's Prize Gator's Remedy," or "Ford's Prize Cough Cure." Select any one of the above remedies you desire. Address "The Ford Pill Co., Cor. Wellington & Bay Sts., Toronto, Canada. As this advertisement appears simultaneously throughout the United States, every one has an equal opportunity to solve the puzzle and win a prize. To the person sending the first correct answer will be given an elegant Knight Clubber's Grand Piano, valued at \$500.00. To the second person from the first sending a correct answer will be given a gentleman's fine Gold "Sandwich" Watch, which strikes the hours and quarter hours on small cathedral gong at pleasure, and valued at \$200.00. To the second from the last, a first-class Safety Razor, and valued at \$200.00. To the third from the last, a first-class English Shovel, and valued at \$200.00. To the fourth from the last, an elegant Piano Lamp. To the fifth from the last, a handsome pair of Footwear. To the sixth from the last, a genuine English leather travelling Trunk. To the seventh from the last, two pieces of genuine French Sateen, and many other prizes in order of merit.

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212 First and 9 Salmon Street. PORTLAND. presented to the legislature asking that body for the privilege of incurring a larger city indebtedness than provided for in the present charter. This committee was also instructed to report at the next meeting.

DEER ISLAND COAL MINE. A Representative of The Mist There on New Year's Day. For five or six months Mr. Wm. Steadman, of East Portland, a coal mine expert, has been prospecting in the hill between Deer Island station and Columbia City, in the vicinity of Caples' old mill. People claimed that the coal mine was a fizzle—that there was no coal there. Dr. Caples believed in his mine and that coal existed there, but failed to strike the right vein. He found plenty of lignite coal, mixed with slate, and people believed that was all there was in it. Last Summer Mr. Steadman came here with a small crew of men. Instead of tunneling, he bored holes and kept his findings private—which he does as yet—but his work shows that he has more than what is in sight. Although there is no excitement nor booming of real estate, owners are looking forward to the day when the land will be in good demand. As an evidence that the coal prospecting is not for the purpose of getting up a real estate boom, it is only necessary to state that Mr. Steadman does not own a foot of land in this county. Being an expert coal miner, having made a study from boyhood, he is well satisfied with present prospects and is confident of success. Developing is progressing surely, but he thinks it will be several months before they can commence taking out coal to any extent.

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