

TAX COMMITTEE TO BEGIN LABORS

Will Work Out Governor Patterson's Income Tax Suggestions

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—The brakes are released on the tax committee on taxation and revenue. This important piece of machinery in the house, which has been held down to slow speed by the uncertainties of what was advisable and wanted in the way of new taxes, is now ready to speed into action along the lines suggested by governor Patterson in his special income tax message to the joint session yesterday.

The committee has tentative set 7:30 p. m. Friday as the time for discussion of an income tax bill and tithing measure which it is understood the governor will have ready for the committee by that time.

Hamilton Comments

That the governor's income tax proposal is the most constructive plan yet proposed for meeting the financial situation of the state, was the opinion expressed by R. S. Hamilton, of Bend, who is chairman of the house committee on taxation and revenue. The committee instructed Hamilton to confer with Governor Patterson to-day on his plans.

The committee will remain in Salem over the week end, if necessary in order that it may be able to report to the house Monday on the proposed bills.

The plan outlined by the governor has obliterated the necessity of taxing a group of special sources which fact, accounts largely for the stamp of "do not pass" on house bills 212 and 252, decided upon last night.

The first measure would have imposed a heavy license tax on theaters. The second provided for a general luxury tax. The committee postponed action on Representative Edward Schumacher's bill which would levy a tax of 50 cents per kilowatt capacity on hydro electric power plants in Oregon.

APPLAUD PATTERSON

SALEM, Feb. 3 (Special)—Governor Patterson's special message met applause when he brought out his income tax point after leading up to it by discussing all so-called "nuisance" taxes. His 5 per cent tax on all fees collected, being similar to the proposed tithing tax, defeated at the last election, impressed legislators as sound, however, because it is to be reduced after 1927 to 2 1/2 per cent.

Estimates of what will accrue in the biennium, in case the measure is approved by vote of the people, run about \$275,000 from the tax. This is based on annual receipts of \$3,000,000 from such sources. All license fees and gas taxes are included in this estimate.

Senators and representatives outside of Multnomah county variously view the message, but most of them agree that it is a basis of harmonious solution for the deficit problem.

Some Differences

The Patterson plan largely differs from the suggestions made by the members of the commission which has studied the tax problem in the past two years, but the governor has had the advice of those men, and has conferred, as he said, with men qualified to express themselves on the subject—many of them. Therefore, while the message and its recommendations form the governor's plan, there are many minds in unison on the elements treated.

It was particularly noticeable that the applause started from members of the senate when Patterson hit the crucial message. House members followed quickly, but the approval came in a volley from the men of the upper house, no single member leading it.

Graduated income tax is declared not objectionable to lawmakers of this session as a rule, particularly with the 3 per cent limit. Governor Patterson's suggestion. Statement is made that preparation of the bill will be in the hands of the governor with cooperation of those who served on the tax investigating commission in the past two years. These men studied California system. They are qualified experts, and certain of them are advocates of the principle of income tax.

Representative Howard, of Lane county, perhaps best expressed the attitude of legislators when he said "the plan may not be new in its points, but it is moderate and can be made the basis for harmonious action by both houses."

Other house members anticipate that the greatest opposition, if any, will come from road enthusiasts, who do not want any slightest alteration of road programs and may antagonize the taking of any part of revenues from those funds.

In the sense that the recommendations of the governor combine in modified form many previously discussed remedies, without stressing their objectionable features, the plan is new. Among senators, comment was made that it was "old stuff"—rehashed. But these comments are held to be not justified by reason of the discriminating combination of the best in all, say others. It is broadly termed as a conservative way out of present difficulties, which will provide future assurance of adequate funds for the requirements of state administration. These expressions come from members of both houses, who hold that no hardship is being worked upon any commercial, industrial, or individual interest, and that the necessity or danger of further taxing real property, which is now at the limit of what it can bear, has been removed.

If the radio keeps on growing in popularity as it has, pretty soon we'll have to have a constitutional amendment against it, we fear.

OUT OUR WAY



Judge Doby and Dr. Phy Elected To Directorate

PORTLAND, Ore., (Special)—Drawn together by a "Spirit of a New Oregon", business and industrial leaders of the state gathered here Monday for the eighth annual meeting of the Oregon state chamber of commerce.

Victorious achievement marks the coordinated efforts of the 135 active commercial organizations in Oregon, declared Irving E. Vining, of Ashland, president of the Oregon state chamber, whose report for the year was the first order of business following welcome to the visiting delegates extended by R. R. Wilcox, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, and response by R. S. Hamilton, Bend, director of the state chamber.

President Vining's report was supplemented by a detailed report of the activities in land settlement by W. G. Ide, manager, which showed a total of new families located in Oregon during the fiscal year, bringing an investment to the state of \$2,359,718.

The state chamber elected directors to succeed those whose terms expired in Jan. For the Eastern Oregon division, R. S. Hamilton, of Bend, was re-elected; Judge William Doby, of Baker, and Dr. W. T. Thy, of La Grande, were elected to succeed E. I. Stoddard and George Huntington Curry, both of La Grande.

HEALTH

THE IMPORTANCE OF POST-MORTEM EXAMINATIONS
By Ward J. MacNeal, M. D., New York City

Member Gorgas Memorial Inst. Contemplation of death in the abstract frequently engages the attention of humanity but the untrained mind tends to shun the unpleasant thoughts concerning what happens to the individual body after death.

LIQUOR RETURNS

NEW YORK (AP)—Seven thousand cases of stout are going back to Dublin, whence they came eight years ago. They have been kept in bond and in hope.



THIS DRAMATIC SCENE MARKS THE CLIMAX in the new religious picture, "The King of Kings," being filmed by Cecil B. De Mille. The role of Christ is taken by H. B. Warner. In the background is the mob, which later sees in terror when the storm breaks over Cal.

By Williams

Farmers Trap Pheasants in Malheur County

ONTARIO, Ore., Feb. 3.—Trapping Chinese pheasants in Malheur county's latest industry. Already some 15 ranchers have secured the necessary permits from representatives of the state game commission, and are busily engaged in gathering the wary birds. Only those who have this permit can cash in on the new occupation.

The bird trapping business is the result of a series of complaints registered with County Agent W. L. Shovel by ranchers. He referred the matter to the game department, and in the meantime sent out a questionnaire to representative ranchers in various sections to obtain their views. The result was surprising.

Co-operation is Denied. Some of the ranchers who answered the questionnaire took the position that the birds were a menace and declared they should be destroyed, but they also declared that their ranches were posted and no hunting permitted thereon. They also said they would not permit representatives of the game department to go upon their land to abate the nuisance.

Another farmer declared that the law ought to be changed to permit the farmer to hunt pheasants 365 days in the year, and the state furnish the ammunition.

Most Farmers Consistent

In the investigation conducted this week by Game Warden Charles McLeod, assisted by J. F. Hendricks, superintendent of the game farm at Pendleton, it was found that most of the farmers took a reasonable view of the situation and were willing to cooperate where the birds are plentiful. Some of the ranchers declared they wanted the birds and had no complaints to register.

Rebels Beaten in Oporto, Portugal

LISBON, Feb. 3 (AP)—An official note was issued today saying that a portion of the garrison at Oporto had revolted but that a greater part of the troops remained faithful to the government which had taken the measures necessary to end the outbreak.

The note says that complete order prevails throughout the country which has been placed under martial law.

The aims of the malcontent movement at Oporto were not revealed. The secretary of the chamber of commerce in Orange, N. J., urges that a publicity man be appointed to herald the deeds of the firemen whose deeds are not sufficiently appreciated. Now we can expect to see the headline: FIREMEN PERILED IN RUP-BISH BLAZE.



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WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA, Ore., (Special)—The cold weather has called for a large amount of fuel here during the past several weeks. While a large amount of coal has been used by residents of town, many farmers have also been hauling wood into town, which is finding ready sale at \$2.00 per rick.

A number of farmers in the surrounding country have installed radio receiving sets during the past few weeks, among some of those who have purchased recently are: Marion, McCrack, Caley, Wray, F. H. Wainward. Reception has not been as good during the past few weeks as earlier in the season, due to a great deal of interference of station, with each other.

Mrs. Ira Fisher of Hurricane Creek, near Joseph is a patient at the hospital here, having been brought here Friday afternoon from her home in a serious condition, suffering from appendicitis. She was operated on Friday night, and latest reports state she is getting along nicely.

Senator or no, Frank L. Smith ran a ball team in Illinois for years and years, and I guess you can't overlook that.

A strange bird attacked a timberman up in Quebec. Maybe it was that first robin, enraged at being spotted so early.

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