



BONUS LEGISLATION PERPLEXING PROBLEM FOR CONGRESS

Chief Executive Recommends Sales Tax or Indefinite Postponement

POLITICIANS LINE UP

Lawmakers Vary From Active Support of Immediate Payment to No Present Bonus Taxation

President Harding's advice to congress to pass a sales tax law providing for money with which to pay the soldiers' bonus has raised a storm of protest, heard from one side of the country to the other.

All other plans of taxation such as increased documentary and postage stamps, more revenue from gasoline; more tax on autos, and from other essentials are not in favor with the chief executive. His plan made known to Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee is a general sales tax.

In this letter, Mr. Harding states that after careful consideration he cannot recommend issuing treasury notes or bonds to meet the obligations. He takes the position that with the passing of the law means must be provided for ready payment of the bonus; that the long-drawn out payments proposed will not afford the greatest help to the men; and that rather than to pass legislation providing for stretching this amount over two and a half years it would be better to postpone it until provision for immediate payment can be made.

The president further calls attention to the concern of the ex-service men over business getting back to normal conditions and declares that the government at this time cannot stand increased taxation. And he still further reminds the country that there is now being spent \$400,000,000 yearly in the care of those who were wounded or otherwise impaired during their terms of service. The sales tax is quoted as the plan whereby all would be made to bear the burden of bonus payment.

Congressman McArthur of Oregon, is quoted thus in regard to the present bonus legislation voicing the extreme sentiment against placing a bonus payment on the public at this time.

"With a national debt of over \$23,000,000,000, with interest and running expenses of the government amounting to \$5,000,000,000 annually, and with maturing obligations amounting to \$6,500,000,000 within the next 16 months, congress should continue its program of economy rather than authorize additional taxes which will be harmful to everybody, including the beneficiaries of the proposed legislation. The sales tax would put a few hundred dollars into one pocket of the ex-service men if he chooses to exercise the cash option, but it would at the same time take many dollars out of his other pocket and the pockets of members of his family when they purchase even the necessities of life.

"I am not attempting to pass judgment upon the justice of the bonus legislation, but am unalterably opposed to its consideration under the present circumstances."

And so the fight waxes warmer and warmer, every advantage being taken to make as much political capital as possible out of it. Among the various interpretations are the accusation that the president advises delay for the purpose of lulling the matter to sleep. Another is that the bill must be passed to assure the ex-service vote while there are others who argue that this is a time for retrenchment not for increased taxes. And a large part of the public wants no sales tax.

KALAHO GIRL RESERVES MEET WITH MISS WALKER

Last Wednesday afternoon the Kalaho Girl reserves were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Marie Walker.

Those enjoying the afternoon at the Walker home were: Carrie Cunningham, Frances Blake, Emma Ellis, Lillian Cross, Shirley Park, Margaret Blum, Helen Tooze, Helen Harris, Emma Hall, Wilma Croner, Leona Morgan, Katherine Croner, Helen Serber, Lida Willis and Mrs. W. A. White, advisor.

Those assisting Miss Marie in serving were her mother, Mrs. J. Walker and sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Walker.

The next meeting of the Girl reserves will be at the home of Wilma Croner on February 22.

Registration Closed

The books for registration in Oak Grove precinct are now closed until March 15 when they will be open again to April 18. This arrangement is due to the special water election on 14.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY REALTY BOARD HOLDS ELECTION

Will Use New Multiple Listing System—A. L. Ritter and Fred Brockman Address Meeting

At the meeting of the Clackamas County Realty Board on Monday night, S. O. Dillman of Oregon City was elected president; Wallace F. Miller of Stanley, first vice president; Minnie C. Younger, Risley, second and Gordon J. Taylor, Molalla, third vice presidents for the coming year. T. F. Meeds, Gladstone, was reelected secretary and Maggie Johnson, Milwaukie, treasurer.

A. L. Ritter president of the Portland Realty Board Association and Fred Brockman secretary of the Northwest Realty Association were present and spoke on current phases of realty work.

On Monday evening next there will occur a regular meeting at which plans for the year will be outlined. The multiple listing system will probably be adopted by the board. Under this plan, for instance, one realtor lists exclusively a piece of property. After 30 days, if the property is not sold any member of the board may sell it. In case of sale now, the first realtor who listed it, will receive 30 per cent of the commission; the realtor who makes the sale receives 60 per cent and the remaining ten per cent of commission belongs to the association itself. This system has proven successful in the associations at Eugene, Salem, Portland and at other places where employed.

The realty situation is now good, especially in acreage, is the report.

O. C. H. S. Vs. Gresham At Basketball

Fighting fiercely throughout the game to stave off defeat, but being slightly outclassed, the Oregon City high school team went down to defeat to the Gresham basket shooters to the melody of 15 to 11 Tuesday night on the local high school floor.

The offensive attack of the visitors could not be broken, while their defense was practically airtight. Time after time, though, the hoops tried for the basket, but the local proved too elusive for them to connect for a tally. On fouls, as well, they missed consistently. The first half ended with the score 9 to 3 in favor of the visitors.

The shooting of Mercer, running guard for Gresham, was the feature of the game, although Puffer equalled him in shots made. They both made three baskets.

Only once did Oregon City show danger of breaking into the lead. In the first half, with the score 13 to 6, when they began a fierce attack, and for a while it looked as if they might overcome the lead gained by Gresham and make matters interesting—but the up-staters tightened up, and the score did not advance. A fair sized crowd was in attendance. The high school second team won a preliminary game from West Linn high school 17 to 6.

The summary:
Oregon City 11
Sullivan.....F.....(2) Strong
Shaver.....F.....(1) Bailey
Johnson (3).....C.....(6) Puffer
Laurs (2).....G.....(6) Quizenberry
Eby.....G.....(6) Mercer

Substitutions—Oregon City—Bennett (2) for Sullivan; Jackson (2) for Johnson. Gresham—Squires for Puffer.

Officials—G. Hankins and Gordon Taylor referees.

Portland Gets No Reduction in Rates

Public Service Commission Raps Those Who Protested Present Rates.

Under date of February 25, 1921, the public service commission made an order raising the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. from 30 to 200 per cent.

Following this order Portland and several other municipalities, hotel associations, farmers' organizations and private citizens petitioned for a rehearing of the commission's order hoping to have its order modified. This procedure dragged along for 40 days and costs upwards of \$50,000.

Now this week comes the reaffirmation of the order and with it a nice rich brown roast for the petitioners who sought to have the order modified and to further justify present rates, the commission goes on to state that the reduction in number of users was only three and one-half per cent after the higher rates were established and that since September 1 there has been an increase.

The decision is branded by those who sought the rehearing as surprising and unjust considering the showing made. Company officials on the other hand claim that this is just what they expected.

RUFUS HOLMAN GIVES SPLENDID TALK ON COUNTY MATTERS

Plea Made For Curtailing of Public Expenditures for Some Time

SUGGESTS POST ROAD

Consolidation of Governments, City and County and County Poor Farm Discussed

At the weekly dinner at the commercial club room Tuesday, this week, Rufus Holman, commissioner of Multnomah county, was chief speaker. His address was both interesting and practical stamping him as an executive of superior tact and ability.

He recalled the building of the Columbia Highway, the Interstate Bridge, and 100 miles of paved roads as achievements of the past four or five years in his county and urged putting expenditures on a maintenance basis until better times come which he prophesied might not be until after the next three or four years.

Referring to Clackamas county, the speaker declared: That it is unsurpassed in natural beauty, in fertility of soil; in opportunity for development; and that there should be no boundary line between it and Multnomah county both working together to solve the problems of common interest.

Good Roads Urged

He recounted the value to a community of good roads and suggested that effort be put forth to obtain Federal and state aid to build a post road from Oregon City, via Molalla, Marquam through Clackamas county to Silverton and Salem.

Government Consolidation

He favored consolidation of governments of Portland and Multnomah county providing the farmers should be taxed only in proportion to the benefits received.

Poor Farm Problem

Reviewing his experience with the Multnomah county poor farm, the commissioner described how under expert direction of the O. A. C. it had been changed from a losing proposition to a producer of over \$7000.00 net revenue each year. He deplored the "farming out" method of caring for the indigent and recommended small acreage in connection with the home.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Visit Harmony School

Meade Post and Meade Relief corps visited the school at Harmony, about three miles west of Milwaukie, for the purpose of assisting the school in the exercises on Washington's birthday. The post and corps were met at Milwaukie by a committee of the Harmony school authorities and transported to the school house, where a grand dinner was served after which the school children, under the direction of Superintendent L. E. Reese, gave the veterans a splendid patriotic program, after the school children finished their exercises the county school superintendent gave a brief address and he was followed by patriotic instructor J. T. Butler, commander C. A. Williams, E. B. Grant, T. M. Kellogg, W. H. Brooks, W. M. McClellan, I. S. Vayne, A. J. Hobbie, Frank Moore, L. P. Horton, A. H. Webster, J. Gorbett, D. McArthur, R. Stroup, J. B. Carter, J. B. Carter, H. Loney, E. Pascaon, J. Ackley, J. C. Sawyer.

From the Relief Corps—Mrs. A. J. Hobbie, Mrs. J. T. Butler, Mrs. J. Morgan, Mrs. Ida Adamson, Mrs. Mattie Hadley, Mrs. C. Henington, Mrs. W. S. Bennett, Mr. Resse Aldrich, Mrs. Eva Lawrence, Mrs. Jennie Drum, Mrs. E. Jenkins.

Commission Lowers Canby Lighting Rate

The Molalla Electric company which furnishes light for Canby has been ordered by the state utilities commission to lower the minimum charge from \$1.25 to \$1.10 or about 12 per cent. Service other than lighting is to be reduced.

The Molalla Electric company serves a large district including Canby, Butteville, Wilsonville, Barlow, Aurora, Hubbard and other places within its radius.

Canby has scheduled an election to vote bonds for a municipal electric plant. But the outcome will not affect the other towns now taking their electricity from the Molalla company.

DRIVE FOR W. C. T. U. FARM HOME MAKES FINE PROGRAM

Site Has Been Purchased and Funds Are Being Raised for This Splendid Project.

The Evergreen W. C. T. U. in Clackamas county has purchased an acre of land for the children's farm home to be established by the Oregon W. C. T. U. near Corvallis, according to announcement just made from headquarters of the state campaign in the interests of this project. The land costs \$200 an acre and the Evergreen union is now engaged in raising funds for a second acre.

Mrs. E. B. Andrews of Oregon City, chairman for Clackamas county, has organized a new W. C. T. U. at Clackamas, which already has started to raise money for the farm home.

She also has organized a new union at Gladstone and has spoken before the women's clubs and other organizations in Eagle Creek, Stafford, Viola, and Garfield in the interests of the farm home project. This week she speaks in Oswego before the women's club and the Grange.

The farm home is needed at once, it is pointed out, to care for orphaned or dependent children. A large number of such children are now in the state, without home or care. Calls are received daily at Portland headquarters of the W. C. T. U. from those who know of children, who need just the care which this home is designed to give.

The farm will be a real home, as distinguished from an institution, where the children will receive Christian training and the preparation for life to which every child is entitled.

The farm, which is located three miles east of Corvallis on the highway between Corvallis and Albany, contains 245 acres, about one-half upland and the rest, the best of bottom land. All the buildings that will be needed for some time, except the cottages to house the children, are now on the site. The Oregon Agricultural college has promised to assist in the matter of farm management and vocational training for the boys and girls.

LEAGUE LAUNCHED IN CLACKAMAS CO.

Meeting Devoted to Present Political Industrial and Economic Conditions

At the meeting held in Busch's Hall on Washington's birthday the recall of the state public service commission occupied a prominent place when R. G. Duncan who sometime ago fathered a like procedure against members of the commission, roasted Williams, Buchtel and Covey to a sizzling brown fare-well. Scoundrels and wearers of political collars were among the more gentle terms applied to these officials. There are needed 9000 names to the petitions which the speaker declared would soon be filled and the final recall machinery set in full and final motion.

J. C. Cooper, head of the tax reduction league spoke on the subject taxes, criticizing severely the present high rate and punctuated his remarks with cutting repartee. Among his striking declarations were to cut out the millage tax for educational institutions and to eliminate competition. He told his audience that they could save \$3,000,000 by investing 25 cents in a tax-reduction league membership and many of those present took advantage of this offer and signed up.

J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' Union, declared that the people had had \$100,000 stolen from them in the road construction program and urged tax reduction.

C. E. Spence, state grange master, described the Farmers' conference recently held in Washington, D. C. and which he attended as a delegate. Mr. Spence stated that there were 93 farmers out of 350 at the conference, the remainder being bankers, packers, manufacturers of farm machinery and others. Business men he said told of their troubles; the California delegates declared cooperative marketing had saved their state from present depression.

The speaker declared he believed it essential to the farmers' welfare that prices should be lowered for employees of the railroads but that the lowering should include the high salaried officers.

Judge H. E. Cross laid the blame for high taxes largely on the taxpayers themselves. He declared that the public service commission law is a god law, but the trouble lies in electing the wrong kind of men to the office. Upon M. J. Brown's complaint for his "sand" the judge declared that something besides "sand" is needed in office. He welcomed the taxpayers league, implored the petitioners to do whatever they were going to do about the recall and do it quickly that the work of the court might not be longer hampered.

H. H. Stallard, state organizer of the Non-partisan league was chairman. The chief points in his talks were criticism of newspapers in general, a few in particular, boosts for his own paper and criticism of banks.

TAX INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE DIVING INTO SOURCES

Education Responsible For Nearly One Half of State Levy

INCREASE IS LARGE

Sources Increased Revenues Suggested Include Added Corporation and Income Tax.

The state tax investigating committee authorized by the late lamented legislature has discovered among the other sources of taxation that education in this state cost last year \$18,703,477 of the \$41,117,367. And it is reported that this commission will dig deeper into this phase of taxation and that it will recommend that millage taxes must not be increased and that if there is any way to decrease them it is anxious to find such means.

Some of the members express a desire to double the fees on all corporations and put them into the school fund of the state which would give the educational institutions more money to spend unless the millage should be cut down.

It is expected that one of the recommendations of the commission will be a big increase in fees to force development of power sites now held for future sale or use.

A survey of state taxes shows that since 1910 they have increased 52.1 per cent. Multnomah county stands first in the list of increases with 101.8 per cent while the population has increased only 20.4 per cent.

Delinquency is greater for last year than for any other period in the history of the state. Clackamas county is developing approximately \$80,000 or 5 per cent; Multnomah \$850,000 or approximately 5 1/2 per cent; Wal-lawa county is highest with delinquency of 10 per cent.

Government records show that 63 per cent of the taxes are now paid from other sources than from property, in the form of income taxes, which is an argument for a state income tax in addition to the federal tax. And it is very probable that such a plan will be presented and passed upon at the coming fall election.

Many Requests Made For Health Nurse

Requests that have come for one week to the office of the county health nurse.

In our neighborhood a man with three young children is said to have tuberculosis. He is destitute. The neighborhood club will care for their ordinary needs, would it be possible for you to go to their home and advise them so that there will be less possibility of the children's becoming infected?

Would it be possible for you to come to my school, I believe there are several cases of bad vision and unhealthy throats, the parents pay no attention to what I have advised. Perhaps you could impress the need of care. Contagious diseases are very common in this school.

Could you tell me if a child living in a home where there is whooping cough, should be allowed in school.

Could you arrange free care for a crippled child. We do not know the routine or the possibilities.

May I bring my little girl to see you. I think she needs glasses.

Father of six motherless children is sick. Could you call and instruct them regarding his care.

My group of Camp Fire girls would appreciate a demonstration in first aid. Would you have time to give them one some Saturday afternoon.

Could you explain the aims and functions of the public health association to our W. C. T. U.

The state bureau of nursing requests that you meet your local committees at least once in two months.

DECREASE DOMESTIC ANIMALS SHOWN BY REPORT

Present Value of Livestock in Oregon Is Over 37 Per Cent Less Than on Jan. 1, 1920

The United States Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates reports that the value of livestock on the farms and ranges of this state has decreased from \$101,684,000 to \$63,834,500 during the two years from Jan. 1, 1920 to Jan. 1, 1922. This is thirty seven per cent less. For the whole country the decrease in the same period of time has been forty-one per cent. This decrease is due chiefly to the deflation of values per head though in some instances numbers have decreased also.

The number and values of the several classes reported for this state are:

Horses—1922, 272,000, \$20,672,000; 1920, 272,000, \$23,392,000.
Mules—1922, 14,000, \$1,134,000; 1920, 14,000, \$1,330,000.
Milk Cows—1922, 216,000, \$13,392,000; 1920, 216,000, \$17,928,000.
Other Cattle—1922, 604,000, \$17,959,000; 1920, 635,000, \$29,527,500.
Sheep—1922, 1,823,000, \$8,203,500; 1920, 2,250,000, \$34,300,000.
Swine—1922, 233,000, \$2,493,000; 1920, 267,000, \$5,206,500.

Milk cows include dairy heifers one year old and over.

A decrease of 427,000 sheep in the two years is shown. This is no doubt due to the low prices of wool and mutton and the high cost of feeds. Cattle, other than dairy cows have decreased 31,000 head, due chiefly to low selling price and high feed costs.

There are 34,000 less hogs in the state now than at the beginning of 1920. In fact the supply has been insufficient to meet the demands during the past year. And at the Portland Union Stock yards over \$44,000 hogs have been received from South Dakota during this time. During last month \$10,591 were received from the same source. And this shows a deplorable condition in the livestock industry, which has been brought about principally through lack of economic balance.

Head of W. C. T. U. Farm Home Drive Returns

After a trip over Clackamas county including Estacada, Garfield and Viola in the interest of the Farm Home Drive now being carried on, Mrs. E. B. Andrews, state vice president of the W. C. T. U. and in charge of the local drive returned to her home here Tuesday.

While absent she arranged for leaders to carry on the work in several localities.

She found much interest in the farm home movement. Of the \$3200 quota allotted to Clackamas county over \$1000 has been pledged and more than \$600 paid in.

GUTHRIE AND CO. WILL EMPLOY HOME LABOR

Company Declares It Good Business To Employ Own Men for Special Positions.

At a recent meeting of the Clackamas County Business Men's association a communication was received protesting against the employment of foreign labor in the construction of the new bridge across the Willamette.

The following somewhat stereotyped form of letter has been received from the contractors:
Portland, Ore., Feb. 7, 1922.
Secretary Clackamas County Business Men's Association, Oregon City, Ore.
Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of February 2, enclosing copy of resolution passed by your organization in regard to the employment of local men where possible in construction of the bridge across the Willamette.

Wish to say that we are very glad to cooperate with you in this respect and have been employing local men very largely on this work in so far as is compatible with efficiency and good business practice. You will understand, of course, that some of this work is highly specialized and it is absolutely necessary that we employ men who have been with our organization for a number of years and whose ability is known to us. For other work, both skilled and unskilled we have looked largely to the vicinity of Oregon City and expect to continue doing so.

Yours truly,
A. GUTHRIE & CO., Inc.
By W. C. Wrenn.

O. D. Eby Returns

City Attorney O. D. Eby attended a meeting of auto park associations at Roseburg this week. At this meeting a general association including the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue River valleys was formed; uniform fees for auto park patrons were fixed at 50 cents per day per auto with limit of ten days. By standard park is meant one which furnishes gas, lights, water, police, garbage cans, toilet and sanitary accommodations.

GOVERNORSHIP LINES ARE BEGINNING TO DRAW CLOSER

Senator Charles Hall Last To Make Definite Announcement

GOVERNOR IS SILENT

Federated Patriotic Societies Give Endorsement. Four Formed Announcements Made.

The last aspirant to announce himself definitely for the governorship of Oregon is State Senator Charles Hall of Marshfield. The announcement was made following his endorsement by the federated patriotic societies upon whose action it is reported that he and several others had been waiting for some time.

Just what effect the loss of the influence of the federation will have on other would-be candidates is not yet clear. The probabilities are, however, that Senator I. N. Patterson a prominent farmer of Polk county, will not let this action deter him from entering the race. It is believed he will if he runs, develop considerable strength among the farmers of the state.

J. D. Lee of Portland is already making a quiet but continuous campaign in Multnomah county and the state metropolis.

Senator Louis E. Bean, who lives in Eugene has made definite announcement and will rely upon his legislative record to give him a momentum at the beginning of the gubernatorial sprint.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, having formally entered will no doubt line up the eastern counties in the interest of his candidacy.

Among other candidates who are standing at the ringside with ambitions so strong that they are controlled with the greatest difficulty, from jumping into the race are Colonel George Kelly and Judge William M. Cake.

Governor Ben W. Olcott is in a class all by his own lonesome. He neither affirms nor denies. He just sits by and listens to the sound of the gong as the scoring goes merrily on. And the Honorable B. W.'s methods keep 'em all a guessin'. With an eastern Oregon candidate and a half dozen other "bashfuls" from as many different vantage points in the state in the field, he maintains the sphinx-like attitude of "Why worry?"

Father And Son Are Buried on Same Day

The funerals of Marion Samson, a pioneer and resident of Needy for many years, and his son Paul Samson died within a few hours of each other's death and their funerals were held at the Rock Creek school church at the same hour on Wednesday. Interment was made in the Rock Creek cemetery. The services were in charge of the Champego Lodge A. F. and A. M. of which both father and son were members.

Both died at the hospital in Portland where the father went to undergo treatment and the son to be with him. The latter died from influenza contracted while at the hospital.

The deceased were brother-in-law and nephew of Mrs. W. W. H. Samson of Oregon City.

Michigan Boys Take Long Auto Trip

Wayne and Gaylen Frey of Battle Creek, Michigan, and nephews of Mrs. F. J. Tooze of this city are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tooze and with other relatives and friends in this community and in Portland with their uncle, H. R. Frey.

The boys made the trip by auto from their home via the southern route through New Mexico and Arizona to Los Angeles and thence to Oregon City. The trip was made from Michigan to Los Angeles in eighteen days the tourists coming in their auto hotel de luxe style on the way.

There were no mishaps, the same tires with which they started still doing duty. The weather on the trip varied all the way from extreme heat to deep snow and bitter cold in the Siskiyou mountains.

West Linn Lyceum Number Is Postponed

The U. H. S. musical program which is to be the last number of the West Linn Lyceum course, has been postponed from February 24 to March 3 on account of influenza prevalent among the high school pupils and the teachers.

Revival Services at Colton

Revival services will begin at the Colton school house on Sunday. Rev. Shepard, a splendid Bible student, and eloquent speaker will have charge.