

## CRIMP PUT IN TAXATION BY HOUSE BILL

### \$818,000,000 CUT IS MADE IN BURDEN

#### Straight Party Vote Cast On Measure to Revise National Levy

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—The tax revision bill of 1921, estimated to cut \$818,000,000 from the nation's tax burden by 1923, was passed late today by the house, 274 to 125, on almost straight party vote.

Three democrats voted for the bill, while nine republicans voted against it. Democrats voting for were Campbell, Pennsylvania, and Dupire and Lacroz, both of Louisiana.

Republicans voting against the bill were Beck, Wisconsin; Clague, Minnesota; Keller, Minnesota; Lambert, Wisconsin; Michaelson, Illinois; John M. Nelson, Wisconsin; Sinclair, North Dakota; Volgt, Wisconsin; Woodruff, Michigan.

Representative London, socialist of New York, voted against the bill. Compared with this number of republicans were 50 who voted for a democratic motion to recommit the bill for elimination of the provision repealing the income surtax rates above 32 per cent. This motion was lost, 169 to 236, with one democrat, Campbell of Pennsylvania, voting against it.

## VEHICLE LAW TEST CASE STARTS—FINE OF \$100 IS ASSESSED

### Log Cabin Baking Company Convicted of Violation Of New Ordinance

The first judicial action in the test case on the new Oregon City vehicle tax ordinance, was taken in Police court Monday morning when A. W. Paddock, driver for the Log Cabin Baking company branch of Portland was convicted of driving a truck without a license.

Frank Russell, driver for the Weinhard company, scheduled to appear for a hearing Monday, failed to appear, and his trial was postponed. Paddock was fined the limit which the ordinance provides, \$100. The case was appealed and will be retried in the circuit court.

It is understood that it is the intention of the Portland firms to carry the matter to the supreme court in order to determine the validity of the ordinance. The tax is placed upon trucks which deliver goods here for resale, and is \$30 a quarter. The provision affects mainly the whole sale houses of Portland. They oppose the ordinance as a piece of class legislation.

## Racing Program is Arranged for Fair; Rules are Compiled

Edward Fortune, who has been superintendent of the racing program at the Clackamas county fair for a number of years, is busily engaged in selecting his horses for the big events to be pulled off at the four days' fair to commence September 15th, closing September 17th.

Mr. Fortune has arranged the following program:  
First Day, Wednesday, Sept. 14. The races this day are for Clackamas county horses, owned in this county 3 months before the fair.  
Free for all trot or pace, 1/4 mile heats; 2 in 3, \$50; 1/2 mile run, \$25.  
Second Day, Thursday, Sept. 15. Free for all pace, mile heats, 3 in 5, \$300.00; 2:24 trot, 3 heats, \$200.00; 1 mile run, \$100.00.  
Third Day, Friday, Sept. 16. Free for all trot, mile heats, 3 in 5, \$300.00; 2:24 pace, 3 heats, \$200.00; 1/2 mile run, \$100.00.  
Fourth Day, Saturday, Sept. 17. 2:18 pace, 3 heats, \$200.00; 2:13 trot, 3 heats, \$200.00; 5-8 mile for horses that have not won \$100.00.

Conditions of Harness Races  
Two horses may start from the same stable, 5 per cent to enter; no deductions from money winners, 6 to enter, 4 to start. Entries close the night before at 6 p. m. Money divided 50-25-15-10.  
Conditions of Running Races  
Entries close night before at 6 p. m.  
The management has a right to call off any races that does not feel satisfactory or because of weather conditions. Money divided 70-20-10.

## TRUCK OVERLOADING WILL BE STOPPED BY STATE POLICE MEN

### Highway Protection Drive is Started; County Plans to Cooperate

The much touted war against truck overloading in Clackamas county started in dead earnest Friday when three representatives of the state motor vehicle division started over the local highways, equipped with loadometers for measuring the weight of trucks and their loads.

T. A. Raffety, chief of the state motor vehicle division, and deputies H. L. Griffith and W. L. Campbell are the state agents who will operate in this territory. Five arrests were made Friday. W. H. Bowman was arrested at Aurora for carrying an excess of 2,400 pounds over the limit on one axle. George Doty driving for the Oregon City Sand & Gravel company was arrested here for carrying an excess load of 2,600 pounds. Both trials will be in the justice court, the former in Aurora and the latter before Judge Perry in Milwaukie in the absence of Judge E. J. Noble of this district. B. V. Hyatt, C. C. Snedeger and W. A. Reddaway were arrested. They had overloads respectively totaling 400, 4,200 and 3,200 pounds.

The state office will operate in this district until overloading trucks upon the highways has been stopped. Every effort is to be made to teach the truck owners and operators the tremendous havoc that they are creating by the carrying of excess loads.

#### Highways Ruined

The state officers cite as a striking example of what overloading will do, the condition of the Portland-Newberg road. The pavement has been broken down by the trucks which have hauled heavy loads along this route. Similar examples can be found in Clackamas county, where the poor condition of the roads is really due to this form of abuse.

The loadometers which are in use by the officials of the motor vehicle division, are built in the form of large tanks. Each is equipped with a gauge, which measures accurately the weight put upon the screw. Two such instruments are used, lifting one axle off the ground, the combined reading giving the weight on the axle.

The law, explains the officers, requires that if the total tire width of the truck is less than 30 inches, a maximum weight for both truck and load of 500 pounds for each inch of tire width is allowed. Should the tire width total more than 30, 600 pounds per inch is allowed to any one axle. Tire width is the combined commercial width of the tire for the four wheels of the truck.

The provision is made however, that no one axle shall carry more than 17,600 pounds, with a load maximum for all four wheels of 22,000.

#### County Limit Smaller

The county limit, however, is less than allowed by the state, the maximum being 18,000 pounds. The officers however, are basing their arrests upon the limit allowed by the state law. Clackamas county has also arranged to purchase two loadometers to be used by the local officers. These cost \$200 apiece and two are necessary.

The purpose of the work, explain the state men, is to put a stop to the overloading practice, rather than to use the law for purposes of "revenue" extortion. Work here will continue until overloading is stopped. The maximum penalty is \$400 and one year in jail. Heavy fines and occasional jail sentences will be inflicted in order to stop the practice. The work is being done in an effort to preserve the highways of the state and county.

## Bonus Appointments Not Expected Soon By Governor Olcott

Salem, Or., Aug. 23.—Applicants for appointments as attorneys and appraisers under the state bonus law, who are expecting action on their applications by the bonus board at today's session, are doomed to disappointment, according to Governor Olcott, chairman of the commission.

"There is much preliminary detail yet to be worked out by the commission and the appointments themselves will require much study before any definite action can be taken," he explained.

Adjutant General White, who returned Monday afternoon from a week's tour of the Central and Eastern sections of Oregon, declared that extension of the state loan to ex-service men will be the signal for a great boom in homebuilding throughout the state. Sentiment among the ex-service men, White said, is decidedly in favor of the loan feature of the bill and many who will be unable to comply with the loan requirements this year have expressed their intentions of waiting a year or two until they can meet these requirements, rather than accept the cash bonus.

White expresses much satisfaction over the attitude taken by ex-service men toward the bonus measure, sentiment being shown on all sides against any abuses of the spirit of the law.

## An Excessive Surplus

With a surplus of nearly five million dollars in the hands of the State Industrial Accident commission, it is hard to understand why some distribution is not made to the employers and their workmen who are still required to pay in money to the state compensation fund. Since the organization of the commission, the receipts have been \$12,909,054.34, and the disbursements \$8,041,875.42, leaving a balance of \$4,867,178.92.

The financial statement of the commission for the year ending June 30 last shows an income for the fiscal year of \$3,212,871.97, of which \$56,563.08 is represented by collectible premiums. The disbursements in the same period amounted to \$2,205,596.43, leaving an excess of receipts amounting to \$1,007,275.54.

Out of its annual surplus the commission added to its miscellaneous reserves \$412,798.08, along with \$300,000 "to cover contingencies as required by Section 6624, Oregon Laws," and \$97,704.34 "to take care of any loss that may be incurred in respect of realization upon investments." These added reserves, based upon past expenditures, appear to be altogether excessive, and the commission could have, with perfect safety, distributed \$300,000 in dividends, as well as \$97,704.34, which was placed in the reserve as an "investment depreciation." In view of the fact that the investments of the commission are in gilt-edged bonds, with an average interest rate of 4 per cent., there ought to be absolute immunity from loss through depreciation of principal, and instead of declaring a division of 20 per cent, there could have been distributed as much as 34 per cent without danger to the reserve.

Administration of the compensation fund contemplates a reserve sufficient to cover unusual, as well as anticipated losses, but it is entirely unreasonable for the commission to compel employers of labor and the men and women employed in factories to put money into a fund that is beyond danger point. It should be pointed out, as well, that during the fiscal year more than a quarter million of dollars was spent for administration, amounting to 11.6 per cent of the total sum disbursed. The per cent of reserves to claims paid in Oregon is 73, while that of Washington is only 20, though Washington still had a balance in its reserve on February 1 of this year of \$2,049,227.

## NOVEL ATTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR AT CANBY

David Long, of Hazella, secretary of the Clackamas county fair, was in Oregon City Friday on business pertaining to the fair to be held at Canby September 14, 15, 16 and 17th. Many requests for space have been received by those intending to make exhibits says Mr. Long and space is also in demand on the grounds by concessioners.

A number of the concessions at the Oaks and Columbia beach resorts will be on the grounds. The James Ouff Carnival company at Columbia beach, which closes its engagement at that resort September 1st, will be among the big attractions at the Clackamas county fair grounds, when the management will bring a merry-go-round and ferris wheel.

Victor Vernon, veteran flyer, has arranged to make his appearance with an aeroplane, and will give daily demonstrations each day of the fair, allowing passengers to take a voyage in the air if they so desire.

Negotiations are being made with the Melody Brothers' orchestra for erection of a dancing platform on the grounds. Heretofore there have been no attractions at the fair except the carnival company's shows or to allow visitors to view the exhibits in the big pavilion. There are several band leaders also in communication with Mr. Long as to furnishing music during the fair. Among these is the Mt. Angel band, which has never appeared at the fair, and no doubt would be the means of attracting many from that section.

Mr. Long says that one of the

greatest competitions this year will be among the granges. Harding grange is going in for one of the big prizes this year, and has set September 3 as a booster day for the fair at Logan, when final arrangements will be completed for taking a big display at the fair. This organization won one of the big prizes a number of years ago, when one of the finest displays was made by any grange.

Mr. Long has been extended an invitation to address the grangers on that day, and has accepted the invitation.

Mr. Long, who has been busily engaged in harvesting his fruit at his farm for the past month, is now to devote a large part of his time in the county to collect exhibits for the pavilion. Wilsonville will be visited this week and other sections will follow, until all the territory has been covered.

Ed Fortuna, who has managed the race horses in former years, will also be superintendent of the racing program for 1921 fair. He will visit the fairs held in Washington this week and select some of the best racing horses for the big events. A special racing program is to be gotten out by Mr. Fortuna, and he is promising those who are interested in this part of the fair's program some of the best races ever put on the half mile track.

There will be a number of motorcycle races during the fair, and a number of riders are planning on entering the events.

## 2000 Tourists Use Canemah Auto Park

The register at Oregon City's automobile camp shows that more than 2000 tourists have pitched their tents here since June 18 of this year. Twenty-seven states, besides Alaska and British Columbia are represented. The number of visitors would be greatly increased if proper signboards were displayed along the highway with directions as to how to reach the park.

The old publicity office building of the Commercial club, moved to the park at the beginning of the season, is comfortably fitted up as a reading and rest room with facilities provided for those wishing to write. Visitors pronounce the park one of the best kept in the Pacific Northwest.

Ed L. Shaw, who has been in charge of the park since the opening day, has made many improvements. Stumps have been removed, stoves have been built, gas for cooking has been installed and the latest improvement has been the installation of a drinking fountain.

Mrs. E. P. Elliott is rapidly regaining her health, after an illness of several weeks.

## Fraud Ring Swindles Bankers of Country For Untold Millions

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Worthless notes, stolen bonds, fraudulent deeds of trust and forged certificates of deposit running into untold millions have been flung on the markets of the country, federal agents declared today, after investigating the operations of a band alleged to have been headed by Charles W. French and John W. Worthington.

Banks, bond houses investment security brokers and wealthy business men from coast to coast were declared to have been victims of one of the most gigantic swindles ever unearthed by department of justice agents.

Six million dollars' worth of stolen bonds, nearly \$3,000,000 in worthless notes and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of trust deeds already have been traced by department of justice agents, it was declared.

The revelations resulted from a detailed confession attributed to Alva W. Harshman, said to have been a private secretary to French, and who surrendered to federal officers today.

## SYSTEM OF SCHOOL BOOK KEEPING HIT

That a uniform system of bookkeeping and accounting is the crying need of the school districts in Clackamas county, is the substance of the report of the auditor who has completed the checking over of the books of 132 districts in the county, under the new requirements made by the school law.

Auditor C. A. Chambers made his report to School Superintendent Brenton Vedder Monday. No financial discrepancies were found, other than where figures would not balance, due to errors in system or computation. Mr. Chambers makes a number of recommendations for a standard system, stating that the majority of the trouble comes from the fact, that although standard forms are used, no explanatory system accompanies them.

#### Law Held Legal

The audit, made under the new law passed by the 1921 legislature, has been in progress for the past month and a half. It was first contended, because no provision for the payment of the auditor was made. Under a ruling made by the attorney general, it was found that each district would have to pay the costs of the audit of their own books, no burden falling upon the county funds.

There is no uniformity in the system over the county, says Mr. Chambers' report. "Under the present methods, many clerks keep the school funds in their private accounts, and naturally refuse to submit their private bank statements to a public audit. This makes it impossible to bring about a reconciliation between their books and the bank balance. Others use no bank, simply cashing their warrants as received from the various funds, and pay cash as they go. Some pay by warrant alone, some by check and some by a combination of all three methods.

#### Formality Overlooked

"Warrants as a rule are issued by the clerk upon the presentation of a bill against the school without the formality of an order by the board, and no mention is made of it in the minutes of a board meeting. The minutes of the boards, except in very few exceptions, fail to show all the business transacted at the meetings; in some cases districts have even borrowed money without any reference to the transaction.

"Some of the larger districts do not use the clerks record book but have a regular journal, ledger, cash book system of their own. I would not recommend any change in these systems as they are in capable hands. "A confusing practice is resorted to by some, the drawing of a check in round figures to pay a number of small bills over a period of several weeks, and entering each small bill as paid, sometimes forgetting one until they attempt to balance at the end of the year. In one district, the clerk was unable, in looking over his books, to remember what the different entries included."

#### Clerks Commended

The attitude of the clerks in general toward their work, is commended by the auditor. In regard to the systematizing of the records, he makes a number of suggestions relative to the use of the books furnished to the clerks. These cover the standard rules in the keeping of ordinary books, with proper classification of accounts and record of claims.

While the audit this year was conducted at the expenditure of considerable time and money, Mr. Chambers explains that with a standard system, and with the work being done every year, the expense will not run as high and the amount of time required will not be nearly so great. The work this year was held back by the facts that the clerks reports were in such varied form and that many failed to send all their records, misunderstanding what was needed.

The audit this year included 132 districts. The law does not include the audit of the books of a first class district, as under separate provision, this may be made by the districts appointing a man auditor itself, independent of the system under which the last audit was made.

## Brumfield Put Into Regular Jail Cell

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 22.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield, alleged murderer of Dennis Russell, was removed from the top floor of the county jail this morning to one of the dark inferior cells on the lower floor. He did not appear to relish the change of abode, but told the officers he was willing to "follow instructions."

Dr. Brumfield is not feeling so well today, following a sickness yesterday caused by some tainted meat. When interviewed this morning he said: "This jail life is not exactly to my liking. I cannot realize the charges placed against me. They say I committed murder. It seems if I had killed a man I would begin to feel remorse. I have no such feelings. It is all a deep mystery to me."

The grand jury will meet Saturday next to act on Dr. Brumfield's case. An indictment is expected, and in view of this and to speed up trial procedure, Sheriff Starmer has already drawn a jury panel of thirty-one names to be used at the trial, which is slated to open a week from today.

## REGISTRATION OF TEACHERS FOR NEXT TERM IN PROGRESS

### Contracts Being Recorded at Office of the County Superintendent

The work of registration of teachers, preparatory to the opening of school next month, is under way in the office of County School Superintendent Brenton Vedder.

Under the present school law, all teachers' certificates, and contracts, together with their reading circle certificates, must be registered before the opening date of school. Teachers who occupy their positions without such registration are not entitled to pay for such time as they serve before being duly registered.

The circle reading requirement involves the reading of one of a series of specified books upon different phases of pedagogy. The list, including 23 books, choice of which is optional with the teacher, is made up by the extension divisions of the Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon. The teachers are required to make a review of the book, which, after being passed on, allows them a certificate showing that the reading work has been completed.

This requirement, however, is not made for teachers in first class districts. The only school district in this class in the county is Oregon City. A number of the teachers here, however, according to Superintendent Vedder, are doing the work voluntarily, in order to keep up with the advance in the educational profession. The county will this year employ approximately 325 teachers. This number will be employed at any one time. Changes which occur during the year through resignations, incapacities, etc., raise the total number employed to approximately 350 during the year.

## September 5 Is Date For Farmers Picnic

September 5 has been selected as the tentative date for the first annual picnic of the Clackamas County Farm Bureau.

The picnic is to be held in the chaletauque park at Gladstone, and as well as being open to the entire county, will be attended by a number of notable men who are connected with farm bureau work. Word from the secretary of the state farm bureau has been received to the effect that it is expected that the national president of the organization will be here at that time. It is expected that both he and George Mansfield, president of the state farm bureau will be on the speakers list.

Among the features of the date will be a complete report from the community project leaders, on the work outlined and the results accomplished since the first of the year. The picnic will be an all day affair, with a big lunch at noon, special entertainment features and regular program. A large majority of the 1500 members of the farm bureau in Clackamas county are expected to attend. Committees are at present only tentatively selected. Final committees are to be chosen soon, including representatives from each community in the county.

## School Directors' Instructions Out

Instructions to the clerks and directors of every school district in the county, preparatory to laying plans for the opening of the coming school year, have been sent out in circular form by Superintendent Brenton Vedder.

The matters of registration of teachers' certificates and contracts, and the regulations in regard to sanitation are cited.

In the matter of financial preparation, Mr. Vedder points out in his letter that the law requires a minimum of \$629 on hand in each district, from the county school funds. If the per capita tax apportionment to each district does not reach this figure, the district is compelled by law to levy a tax to make up the difference. Five per cent is set as the limit which a district can be forced to levy. Should this levy still not complete the required sum any further deficiency is made up by county appropriation out of the general fund.

## Temporary Repairs Are Made To Bridge

Temporary repairs were made to the east side of the suspension bridge Wednesday afternoon, where it was found that one of the large cross beams, used as a support, had rotted and there was danger to the large traffic over the structure. It was also found necessary to place in other supports in order to have the public travel in safety.

Work is progressing at the west side of the bridge in preparation for installing the cofferdam to erect the concrete piers.

## 12th STREET IMPROVEMENT IS HELD UP

### ERROR IN PROCEDURE CAUSES DELAY

#### Notice Provides City Shall Furnish Cement; New Bids to be Called

Contracts for the improvement of Twelfth street from Main street to Center street will not be let, owing to an error in the proceedings.

When bids were advertised for on the work, the notice specified that the concrete was to be "furnished by the city." It is held that under this provision, the city would be required to pay for the concrete out of the general funds, and would be unable to assess the costs of the material against the property.

The improvement cost is to be borne by a special assessment upon the benefited property. The bids will be re-advertised for and new proceedings instituted at a special meeting of the council to be held tonight.

The city has been purchasing cement for the improvements for the reason that it can be secured at a considerable saving. Bids have been advertised for the laying of the pavement and do not include the purchase price of the cement.

Bids received when opened last Friday were from two concerns, W. D. Andrews Construction company and the Eathon Construction company. They were \$2,376.58 and \$419.24 respectively.

At a meeting of the council last Friday night, Doctor H. S. Mount, chairman of the street committee made an objection to the phrasing of the advertisements but no action was taken upon the matter. The contracts were referred to the street committee and they decided to institute new proceedings in order to clear up the matter from a financial standpoint.

The improvement calls for the laying of a concrete pavement on 12th street and the paving of the alley in Block 24, between 7th and 8th streets, running from Main to Railroad avenue. The work involves construction of 1125 square yards of concrete.

## HUNTLEY IS NAMED FOR FEDERAL JOB

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—Recommendations for the principal federal offices to be filled in Oregon were made by Senators McNary and Stanfield today as follows:

Collector of Internal Revenue—Clyde G. Huntley, Oregon City.  
Collector of customs—George U. Piper, Portland.  
United States marshal—Clarence R. Hotchkiss, Portland.  
Appraiser of merchandise—Edward N. Wheeler, Portland, but formerly of Stanfield.

Federal prohibition director—Dr. Joseph A. Linnville, Carlton.  
Roseburg. I and office—Receiver Fred W. Haynes, Roseburg.  
E. E. Brodie, editor of the Oregon City Enterprise and president of the National Editorial association, appears to have the edge on the appointment as minister to Slam, held in other days by two other Oregon newspaper men.

In forwarding these recommendations to the president today Senators McNary and Stanfield said that they desired it to be understood that they had worked in perfect harmony at all times in perfecting the slate. The long delay, they said, was due, first, to the fact that there were so many good candidates to choose from and, second, to the fact that important legislative matters had been occupying so much of their time in the last few weeks that they regarded it in bad taste to permit any other matters to interfere.

## Farm Bureau Votes Funds for Exhibit

To defray the expenses of an exhibit at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby next month, the executive committee of the Farm Bureau last night voted \$100.

The farm bureau this year will not enter anything of a competitive nature but will maintain a booth, displaying products of the county and pests with which the farmers have to contend. Their exhibit will be purely along educational lines. Also found necessary to place in other supports in order to have the public travel in safety.

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