

TO AID PORTLAND

Bill to Relieve Financial Embarrassment.

RUSHED THROUGH THE SENATE

Will Come Up in House Today—Council to Be Given Power to Levy 2.5 Mills—Several Multnomah Legislators Dissatisfied.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—The Multnomah delegation has decided that a 2½-mill special tax is needed to relieve Portland of its financial embarrassment, and to that end a bill was presented today by Senator Sweeney and rushed through the Senate. It will go through the House tomorrow. It is necessary that the City Council have authority to make the levy before February 1, and it is now obvious that the charter cannot be prepared, considered and adopted before that date.

The decision of the delegation was reached at its meeting last night only after a spirited discussion, led on the one hand by Senator Joseph and on the other by Senator Sweeney. Senator Joseph presented the following resolutions:

"Whereas, It is expedient that authority be given by this Legislative Assembly, prior to February 1, 1901, to the City Council of the City of Portland, to levy a tax for city purposes for the present year, and

"Whereas, The levy authorized by the present charter is inadequate to supply the necessary funds for carrying on the city government, even with the exercise of the strictest economy; and

"Whereas, The preparation and passage of an amended charter now under consideration by the Multnomah delegation requires for its proper and careful completion such time as makes it doubtful that it can be considered available prior to February 1; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Senator Sweeney and Representative Dwyer be and they hereby are directed to draft and present for passage a bill to amend the section of the present Portland charter referring to authorized maximum tax levy so as to provide as follows:

Mills.
Fire Department 2
Police Department 2
Lighting 2
Street repairs 2
Payment of interest 2

Total 10
"And in addition a special levy of 2 mills to cover deficiencies for the present year, also to permit transfer by two-thirds vote of the Council from general fund to special funds.

Required for Fire Department \$10,000.00
Police Department 2,500.00
Lighting 2,500.00
General (per Auditor's estimate) 12,700.00
Claims against city on judgments 10,000.00
Fire 750.00
Interest on same 750.00
Police 14,900.00—\$37,700.00

Grand total required \$37,700.00
Note.—The street repair fund is not estimated in this, nor in receipts below, as it will take care of itself.

Estimated Receipts.
Fire fund, including balance on hand \$5,132.55
Police fund 5,000.00
Interest fund 2,500.00
Light fund 4,500.00
Less 5 per cent for delinquency 11,132.55

Net \$20,867.50
Auditor's estimate of 1901 receipts, general fund, \$31,000.00
Deduct occupation tax, \$20,000.00—\$11,000.00
Total estimated receipts \$20,867.50
Amount required \$37,700.00
Estimated receipts \$20,867.50

Net shortage \$16,832.50
A 2-mill levy to cover this \$4,400.00
Deficiency with 2-mill levy \$12,432.50
Less 5 per cent for delinquency 2,900.00
Total \$9,532.50
Less shortage \$4,400.00

Leaving a working balance of \$5,132.55
The net result of the discussion was the adoption of the Joseph resolution with two minor changes. These were that the levy for street repairs was cut from three-quarters to one-quarter of a mill, and the one-half mill for the open space added to the proposed special levy of 2 mills, making it 2½ mills to cover deficiencies for the current year. It was also decided that the City Council should be empowered to transfer from the general fund to special funds by a three-fourths vote instead of a two-thirds vote.

The delegation therefore decided that the Portland levy for the current year may be made up of the current levy of not more than 10½ mills, of which 8 mills shall be distributed as the present charter provides, and 2½ mills shall be levied for the current year only to cover deficiencies.

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SOME OF THE MEN SEEN AT SALEM.



strong disposition on the part of the delegation to rush headlong into radical legislation towards the Port of Portland. Indeed, it is probable that the main feature of the proposed new bill, that authorizing the construction of a drydock, will be about the only thing ultimately considered.

There has been much suspicion that the new charter promoters would attack the Water Committee, but it has not been yet discovered that the delegation is united in that purpose. There may be some effort to reduce the membership, but beyond that the delegation is not likely to go.

IN THE SENATE.

More New Bills Presented—A Constitutional Amendment.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—The Senate was called to order at 10 A. M. and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Henderson, of the Central Congregational Church.

A communication from the Hop Association, asking the passage of a pure-food law, was read.

Mulkey's resolution on the death of the Queen was adopted.

Masters introduced a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing that all general elections occur on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

The House concurrent resolution on the death of the Queen was concurred in.

Senator Booth introduced a joint resolution directing that the stove foundry fund be turned into the general fund.

The consideration of the Governor's veto of the bill passed at the last session providing for the collection of taxes in Multnomah County was taken up.

Kuykendall's resolution for a joint committee to investigate the matter of the state's water supply was adopted.

The following bills were introduced: Porter—To provide compensation for Judge Clackamas County, Read third time and passed. Salary, \$700 per year.

Adams—To amend section 321 of Hill's code.

Whitney—To amend section 212 of Hill's code.

Sweet—To increase compensation of Supreme Court reporter.

Clem—To require that windows and doors of saloons and poolrooms be kept clear, so that persons may see through.

Clem—To suppress the vice of treating.

Daly—To amend charter of Corvallis.

Smith—To incorporate Sumpter; passed.

Kuykendall—For high schools.

Smith—To remove piling in Columbia at the Dalles and sell portage railway land.

Johnson—To preserve game.

Brown—Regulating location of county seats.

Masters—To incorporate Yoncalla.

Williams—To regulate practice of veterinary surgery.

Mays, by request of Oregon Bar Association—To authorize appointment of two Supreme Court Commissioners.

Inman—To amend section 314 of Hill's code.

Fulton—Bounties for killing of certain salt water animals.

Johnson—To require that the House for a joint Senatorial convention, and on return adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

At the afternoon session Senator Smith of Baker introduced a joint memorial urging an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for election of Senators by the people.

Senator Hunt's resolution directing that the Johnson be provided with copies of the House and Senate journals of 1898 and '99, was adopted.

The following bills were introduced: Sweet—Authorizing Portland to levy a special tax and to transfer money to a special fund. Read three times and passed. Hunt and Mays of Multnomah voting no.

Fulton—To amend section 324 of Hill's code.

Wade—To provide fees of clerks in County and Circuit Courts.

Daly—Authorizing State Land Board to bid in land at foreclosure sale.

IN THE HOUSE.

Prayed for the Dead Queen—Flood of New Bills.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—At the opening of the session of the House this morning all the members except Schumann answered to their names, and the proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Parsons, of the Methodist Church.

In his prayer he referred feelingly to the death of the Queen of England, imploring divine grace to strengthen and influence the afflicted family. He also asked a blessing on Albert Edward, who succeeds to England's throne, and also the great empire represented in conjunction with the United States that they fulfill

the destiny to which they have been appointed.

McCracken, of the special committee appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions in respect to the memory of Queen Victoria, reported a series of resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

House concurrent resolutions 10 and 11 and House joint resolution 4 were favorably reported and adopted.

The House then went into a committee of the whole to consider House bill 338, introduced by the ways and means committee, providing for payment of deficiencies and expenses of the present Legislative session. Harris of Lane presided over the committee while the bill was under consideration. The several appropriations were all approved, after which the committee arose, reported the bill favorably to the House, and it was passed under suspension of the rules.

The House devoted the afternoon session to the reading of Senate bills and the passage of several bills amending charters of various cities.

The following new bills were introduced: Roberts—To provide for payment of salary bounty warrants.

Butt—To amend section 233, laws of Oregon.

Butt—To amend section 280, chapter 3, code of civil procedure.

Holtkemper—Relating to chattel mortgages.

Pearce, by request—To provide for distribution of school fund.

Pearce, by request—To settle litigation between state and board, etc.

Grace—Amending section 1148, general laws of Oregon.

Shipley—Providing for system of primary elections.

Driscoll—Repealing act providing for separate Board of Commissioners for Multnomah County, and the appointment of two Commissioners.

Fish, by request—Fixing time when receivers close up.

Carter—To amend civil code of procedure.

Carter—To provide for recovery of wages.

Carter—To secure the wages of persons employed on threshing machines.

Rice—Providing contract for board of prisoners of Douglas County.

Hoe—Amending Oakland charter.

Montague—Providing for fees paid clerks of courts.

Montague—Providing for compensation of jurors was veterans.

GEER'S VETO SUSTAINED

MULTNOMAH TAX COLLECTION BILL TURNED DOWN.

Every Senator Voted to Uphold Governor's Action—Executive Signs First Bill of Session.

SALEM, Jan. 23.—One of the principal events in the Senate today was the action of that body in sustaining Governor Geer's veto of the tax collection bill passed by the last Legislature. This bill provided for the collection of taxes in Multnomah County and was passed at the last session.

The Governor gave two reasons for vetoing the bill—that it was unnecessary and unconstitutional. He regarded it as unnecessary because it creates a special tax collector, where the present system is as satisfactory as any. He based the objection of unconstitutionality upon the fact that the bill applied to only one county. When the matter was put before the Senate on the question, "Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the Governor's veto?" every Senator voted "no."

Governor Geer today signed the first bill to be passed by the two houses of the Legislature. It is Senate bill No. 19, better known as the Indian war veteran bill.

When Senator Booth introduced a joint resolution directing that the stove foundry fund aggregating \$2,500, be transferred to the general fund in the treasury, Senator Joseph called that action on the resolution be deferred as there is a move on foot to establish a tax machinery at the penitentiary, and a portion of this fund may be asked for that purpose. The resolution was sent to the printer and will not come up for consideration until tomorrow.

Several ladies of the Oregon Women's Flax Fiber Association are in the city looking after the interests of the flax industry, and are meeting with much encouragement from the members of the Legislature. The women who interested themselves in the development of this industry did so at great expense of time and money to themselves. They conducted extensive experiments in the growing of flax, and demonstrated that it can be grown successfully for the fiber in this state. They prepared samples of flax fiber and of various articles made from Oregon flax, and submitted the samples to experts in Belgium and Ireland, with the result that none but the most favorable comments were received. They encouraged from the handling of flax to come here and demonstrate the possibilities of the industry in Oregon. All this was done in a self-sacrificing spirit and without even the hope of personal gain. The result was a complete success so far as laying the foundation of an industry was concerned, but the expense of conducting the experiments impeded the association's treasury. The association now has its machinery plant on its hands, but through lack of funds the machinery is lying idle. The women are still desirous that the work should go on, and that flax growing for fiber should be established as one of the permanent industries of Western Oregon. To this end they will offer to sell their plant to the state, to be installed at the penitentiary, where convicts may be employed in flax-growing.

County Judges Gray, of Clatsop; Bartholomew, of Morrow; Calk, of Multnomah, and Ryan, of Clackamas; County Commissioner Evans, of Wasco, and Deputy Assessor Maxwell, of Multnomah, are at the capital working in the interest of the flax industry. These gentlemen have no pretense that they wish to put through, but are here to assist the committee on assessment and taxation in the consideration of the various bills before them. County Judge Gray, of Clatsop, in speaking of the purpose of the county officials, said that they desire to avoid even the appearance of trying to force

their opinions upon the Legislature or to dictate the features of the laws that may be enacted. They believed that their experience with the operation of assessment laws would be of use to the committee, and they are here to give such information as may be desired.

General Killfeather, the warrior and statesman of Portland, is here throwing a few rhetorical sunbeams on the legislative riddle.

Resolutions to commemorate the death of the Queen and extolling her many virtues are somewhat overabundant. Promptly upon receipt of the news that Her Majesty was dead yesterday, Senator Daly, whose name is Irish, birth, training and blood American, and sympathies Catholic, moved in the Senate that there be an adjournment out of respect to the Queen. The House shortly afterward followed suit, first appointing a committee to draft appropriate resolutions. Representative McCracken was appropriately placed at the head of the committee. Then the resolutions were framed, and today unanimously adopted in both House and Senate. Besides, the Senate adopted a memorial of its own, presented by Mulkey. The first is to be sent to James Laidlaw, British Vice-Consul at Portland, the latter to Ambassador Choate, in London, for presentation to the royal family.

Representative Colvig is evidently not greatly impressed with the importance or value of printing all decisions of the State Supreme Court. He has presented a bill which declares that there shall be "prepared and filed only such opinions as at large" as in his opinion are of public interest and general importance. The bill provides that the court shall file with the Secretary of State only a written statement of its decisions, whether affirmed or reversed, and "such other matters in connection therewith as the court may deem proper, which statement shall not be published in the reports."

Watson's bill to make the office of Auditor of Multnomah County elective in reality aims to get rid of Mr. Pope, the present Auditor, and put H. B. Adams, of Mount Tabor, a Democrat, into office. The bill provides that Mr. Adams shall be given the office after approval by the Governor, and that his successor shall be chosen at the general election in 1902. Mr. Watson says the Auditor of Multnomah County should be one to keep check on the acts of County Commissioners, as prevails in other states. A majority of the Multnomah delegation has endorsed the action of Mr. Adams for the position, in case the bill passes.

The bill introduced in the Senate by Porter of Clackamas and passed by that body, provides for the reduction of the salary of the County Judge of that county from \$200 per year to \$750 per year. The bill will not take effect until the expiration of the term of the present incumbent.

Sensor Clem, of Linn County, has introduced a bill, which, if enacted into a law, will strike at the vials of the liquor traffic. His bill is short, but goes straight to the point in the following language: "Any person who shall in any saloon, or place where liquors are sold, give or treat another to any drink or other quantity of spirituous, malt or vinous liquors with intent that the same shall be drunk or consumed by the person so treated, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, or by imprisonment in the County Jail of the county where such offense was committed, not less than five nor more than 30 days."

This bill seems to have more merits than one. It will furnish a ready excuse for the man who does not want to treat—and also for the man who does not want to be treated. If there be such.

Sensor Clem has another bill that is intended to discourage the drinking of liquors. It requires vendors of malt, spirituous or vinous liquors or keepers of any pool or billiard room or saloon to keep the windows and doors of their respective places of business unobstructed by screens, blinds, paint or other articles

and to prohibit lounging inside of said places.

Senate bill 18, providing for submission to the people at the next general election of an amendment to the constitution—the initiative and referendum—came up in the House this afternoon under the regular order of business. The Legislature of 1899 and the present session having adopted a resolution in favor of the proposed constitutional amendment, it was necessary to prepare its way for submission to the people, as required by law. There was no objection to the bill, and it passed to the final vote under suspension of rules, and now the great question of accepting or rejecting the initiative and referendum is up to the people, to be definitely settled on the first Monday in June, 1902.

A resolution by Hunt of Multnomah, directing that the Senators be supplied with the House and Senate journals of 1899 and with the session laws of 1898, 1899 and 1900, precipitated the only "scrap" in the Senate today. The resolution as originally introduced provided for the codes used by the last meeting of the Council the contract for galleying was rescinded. At the present time the city is without light of any kind on the streets, except such as is had from the stores. A local company has been authorized to procure arc lights and other fixtures for a good system, and it is understood that a contract for street lighting by electricity will soon be let.

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The Secretary of State to supply the same codes that were used by the Senate at the last session, but it seems that the resolution was not so worded. Senator Kuykendall said that the object of so directing the Secretary was to find out what had become of the codes two years ago. Senator Smith immediately took the floor and said that he could not hear distinctly, but thought he heard Senator Kuykendall use the word "stolen." Amid laughter, Kuykendall denied using the word. Smith objected to the resolution, on the ground that the Senators did not need the books it provided for. On a ballot being taken the resolution was adopted on the following vote: Ayes—Adams, Booth, Brownell, Cameron, Daly, Dimmick, Howe, Hunt, Johnston, Joseph, Kuykendall, Masters, Morrow, Porter, Probst, Smith of Yamhill, Steiner, Williamson and Fulton. Nays—Clem, Inman, Kelly, Loomis, Mays, Smith of Baker, Sweeney, Wade and Wehring.

President Mills and Secretary Teal of the Taxpayers' League, J. Thorburn Rose and R. W. Montague came up from Portland tonight, and met with the joint subcommittee on revenue and taxation to discuss Sweeney's taxation bill and urge its passage. Secretary Teal states that the Watson bill, which aims to dispense with the services of Judge Cleland, was not introduced at the request of the Taxpayers' League.

BENTON WANTS ALL ITS LAND. Objects to Proposed Annexation of Small Strip to Linn County.

CORVALLIS, Jan. 23.—The proposed annexation of a strip of Benton County land, four by seven miles, in the vicinity of Albany, to Linn County, is not accepted with favor in Corvallis. The section referred to is rich and populous, and the scheme to take it from a county limited in area is strongly opposed by leading citizens. In 1893, Benton County, then small in comparison with some other counties, was divided by the Legislature, in opposition to the wishes of a large majority of its population, and the new scheme strikes a spot already tender from past experiences of the sort. A strong remonstrance against the measure will probably reach the Legislature from Benton County.

Hopdealers have been in Corvallis, seeking to engage the crop of the coming season. They offered to contract at 10 cents, but so far as known, no local grower accepted the offer.

TO AGAIN HAVE LIGHT STREETS. Baker City Orders Installation of Electric Arc Lights.

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