

TAX BILL PASSES

Senate Prefers Measure From the House.

COMMISSION OF THREE

Power Is Given to Institute Investigations.

ASSESSORS TO BE WATCHED

Report Is to Be Prepared for the Next Legislature Containing Suggestions as to Tax Legislation.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—After a debate which began at 11 o'clock and but for the noon recess extended uninterrupted until nearly 4, the Senate this afternoon passed the House tax commission bill, introduced by Representative Reid, of Pierce county, and left the more drastic Senate bill by Graves of Spokane to die in the committee of the whole.

The vote on final passage of the Reid bill was 26 to 5. Bratt and Brown, Republicans, Graves and Rasher, Democrats, voting against the bill. The entire discussion of the two bills occurred in committee of the whole and included two long legal arguments by Graves, touching the constitutionality of his bill.

The bill passed creates a board of three members, at \$3000 salary, to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate. The commission has general supervision of the system of taxation throughout the state; is required to confer with, advise and direct assessors, Boards of Equalization and County Boards of Commissioners as to their duties. It has the power to require individuals, companies and corporations of whatever character to furnish information as to their capital, funded debts, value of property, earnings, taxes, and all other facts called for in these subjects and to summon witnesses to testify.

No Power to Fix Assessments. The commission does not have the power to fix assessments or the amount of the levy, but it is authorized that the assessors have omitted any property that should be taxed or are not assessing property according to law, it is required to bring the same to the attention of the Board of Commissioners, and it may require the prosecuting attorney or attorney-general to institute proceedings for the enforcement of the law, or for the removal of assessors guilty of official misconduct or neglect of duty.

The commission has charge of the enforcement of the collateral inheritance law, and a Senate amendment makes the members ex-officio members of the State Board of Equalization. It is required to prepare a report on tax legislation for the next Legislature.

The Graves bill gave the commission supervision over the taxation of tangible and intangible property of common carriers and gave it the power to fix assessed valuations and rates of taxation.

Arguments on Constitutionality. The principal argument concerning the two bills were on the alleged unconstitutionality of the Graves measure and the party pledge to enact a tax commission law. It was contended by Graves that the men who were fighting his bill were the same who had fought the railway commission bills, and that they were inspired by the same motives. He compared his bill with the Indiana and Ohio laws, which had been upheld in those states.

In reply Christian insisted that the Washington constitution did not permit the same class of legislation as the constitutions of the states named, and he said the Reid bill had been drawn as a matter of prudence, with the idea of eliminating all doubtful features, to the end that the law might be upheld and enforced. He quoted from Attorney-General Stratton's opinion of two years ago, in which it is held that the constitution of this state does not permit the creating of a commission with power to fix assessments and rates of levy.

Ruth Says It Is Duty. Ruth insisted that out of regard for party pledges it was the duty of the Legislature to give the state a tax commission

law broad enough in its provisions. Moore argued on the constitutionality of the Graves bill, upholding it. After the lengthy discussion ended, a motion was made to report the Reid bill to the Senate without recommendation that it do pass. Graves moved to substitute the Senate bill, and demanded a roll-call. Tucker, who was in the chair, ruled that roll-calls were not permissible in the committee of the whole. Graves appealed from the decision and the roll was sustained, 22 to 15.

When the Senate reconvened, Ruth tried to withdraw the Graves bill from the committee and substitute it for the House bill, but this motion was defeated, 28 to 14. Boone, Bratt, Condon, Earle, Quinn, Henry, Le Cross, Moore, Rasher, Ruth, Veness and Watson voted with Graves. The House bill was then passed.

Governor Will Sign. The tax commission bill will be signed by the Governor and his influence was directed toward the passage of the House bill. The bill was drawn by J. H. Enderday, of Tacoma, and is in many respects identical with the tax commission bill that passed the Legislature in 1902 and was vetoed by Governor McBride.

It is understood that Enderday will likely be one of the Commissioners, and with the result that will be named from the northwest, being either M. P. Hurd, of Skagit County; F. F. Handachy, ex-County Treasurer of Whatcom County, or Frank H. Paul of Seattle. Handachy is the author of the revenue law adopted by the Legislature of 1902.

It is an interesting piece of gossip that last Spring the Republican factory in Whatcom County, that afterwards won, urged Handachy to become a candidate for Congress. Mead wanted to be Superior Judge, but Handachy declined to allow the use of his name, and Mead was persuaded to try for the Congressional nomination, instead of the Judgeship, and to run on the ticket of the party of Governor at the State Convention.

The other member will come from Eastern Washington, and Dayton H. Stewart, ex-County Assessor of Spokane County, is a leading candidate.

FIGHT FOR A STATE DEPOSITORY Falcner's Resolution Calls on Treasurer Mills for Data.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—Representative Falcner, of Snohomish County, who is preparing to make another fight for a state depository law, today secured the adoption by the House of a resolution calling on State Treasurer George O. Mills to supply the House with a statement showing the quarterly cash balances in the hands of the Treasurer for the last two years; the names of all banking institutions where money is deposited by the state; a statement of the interest-bearing warrants now outstanding which there are no funds to pay; a statement of the amount of interest, if any ever paid to the state by a depository of state funds, and requiring an expression of his opinion as to whether or not the funds should be deposited in sound and responsible banks that would be willing to pay interest for the use of the same.

Falcner proposes to use the information acquired to aid in the passage of a bill introduced early in the session by Scott of Spokane, which limits the amount of money that may be deposited by the Treasurer in one bank. It is the intention to amend by requiring the payment of interest on such funds.

The House has passed the Senate bill fixing the maximum passenger rate on railroad lines of over 100 miles in length at 1 cent per mile. As the bill came from the Senate, it included within its operations all transportation companies, but the House has amended the bill so that it applies only to railroads. The particular reference was to the Spokane Falls & Northern, and the bill is particularly desired by Stevens County and the territory reached by that road.

The House also passed Reid's House bill fixing an excise tax of 2 per cent upon the gross earnings of express companies.

There was a long debate over the game law, which was a special order at 2 o'clock. The bill authorizes the State Fish Commissioner, who is ex-officio game warden, to appoint a deputy game and fish warden at a salary of \$1200 per year, with \$70 for expenses, to be paid out of the game protection fund derived from hunters' licenses. An attempt was made by amendment to the bill to relieve the Fish Commissioner of all authority over game and fish, and create a game warden to be appointed by the Governor.

This amendment, and another by Lindsey, to pay the game warden out of the fish fund, were opposed by Megier and other men representing the food fish interests. It was insisted that, unless the Fish Commissioner were given control of the game fish laws and regulations, game fish destructive to salmon fry would likely be introduced in the streams now prolific in supplying food fish.

The amendment was defeated, and the wrangle resulted in the bill going back to the committee. As it is a compromise

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HE SPRINGS A MINE

State Senator Morgan Says He Was Bribed.

IN INTEREST OF GOV. ADAMS

He Informs on His Accusers, Hands Money to District Attorney and Causes Arrest and Legislative Investigation.

DENVER, March 6.—A committee was appointed today by the General Assembly of Colorado to investigate charges of bribery in the contest for the Governorship. Charges have been made and published in the local newspapers to the effect that a fund had been raised by corporations and was being used to purchase votes for J. H. Peabody, who seeks the office held by Alva Adams, but no notice of them was taken by the General Assembly.

Immediately after the convening of the joint convention, which is hearing arguments in the contest, Senator R. W. Morgan, Republican, of Boulder, stated down in the House that he had a paper which he handed to the presiding officer and which was read to the Assembly by a clerk at the request of the presiding officer. The communication was as follows: To Jesse F. McDonald, as President of the Senate, and presiding officer of the joint convention of the Fifteenth General Assembly: Sir: I have to inform you that on the 20 day of March, 1905, one James M. Herbert and Daniel Sullivan offered and promised to pay the unpaid sum of \$1000 to vote for the Hon. Alva Adams for Governor in the contest now pending before this joint convention. Of this sum, \$500 was paid to Herbert and \$500 to Sullivan. I have given to George Stidger, District Attorney for the City and County of Denver, for his official use, I have also given to him such information as he requires in his official capacity. I also desire to lay the matter before the people of the state, and the Senate and the joint convention, as it affects the question now pending before the convention. R. W. MORGAN.

COMMISSION BILL IS VETOED. Governor's Principal Objection That Members Are Not Objective.

HELENA, Mont., March 6.—Governor Toole today deposited with the Secretary of State the railway commission bill without his approval. The Governor objects to the bill because it names the commissioners, holding that power is lodged with the executive because it extends the terms of the commissioners beyond two general elections, holding that should be elected at the first opportunity, because it does not provide for the summary removal of a commissioner by the Governor in case of abuse of trust, and because there is no limit set to the indebtedness the commission may create. The Governor also returned without his approval the bill designed to prevent the fusion of political parties.

Stevenson Slated for Federal Job.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—The name of George Stevenson, of Tacoma, is connected in a reasonably authentic way with the clerkship of the new Federal Judicial District in Eastern Washington. Stevenson is a confidential agent of the O. R. & N. Co., and was one of the managers of the Sweeney Senatorial campaign. It is said his appointment was part of the Piles-Sweeney agreement.

Death Penalty Is Sustained.

DENVER, March 6.—The Supreme Court today denied a rehearing in the case of Newton Anderson, Fred Arnold and Charles O. Peters, condemned to death for the murder of Mrs. Amanda Youngblood, reaffirming the constitutionality of the capital punishment law.

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WYNDHAM GIVES UP

Irish Secretary Resigns Amid General Joy.

FORCED OUT BY UNIONISTS

Devolution Controversy Destroyed His Usefulness and Existence of Government Endangered by Unionist Defection.

LONDON, March 6.—Premier Balfour announced in the House of Commons today that Mr. Wyndham, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, has resigned. The Premier said he had been unable any longer to withstand the appeals of Mr. Wyndham to be allowed to resign. Mr. Wyndham did not believe that he would be able at the present time to support all the labor and anxieties of his great office, but his principal reason for resigning was the fact that the recent controversy inside and outside the House had greatly impaired, if not altogether destroyed, the value of the work he could perform as Chief Secretary of Ireland.

STRIKE IN CAPITAL RENEWED

Iron Works May Shut Down if Men Do Not Cease Troubling.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 7 (3:40 A. M.).—The strike was resumed this morning at the Putloff, Oubkoff and several other works, and is now extensive, though not general. At the Oubkoff works, which are engaged on naval contracts, the management has warned the men of its intention to close the works if they struck.

STRIKERS FIGHT IN IRON WORKS

Incensed With Government for Arrest of Their Leaders.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 7.—The strike fever is spreading. It is estimated that in the capital 90,000 workmen are on strike.

WILL STOP FORTIFYING WEI HAI WAI.

LONDON, March 6.—The question of the destiny of Wei Hai Wei came up in Parliament tonight. Arthur Hamilton Lee, civil Lord of the Admiralty, on behalf of the government, announced that there had been no change in policy, but that in view of the uncertainty in Far Eastern affairs the admiralty had decided to arrest expenditures there until Great Britain's position could be more clearly seen.

BROKEN UP BY THE COSSACKS

Meeting of Rebels at Batoum Ends in Broken Bones.

BATOUM, CAUCASIA, March 6.—Cossacks today broke up another meeting at which speeches were delivered, chased the audience into the courts of houses and killed or wounded seven men and one woman.

General Strike at Vienna.

VIENNA, March 6.—A general strike has been inaugurated here. No newspapers will appear tomorrow. All shops have

Martial Law Keeps Peace.

BAKU, March 6.—Since martial law was declared here, order has been restored, but ordinary life and business remains at a standstill. The streets are patrolled by troops.

No Quorum in Missouri Caucus.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 6.—No result was accomplished in the joint ballot today for United States Senator, the vote being: Niedringhaus, 87; Cochrill, 82; Kerens, 15; McKinley, 5; Kirkham, 1. The Republicans called a joint caucus tonight to ballot again for a possible candidate to break the deadlock, but did not ballot for lack of a quorum.

Comerford Makes Good His Charges.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 6.—According to State's Attorney Hatch, new evidence has been presented to him along the line of charges of graft and bribery in the Legislature, which probably will result tomorrow in several indictments against members of the Legislature and certain other citizens. Frank D. Comerford made the charges.

Japanese Fishermen Suspected.

MANILA, March 6.—The customs officials have arrested three Japanese fishermen in connection with the alleged attempt to sink the British steamer Carlisle, now at anchor in this port. A galleon which has been placed on board the Carlisle. The Japanese Consul here is assisting in the effort now being made to clear up the mystery which surrounds the affair.

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