

STATE TAX BOARD TAKES TESTIMONY

Wide Variation in Basis of Assessment in Various Oregon Counties.

MULTNOMAH HAS BURDEN

Difficult Job Before New Board. County Assessors Are Influenced in Work by Local Interests. Valuations Badly Tangled.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Equalization of county tax valuations for collection of state taxes this year was begun today under the amended tax law, by the Governor, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer sitting as the Equalization Board and taking testimony from assessors from all the counties except Curry, summoned for the purpose at state expense.

Wide disparity of assessments was shown in their percentages of cash valuations. It will be impossible for the board to follow their testimony completely in reaching a fairly equalized assessment. As a matter of fact, the testimony of the assessors, although under oath, was so tinged by local interest in many cases that the board can use it only for approximating a just equalization. Otherwise Multnomah County would bear more than one-third of the state tax burden. The best that the board can do is to fix an arbitrary equalization.

Valuations Last Year.

Table showing valuations for various counties including Baker, Clatsop, Clatskanie, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Douglas, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, etc.

Five counties assessed land at 75 per cent; one at 70; one at 65; one at 60; one at 50; one at 45; one at 33-1-3 and one at 25.

MEASURE ALSO FAVORED PROVIDING KITCHEN IN COUNTY JAIL—CORONER'S PAY RAISED.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Feb. 9.—(Special).—Without a dissenting vote the Multnomah County delegation today decided to report favorably on Representative Brady's bill fixing the price to be charged for gas in Portland at 80 cents per 1000 cubic feet.

BOARD OF CONTROL IS CREATED

Oregon Soldiers' Home at Roseburg Is Placed in Hands of G. A. R. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Feb. 9.—(Special).—In the face of a report from a special visiting committee that the Oregon Soldiers' Home at Roseburg was being managed to the satisfaction of the inmates, the House this afternoon by a vote of 43 to 11, two absent, passed Campbell's bill making that institution out of the hands of the Governor and vesting it in a Board of Control, consisting of three members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The bill provides for the appointment of the members of the board by the Legislature. The members of the first board are: B. F. Pike, U. A. Williams and G. E. Hills.

WE SELL VINOL

on the positive guarantee that if it does not give satisfaction we will return the entire amount of money paid up for it. We ask all those who are run-down, nervous, debilitated, aged or weak, and every person suffering from stubborn colds, hanging-on coughs, bronchitis or incipient consumption to try Vinol with this understanding.

THREE DIE ON BURNING BOAT

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 9.—The ferry steamer running between Willoughby street and Old Point Comfort was burned at last pier early today. Three of her crew were burned to death in their bunk.

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—(Special).—Faced in the lobby today were the following: Dan J. Malarkey, working for increase of Supreme Judges. W. H. MacMahon, for Senator Smith's bill authorizing private citizens to sue for illegal fees collected by state officials.

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—(Special).—Bills were passed by the Senate today as follows: H. B. 154, Altman—Providing for creation of union high school districts. H. B. 155, McCue—Permitting banks to advance face value on warehouse receipts and bills of lading.

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Advertisement for 'Sale of Chiffoniers' featuring various designs and prices, including a large chiffonier for \$25.75 and a colonial design for \$31.75.

Advertisement for 'WALL PAPERS and Interior Decorations Sixth Floor' by TULL & GIBBS, showing new spring patterns and complete housefurnishers.

Advertisement for 'KAY'S BILL PASSES' giving taxpayers right to sue public officials, and 'M'MAHAN FATHERS SCHEME' wanting chance to sue state officials.

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Advertisement for 'FOR MEN and WOMEN Crawford Shoe Store' with 'Crawfords' shoes for \$3.45 at 270 WASHINGTON STREET.

Advertisement for 'Our February Clean-Up' featuring Crawford Shoes for women at sharply reduced prices.

Advertisement for 'VINOL' hand soap, highlighting its effectiveness for cleanliness and health, available for \$2.65.

