

ASSESSMENT IS RAISED O. R. & N.

Washington Tax Board Boosts Values in That State to \$27,000,000.

NORTH BANK TAX LIGHT

Valuation Placed at \$15,000,000, While Records Show \$50,000,000 Has Been Advanced for Line's Construction.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)

A year ago the State Tax Commission for the first time under a new law fixed the assessment of railroad operating property in Washington and was the subject of considerable criticism when it announced that the full value of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad, March 1, 1908, was in its opinion but \$15,000,000. Today the board announced the valuation of this road under data of March 1, 1909.

Pay Taxes on \$6,000,000.

This will mean the road will be taxed probably on about \$6,000,000, as the average valuation of assessments in the state was about 43 per cent of actual value. When asked today why the assessment was placed at so low a figure in face of sworn reports of the moneys actually advanced, President J. E. Frost, of the Tax Commission, said:

"Our assessment only covers the line from Pasco west and the heavy construction of the road east of Pasco." Which same statement would go to show that all the newspaper reports of the expensive work done by the road along the north bank of the Columbia have been in error.

The commission announced today its findings on all railroads, both steam and electric, and three telegraph companies. The State Railroad Commission spent many months and had the best experts they could hire to make personal and careful examination of the O. R. & N. and decided last year the value of that road in Washington was about \$15,000,000. The Tax Commission announces that it refuses to accept those figures, that it thinks the O. R. & N. should pay on as high a rate as the Northern Pacific mountain line and raises the assessment to \$27,000,000.

Other complaints likely. These are practically the only increases made over last year's figures. On steam roads there are instances of a few hundred thousand increase, not some which rank with the two cases cited.

On electric road assessments, the board has also done something which will arouse a lot of protest. Despite the many miles of new track and other improvements the Seattle Electric Company has made in the past assessment year, its valuations are but slightly increased over 1908, while the two Spokane companies, the Washington Water Power Company and the Spokane & Inland, Graves' line, have had their assessment about doubled.

Railroad representatives are slated for a hearing before the State Board of Equalization here Thursday, and an interesting session is expected.

JAPAN JOYS IN VICTORY

Regards Treaty With China as Great Diplomatic Success.

TOKYO, Sept. 8.—The text of the agreement between Japan and China on the railroad question in Manchuria and the other boundary dispute, which was signed at Peking on September 4, was published here today. Great satisfaction with the agreement is expressed by the Japanese papers, and the opposition press does not hesitate to declare it a diplomatic success.

Editorial comment concludes with the hope that the sincerity of Japan in her expressed desire for the maintenance of friendly relations with the Chinese government will be fully demonstrated to the world by the publication of the terms of the agreement.

The negotiations between Japan and China over Japan's policy in parts of Manchuria extended over a period of many months and for a time caused much feeling and considerable friction between the two countries.

Negotiations conducted by Baron Ito on behalf of Japan with the board of foreign affairs at Peking were suspended at one time, but were renewed when China adopted a more conciliatory policy.

PINCHOT HAS TO GO

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be expected for some time. He intimated that there would be no statement from here as to any feature of the controversy. It had been supposed that a settlement might be announced before the President left for the West next week, but Mr. Taft dispelled this idea today by saying that he did not know when he would be in a position either to talk or to act.

Mr. Ballinger said that he hoped to be in Washington Thursday, leaving the impression that he would see the President again tomorrow.

STUDYING UP COAL CASES

Special Agents to Help at Cunningham Hearing.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 7.—Special Agent Sheridan, of the Land Office, who has been assigned to conduct the Government's case at the hearing on the Cunningham Alaska coal land entries, to begin at Seattle October 15, is now in Washington familiarizing himself with such records in the case as are now on file in the General Land Office. Upon completion of this investigation he will return to Seattle in time to begin the hearings at the time set.

tive in establishing the character of land embraced in the 23 Cunningham entries.

GREAT SECRECY AT BEVERLY

Taft Refuses to Tell Result of Talk With Ballinger.

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Interest in the errand that brings Secretary of the Interior Ballinger to the Summer capital was intensified today by the greater secrecy with which his conference with President Taft was held. The Secretary remained in Boston throughout the day, in company with Mr. Lawson, Assistant Attorney-General for the Interior Department, awaiting an opportunity to renew his deliberations with the President. The conference was postponed tonight and lasted until a late hour.

Efforts to obtain some statement from the President, put forth on the ground of the country's great interest in the controversy that has arisen over conservation policies, were unavailing.

CALL IN WICKERSHAM'S HELP

Taft Knows Attorney-General Rendered Decision on Glavis.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Before President Taft renders a decision in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy over the Cunningham coal

CINCINNATI TRYING OUT PRIMARY LAW

Taft's Brother-in-Law Defeated for Nomination as Vice-Mayor.

LIGHT VOTING IS RECORDED

Politicians of Both Parties Think New Statute Keeps Voters Away From Polls—Forced to Tell Their Party Affiliations.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The first primary under the new primary law of Ohio was held in Cincinnati to-



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DEATH ERASES FINE

Law's Collectors Unable to Assess Estate.

MITCHELL CASE DECIDED

Judge Morrow Writes Decision Affirming Circuit Court of Oregon Wiping Out Judgment Against Administrator of Estate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—(Special.)—It was decided in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today that as a man escapes a fine by death, his estate also escapes the grasp of the law's collectors.

As the sentence of imprisonment for one year was nullified by the death of Senator John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, the United States Attorney sought to satisfy the demands of justice by collecting from the estate the \$1000 fine which accompanied the sentence of imprisonment.

David M. Dunne, administrator of Mitchell's estate, thought differently, and secured an order from the Circuit Court of Oregon wiping the judgment from the court's records.

The United States District of Oregon considered this an error, and brought it before Judges Gilbert, Ross and Morrow, arguing that as it had been a criminal action, and as the money would have been paid out of Mitchell's estate had he lived, it was good logic to insist on its collection after his death.

In the opinion, written by Judge Morrow, the judgment of the Circuit Court was affirmed.

GIFTED BLIND GIRL SINGS

Christine La Barraque at Orpheum, Lawyer as Well as Actress.

An interesting feature of this week's Orpheum bill is the singing of Miss Christine La Barraque, who is admitted to be one of the most gifted blind girls in the world.

She possesses a mezzo-soprano voice of exceptional power and sweetness and has an extensive repertoire of Spanish, French, Italian and English songs.

Miss La Barraque is a native of France and came to the United States when a child. In spite of her blindness she was able to take the regular academic course at the University of California and was graduated with the degree of Ph. B.

She then entered the Hastings Law School, the only woman with a class of 75 men. After completing the law course she went to Boston to complete her musical education at the William L. Whitney School of Music.

Her masters were Mr. Whitney, Signor Vanucini and Maestro Panzani.

While pursuing her vocal studies Miss La Barraque was keenly interested in the welfare of the adult blind, appearing several times in their behalf before Legislatures and singing at many mass meetings to promote the interests of the blind.

STATE SCHOOLS TO REOPEN

Institutes for Deaf and Blind Begin Year's Work Today.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The State School for the Deaf, of which Thomas F. Clarke is superintendent, and the State School for the Blind, of which George H. Mullin is superintendent, open for the Fall term tomorrow.

Several changes have been made in the faculty of the School for the Blind. Miss Davis, of Arkansas, and Miss Owens and Miss Vande Voer, of Kentucky, are the new teachers in the literary department, and Miss Fields takes Miss Wallace's place as sewing teacher.

At the School for the Blind, Mrs. Mullin, who taught music last year, has become matron and Miss Ernestine Bonestel will be the music teacher.

AMERICAN HEIRESS MADE PRINCESS



MISS ANITA STEWART, BETHROTHED BRIDE OF PRINCE MIGUEL OF PORTUGAL.

VIENNA, Sept. 7.—The Emperor has created Miss Anita Stewart a Princess in her own name, thus removing any difficulty of etiquette which might have been raised at the exclusive Austrian court following her marriage. Prince Miguel has just been here to visit the Emperor and to thank him for the honor conferred on his bride-to-be. He now has returned to Scotland with nearly 40 guests.

CLAIMS IN ALASKA, IT IS BELIEVED HE MAY ASK FOR THE AID OF GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, IN TRAVELING THE LEGAL THREADS INVOLVED.

This understanding of the situation is based on the fact that last June the Attorney-General rendered a decision sustaining L. R. Glavis, field agent of the General Land Office, whose charges lie at the bottom of the controversy.

Mr. Wickersham's familiarity with the Cunningham cases and his acquaintance with persons interested and issues involved lead to the belief that the President may ask for his assistance.

LOST BOYS ARE FOUND

SEASIDE'S AGITATION COMES TO NAUGHT.

Portland Lads Return Just as Searching Parties Are Started for Tillamook Head.

SEASIDE, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—With all Seaside, both the Summer colony and the all-the-year residents, agitated over the disappearance of two boys and about to start searching parties for them, the two youngsters were finally located after a week's absence from their camp and the perpetrators of the boyish prank are now back here.

Roy Hatfield and Jack Adams, both of Portland, and each about 15 years old, came to Seaside August 29 and camped in Hermosa Park. On the Tuesday following they disappeared, and it was learned they had told Jeff Neault, employed in Dyess's store, they intended to go around the point at Tillamook Head.

Always dangerous, this passage is now practically impassable owing to the high tides.

After a few days' absence E. E. De Long, of Portland, who, with his wife and Miss T. M. McNab, of Salem, occupies tent next that of the boys, became worried. Al Cooke, employed by the Powers Furniture Company, of Portland, and a friend of the boys, also tried to locate them.

Mr. Cooke took up the matter with Fred Lindsey, Marshal of West Seaside, and an investigation was made of the camp. Everything was found as the boys had left it, and evidently no one had been there for several days.

Telephone inquiries developed that they had not been seen at Elk Creek, a few miles below Seaside, and the residents, now thoroughly alarmed, decided on a search of the head, under the direction of Marshal Lindsey, under the impression the boys had become lost. As a party was being organized, however, word came from Elk Creek that the youths had been found and were on their way back to Seaside.

They had been at Haystack Rock, making their way over the head with great difficulty.

PORTO RICO GOVERNOR QUILTS

SAN JUAN, P. R., Sept. 7.—Regis H. Post, Governor of Porto Rico, announced today that he had sent his resignation to President Taft. It is reported that the President has selected Governor Post's successor.

FREE TO MEN.

Dr. Taylor's \$10,000 museum, now open, admission free. 234 1/2 Morrison st., cor. 2d.

FIRE WARDEN FOR THAT DISTRICT

His appointment was made after the fires had burned through that section. Mr. Snashall, however, said he would make an investigation of the cause of the recent fires there and take steps to warn people clearing land to be careful of burning slashings. As far as he has ascertained, Mr. Snashall says that little damage, outside of the burning of old wood, resulted in the recent fires.

BATTERED IN RUNAWAY.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—A. J. Stoinaker, of Orchard, suffered two fractured ribs and Thomas McNeill, of Ellsworth, a dislocated shoulder as the result of a runaway which occurred last night as they were returning from a fishing trip on the Little Washougal River. They were driving down along the north bank of the Columbia, about eight miles above Vancouver, when the team became frightened at a passing train.

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DOUBLE.

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—High school registration in the Kelso public schools reached 75 today, which is 50 per cent increase over last year's enrollment.

JURY HARD TO SELECT

OPINIONS FORMED IN ROBBINS MURDER CASE.

Forty Veniremen Examined at Hood River, and Judge Calls for Another Panel.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—After a sitting of the court which lasted from 9 o'clock this morning until 9 o'clock tonight, during which time over 40 jurors were examined, Judge Bradshaw, before whom George Robbins is being tried for the murder of Mrs. Estaline Cantoe, adjourned the session until tomorrow.

As yet none of the jurors has been selected, and another panel was drawn tonight to be summoned tomorrow. During the many hours that jurors were being examined, Robbins, who was brought here from The Dalles this morning, sat unmoved and impassive. The difficulty in

selecting jurors is due to the fact that most of those examined have formed an opinion in regard to the case, many of whom claimed that they would not be shaken by the sworn testimony. It is now thought that the case may not come to trial before Thursday.

RAILROADS MAY REFUND

\$1,000,000 Involved in Claims for Overcharge in Tariffs.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—An order involving approximately \$1,000,000 in reparation was issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. It includes claims in the Central Yellow Pine Association territory—Louisiana, Mississippi and Western Alabama—and involves refunding of amounts paid by shippers of lumber from the territory to points in other states in which an overcharge of 2 cents a 100 pounds was collected by various railroads.

Mrs. E. Klesendahl, with her son and daughter, Earl and Rose, have returned from a pleasant outing at "The Deltwood," Long Beach, Wash.

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