

UNPAID TAXES ON HIS TAX IDEA

Idaho Governor Says He Will Compel Assessors to Return Full Values.

BOARD DESERTS STANDARD

Changes in Direct Primary Law Are Viewed as Improvement by Many—Fort Hall Indians to Receive Allotments.

BY C. E. ARNETT. BOISE, Idaho, May 7.—(Special.)—Governor Hawley, the only Democratic officer in Idaho's state administration, finds himself the target of a cross-fire from all over the state, owing to his attitude on the full cash valuation problem he has inaugurated.

It was early in his administration and just after the adjournment of the Legislature that Governor Hawley called together the members of the State Equalization Board and read to them the law of the state covering the duties of County Assessors. This law makes it obligatory on these servants of the people to return to the Commissioners of the various counties a full cash valuation on all property within their respective counties.

The State Equalization Board consists of the Governor, who is chairman; the Secretary of State, Attorney-General, Auditor, Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction. Two years ago the State Supreme Court had given a decision in a tax case on appeal from Washington County, which it emphasized the obligation on County Assessors to assess all property at its full cash value.

Strict Enforcement Expected. The reading of this law and this State Supreme Court decision served to bring all members of the State Equalization Board into line. The Governor's suggestion to each County Assessor, telling him that the executive branch of the state government would expect and require the return of a full cash valuation on his part to the end that all the state's property might be listed at its worth and thereby the law on the subject be respected.

This letter had been issued only a few weeks when the State Auditor repudiated his stand on the question and served notice on the Governor and the Attorney-General on a trip to Washington, the Secretary of State and the Treasurer, as well, reversed their prior attitude and deserted Governor Hawley's full cash valuation idea.

Immediately on the initial issuance of the board's orders to Assessors, a roar of protest went up from various parts of the state, directed chiefly against the Governor, who fathered the movement. He has visited the principal counties of Idaho the past week, several of these being in Northern Idaho, and from my measure of the situation I believe there are only two classes of people who are responsible for the origination and the continuance of opposition to the Assessors performing this function as provided by law. The first of these are the intensely partisan newspapers, eager in the extreme to discredit any proposed reform emanating from Governor Hawley. The second of these are property owners who have been escaping their just proportion of taxes. Of this latter class there are many.

Favoritism Is Result. When a County Assessor begins to assess under the full cash valuation of property contrary to the terms of the Idaho law, the temptation becomes the bane of such a system and favoritism results. Whereas property in some counties of Idaho has hitherto been assessed at a quarter its real value, many of those today most strenuously opposing the plan to require a full cash valuation of property have been paying on a valuation equal to a 15th to a 20th of the actual worth of their property.

Followed by the political claim, the opponents have made this situation an issue. This being so, interest of unusual proportions centers in the department of Governor Hawley. The politicians of the state are vying with each other to see which one can get his case in before the people first. With the cunning and the wisdom as well, that have served to make him a successful lawyer, Governor Hawley sits quietly by listening to the evidence, analyzing it, sizing up the situation in his own way and smiling in quietude as to how the Assessors are going to come up to the fall to obey the law of assessment, to which their attention has been duly directed by the executive branch of the state government. Hawley has said he intends to enforce this law, and as a prosecutor of law-breakers he is by no means an amateur.

Primary Law Changed. The 11th session of the Legislature some radical changes in the direct primary law. It is, in the main, to be congratulated on the changes. They have eliminated entirely the second choice provision, fixing 40 per cent as a prerequisite to the nomination of the nominee of his party. Instead of August being the time for the direct primary election, a month earlier has been designated. Other than waiting for the state central committee to meet after the primary election and binding the candidates to a platform upon which they must run or resign, a party platform convention is held on the last Tuesday in June. This convention is to consist of three times as many delegates from each county as that county is entitled to members in the lower house of the Idaho Legislature, based on the 1911 relative apportionment of seats. To aggregate this will make a convention of 10 members. This gives candidates for office 30 days in which to study the state platform and explain to the voters their inclination and ability to carry out its terms. The suspicious man in politics will look with great interest on the result of this June convention to see if any attempt is made to agree on a state ticket for the primaries to be held a month later.

Indians Receiving Allotments. Special Allotting Agent Sams has been set to work all winter with engineers surveying the Fort Hall Indian reservation into irrigated and grazing units, and he is now allotting these at the rate of about 70 daily. He experiences no sort of trouble with the "reds," who, for the most part, are of the Shoshone and Bannock tribes. The Government has instructed Agent Sams to plant iron posts on those corners of the Indian allotments contiguous to white men's land, that all trouble as to lines may be averted. The Fort Hall reservation surrounds the City of Pocatello.

CHECKS LEAD TO ROSEBURG'S JAIL

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Numerous Reports of Worthless Deposits Are Made by Bankers Following Capture in the Oregon Town.



ROSEBURG, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Accused of having passed worthless checks aggregating \$10,000 on banks in various parts of the United States, Delbert P. Hankins of Chicago, was arrested at Oakland, Douglas County, last night by a Deputy Sheriff. The arrest followed his attempt to pass a check for \$15 upon the private bank conducted by Young & Co., of Oakland. The check responsible for his capture was drawn on the Commercial Bank of Snohomish, Wash., and bore the signature of "Frank Howard," under which name Hankins was known in Oakland.

Hankins arrived in Oakland about two weeks ago and shortly after engaged in the real estate business. Saturday he tendered his business partner, Percy J. Clark, the check on the Snohomish Bank, and asked that he present it at the Oakland bank. Clark presented the check for payment as requested, but was told to return for the money later. Meanwhile a telegram was sent to the Snohomish bank and within an hour two replies were received, one from the bank and another from the Pinkerton Detective Agency. In each instance the telegram branded the check as worthless and demanded Hankins' arrest.

Hankins was brought to Roseburg, where he is in jail awaiting instructions from the Pinkertons. In a suitcase, which he discarded previous to his arrest, were found bankbooks of the National Bank of Cheney, Wash.; the National Bank of Stanfield, Or.; and the Commercial Bank of Snohomish, Wash. In each of these books are credits of deposits ranging from \$5000 to \$7500. Hankins is said to be wanted at Cheney, Wash., for a less check on the National Bank in the sum of \$5000. He is also wanted, it is alleged, on charges of forgery at Snohomish and Stanfield, Wash.; Hawlin, Wyo., and Chicago.

At Cheney he operated under the name of Robert E. Holt, it is said. Bank books, however, in his possession show that he has many aliases. Questioned today, Hankins would neither deny nor admit his guilt.

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TABLET TO BE LAID

Discovery of Grays Harbor Will Be Commemorated. CEREMONIES ARE PUBLIC

Many Prominent Citizens and Officials of Washington Will Attend in Honor of Captain and Historic Event.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—Ceremonies in connection with the placing of a bronze tablet on a granite boulder at North Point, Grays Harbor, in honor of Captain Robert Gray, who discovered this harbor, are to be carried out tomorrow, near the lone spruce tree which Captain Gray used as a point to steer by in entering this harbor May 7, 1792.

The programme has been completed by the members of Robert Gray Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and will be witnessed by prominent persons of Chehalis County and of the state. The ceremonies will be open to the public, though only those who have been specially invited will be permitted on the tug Traveler, which has been chartered to take the Daughters of the Revolution and their friends to the scene. The chapter found it would be impossible to provide transportation for everybody.

Invitations Sent Many Citizens. Those included in the invitations are Judges Irwin and Sheeks, of Montesano, County Prosecuting Attorney William E. Campbell, Rev. Charles McDermott, and Mrs. McDermott; members of the press, judges of the Superior Courts of other counties, members of the State Historical Society of Oregon and Washington, and officers of chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in other cities of the state. The members of Robert Gray Chapter will be accompanied by their husbands and other members of their families.

Himes Expresses Satisfaction. There is state-wide interest in the act of the Robert Gray Chapter in the placing of the tablet. In a letter to the chapter, George H. Himes, secretary and curator of the Oregon Historical Society, who is expected to attend, said: "I notice with satisfaction that a memorial tablet to Captain Gray is to be unveiled."

Among the data in the log of Captain Gray, made May 7, 1792, the day on which he discovered the harbor, Mr. Himes also sent copies of letters to Captain Gray from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Strawberry Blossoms Heavy. HOOD RIVER, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—City Recorder Langille says that the light blossom that is reported to prevail over the Northwest has not affected his strawberry patch. While in his garden last week he noticed one of his berry plants that seemed a mass of white blossoms. To satisfy his curiosity he counted them, finding that the blossoms and buds altogether numbered 443.

New Charter Demanded. THE DALLES, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Members of the City Council and

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BIG FRUIT TRACT SOLD

Portland Realty Company Buys Eight Hundred-Acre Tract.

SHERIDAN, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Papers were drawn up here for the selling of a large tract of 800 acres of the Buford Stone tract, southwest of here, were bought by Brong & Steele, a Portland realty firm. The consideration was \$24,000 and the deal was assailed by Sheridan real estate firms. The Portland purchasers will plant their new 800-acre tract and subdivide it for small tracts.

This big tract includes some of the finest fruit land in the valley. Mr. Brong, of the Brong & Steele Company, stated yesterday that the Sheridan country had, in his estimation, the greatest future of any section in Oregon and that Sheridan would be the most talked-of in small tracts in the Northwest within the next few years. This is the third big subdivision proposition launched within the past three weeks, and all the new tracts are filling up rapidly with Eastern buyers.

MAIL CARRIER IS MISSING Search Falls to Reveal Fate of North Bend-Gardner Man.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Tom Postley, the mail carrier, between North Bend and Gardner, has dropped out of sight and his whereabouts is being sought by the post office.

Postley was employed by T. W. Rennie, who has the contract for carrying the mail which is taken by the North Bend part of the distance and the rest of the way the carrier travels over a trail through the timber. Postley was in North Bend Sunday afternoon and went to the Rennie home and drew his pay and later took gasoline to the boat and made preparations for his regular trip. He was seen at his home Sunday night, but nothing further has been heard of him.

Mr. Rennie has searched thoroughly and believes that the carrier may have fallen into the bay and been drowned.

VALLEY SHIPS "GRASS"

Three Carloads Already Sent Out and Many More to Follow.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—Carload lots of asparagus are being shipped from here for the first time in the history of the Garden City, according to local shippers. Three cars, of 1028 boxes each, have been sent out within the past few days. Another car will be shipped Monday.

Tull & Gibbs, Inc. Our Closing-Out Sale--An Event Unparalleled in Value-Giving and Magnitude. Shows Remarkable Reductions in This Sale. The Drapery, Upholstery and Bedding Departments Have Been Moved Down to the Second Floor for the Convenience of Our Customers and to Relieve the Congestion of Our Sixth Floor.

Enameled Bedroom Furniture Shows Remarkable Reductions in This Sale. The designs are on the plain Colonial lines and the finish white and gray enamel. Up-to-date pieces for the bedroom. Here are some of the prices: \$19.50 Dressing Table for \$9.85, \$30.00 Dresser for \$14.85, \$28.00 Chiffonier for \$13.85, \$22.00 Bed for \$13.25, \$26.00 Chiffonier for \$13.75, \$30.00 Princess Dresser for \$14.85, \$21.00 Bed for \$12.75.

New Stock of Bamboo Porch Shades To Be Closed Out on Time. In Colored Shades—3 Sizes. 6x8 ft. Shades at \$1.15, 8x8 ft. Shades at \$1.35, 10x8 ft. Shades at \$1.60. In Plain Shades—3 Sizes. 6x8 ft. Shades at \$1.00, 10x8 ft. Shades at \$1.35. Main Floor—East Section.

Noteworthy Reductions in Charming New Waists. Lingerie Waists, Tailored Linen Waists, Marquise Waists, Net Waists and Lace Waists, Silk and Chiffon Waists. Entire stock at prices that mean quick clearance.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—The judges of the declamation contest held Friday night by the 13 contestants from three states, announced the medals to winners as follows: Miss Louise Palmer of North Yakima, won first place; Miss Norine Hershey, of the local high school, second place; Harold Leatherman, of Colfax, fourth. The announcement was received with cheers by all present.

FRUIT HARVESTED IN MAY Sheridan Woman Has Tree Which Fostered Apples All Winter.

SHERIDAN, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah Evans picked apples yesterday from a tree in her family orchard which had remained on the tree all through the winter. The phenomenal part of this unusual practice is that the fruit was sound and hard when picked and in nearly perfect condition.

RAILROAD WELL INEXHAUSTIBLE. METOLIS, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The Oregon Trunk Railway pump has been in steady operation for the past 48 hours, water being pumped at the rate of 450 gallons an hour, without lowering the water in the well. A train-

Make the Liver Do its Duty. Nine times in ten when the liver is right the stomach and bowels are right. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. A gentle but firmly compelling liver to do its duty. Cures Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache, and Distress after Eating. Small Pill, Small Dose, Small Price. Genuine must bear Signature.

Summer Excursions to the East. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. Train leaves Portland Union Depot at 11 P. M. Returning leaves Roseburg Thursday, May 11, at 11 P. M. Reservations at City Ticket Office, 3d and Washington streets, or through C. C. Chapman, Manager Promotion Committee, Commercial Club.