SINGLE TAX HINGES ON SEMI-COLONS

Attorney-General Finds New Wrinkle in Clackamas County Case.

PUNCTUATION MARKS VITAL Her screams brought her sister, who burned her hands badly in tearing the clothes from the child and extinguish-

Use in Amendment to Constitution Makes One Sentence of Law and Clearly Makes Proposed Legislation Illegal, Is Stand.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—
That the petitions for single tax in Clackamas County, if allowed to be filed and voted on, would have the effect of placing local and special laws on the same plane as constitutional amendments, and that the county tax amendment passed by the people at the last general election had in its scope, meaning and intent contemplated only general tax laws and not local and spegeneral tax laws and not local and spe clai tax laws to be enacted by the respective counties, is a new angle which Attorney-General Crawford has discovered to that amendment. He will prepare a supplemental brief to the one prepared by his assistants, which he believes will show beyond a shadow of doubt the futility of the plan promoted by W. S. U'Ren and the single taxers.

The supplemental brisf will be based solely on the resding of the amend-ment itself, owing to the paucity of authorities as to the principal point

The amendment the Attorney-General holds, is within itself all one sentence and consequently the entire tener of it depends on the wording to make the sentence complete.

Punctuation Is Cited.

"No bill regulating taxation or ex-emption throughout the state shall be-come a law until approved by the peocome a law until approved by the people of the state at a regular general election; none of the restrictions of the constitution shall apply to measures approved by the people declaring what shall be subject to taxation or exemption and how it shall be taxed or exempted whether proposed by the Legislative Assembly or by initiative petition"; reads the first part of the amendment, up to the second semicolon, the uses of semicolons throughout being in the opinion of the Attorney-General, sufficient evidence of the intent to make only one sentence in the amendment.

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Under this wording, he declares, the general laws relative to taxation are placed on the same plane as constitutional amendments and if an attempt made now to plans local and special laws governing taxation in the respective counties, proved successful, constitutional provisions governing those same counties could be passed as well.

stitutional provisions governing those same counties could be passed as well, or each county could set up constitutional provisions of its own.

"But the people of the several counties are hereby empowered and authorized to regulate taxations and exemptions within their several counties, subject to any general law hereinafter enacted," ends the amendment, from the second semicolon.

LEBANON AFTER SETTLERS

Whole Population Turns Out to Big Get-Together Meeting.

LEBANON, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)— So many Lebanon folk turned out last night for the big get-together meeting that the Opera-house would not hold all who desired to hear the speakers who proised to hear the speakers who proised the progress of the Santiam country and Lebanon as its chief town. The principal speakers were C. C. Chapman, of Fortland, manager of the Portland Commercial Club: C. H. Stewart, manager of the Albany Commercial Club: H. E. Lounsbury and Mr. Mills of the Southern Pacific Mr. Par-Mills, of the Southern Pacific; Mr. For-est, of the Forest Hill Colonization Company, and P. D. Gilbert, a candi-

date for Mayor of Albany.

All praised the wonderful natural resources of this section and spoke of the necessity of concerted action to bring homeseekers to the fertile lands of the big territory of which Lebanon is the

HORSES EAT UP DEBT CASH

Attached for \$800, Livery Bill Is \$500; Attachment Nullified.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 29,-(Special.)—After the horses attached by the First National Bank of Kennewick, Wash, in the case against Joshua and Julia Swindler, have been held for nine months and eaten more than \$500 worth of livery feed, Judge Henry L. Benson, in the Circuit Court, has dissolved the attachment. He holds that the chattel mortgage issued in the State of Washington, whence the ani-mals were removed to Oregon, is good in this state, and that the attachment

unnecessary to create a lien.
As five of the horses were burned in a livery stable after attachment, the Swindlers will probably sue the bank for damages. The livery bill and counsel fees already amount to as much as the \$800 claim which the bank is striving to enforce.

TWO ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Old Indian Woman and Child Victims of Different Blazes.

While Mrs. Mary Pete, an aged Indian woman, who lived a short distance south of Olequa, was washing last Thursday, her skirts caught fire. She was alone at the time, but managed to tear her clothes off and pour a bucket of water over herself, but her burns, complicated by a weak heart and the infirmities of age, were too much for her and she died a few hours later. While her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carlson, were away from the house on their farm a short distance west of this city, Saturday, little Helen Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Anna Johnson, received injuries from burning which caused her death 12 hours later. The little one was ironing some doll clothes with her toy iron, and in

doll clothes with her toy iron, and in going to the stove to heat the iron her clothes were drawn in by the draft of the open stove door and took free



State Position to Run for Gov-ernor of Washington.

ing the flames. Dr. Wolf, of Castle Rock, was called and did everything he could, but she died next morning.

GOVERNMENT HITS AT LABOR EMPLOYMENT METHODS.

Oregon Short Line Officials to Be Requested to Tell of Dealings in Pocatello, Idaho, Shops.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Nov. 19.—(Special)
—After a searching investigation exGovernor McConneil, of Idaho, Deputy
United States Commissioner of Commerce and Labor for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, who has secured scores of affidavits and much
other evidence of gross violation of
the law governing employment of labor
by the Oregon Short Line Railroad
Company at Pocatello, Idaho, has issued a letter directed to Judge Alfred
Budge, of the District Court of Bannock County, demanding that he call
a grand jury to probe the conduct of
individuals and officials connected
with the railroad system, who have to MOSCOW, Idaho, Nov. 29 .- (Special.)

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Lecat Option Example.

"Subject" as here used, the Attorney-General interprets to mean "under" or "pursuant to" and, with this interpretation in mind he bolds that no special or local laws governing taxation in counties can be passed until a general law is passed which will permit taxations and exemptions in counties to be "subject to," "under" or "pursuant" to such general law.

In a nutishell, the theory of the Attorney-General is that the general law will have the same characteristic in this respect as the local option law in other words, under the local option law there is a general statute which provides that every county may determine what shall be the law as to the sale of liquors in its respective boundaries.

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"I am going to demand a grand jury to investigate the practice at Po-catello and if the head of the Short Line does not know of the existence of this system we propose to show them and to prosecule the cases to a finish."

RED TAPE RELIEF SOUGHT

Klamath Water Users Want Some Voice in Control of Project.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 29. (Special.)—A dozen or more Govern-ment irrigation projects will be repre-sented in the water users' convention to be held at Chicago next Friday, sented in the water users convention to be held at Chicago next Friday, which was originated by Abel Ady, president of the Klamath Water Users Association. The water users do not desire to change the reclamation law noa to escape payment to the Government of any money due, they assert, but they do want to be relieved of a huge amount of red tape and want a voice as to additional expenditures on their projects which work hardships when imposed by the Government without notice or consideration of the desires of the land owners.

When a unit of their project is completed and half the cost returned to the Government, they wish to control the unit, which, they declare, is the law on the point. They hope, through a campaign of publicity, to acquaint members of Congress generally, as well as the people, with their desires and the merits of their claims.

WALKER FUNERAL IS SET

Father-in-Law of Chief Justice Eakin to Be Buried in Eugene.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Chief Justice Eakin, of the Oregon Supreme Court, and his wife, left here tonight for Eugene with the body of M. E. Walker, father of Mrs. Eakin. The burial will be at Eugene, where Mr. Walker lived for several years. He was \$5 years of age and an Oregon ploneer of 1858. He had lived for some time here with Justice Eakin and his

"It is a pleasure to tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used "writes Mrs. Hugh Campbell, of Lavonia. Ga. "I have used it with all my children and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all druggists.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Nov. 23.— Planes rented, \$3 and \$4 per month: (Special.)—Two deaths by burning have occurred near Castle Rock in a week. Washington street.

Chairman of Washington's Public Service Commission to Run for Governor.

MERRY WAR IS PROMISED

Declaring Himself Progressive Republican, Latest Candidate for State Executive Says He Will Keep Pledges if Elected.

OLYMPIA. Wash. Nov. 29.—(Special.)
—Chairman John C. Lawrence, of the Public Service Commission, has placed his resignation in the hands of Governor Hay, the same to take effect January I, 1812, or before, at the convenience of the executive, and with the resignation has come the announcement that Mr. Lawrence is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor. Mr. Lawrence was one of the first men appointed to the Railroad Commission when it was organized, and when H. A. Fairchild, the first chairman, died, it left Mr. Lawrence as the only member who had served from the outset.

As a Commissioner he has an excel lent record, and it was freely predicted that he would not run, but he has now set all rumors aside. His entrance into the race has started the political talk once more and adds zest to the situa-

Lawrence Is Progressive.

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He declares he is a progressive Republican candidate, and it is predicted that he will get the support of the leaders of the Granges, the labor unions and a part of the insurgent vote. His statement, just issued, is of a general nature, and outlines no set policies, and his friends admit that he will have to look for his support from the same source that Governor Hay will draw his, in event he runs again.

That A. W. Perley, state track inspector, will be a Lawrence man is certain, for reports have already come in that Perley has been decidedly active in his behalf for some time. Whether Perley will also resign remains to be seen.

From King County comes the news that Scattle, especially that part which wants a Scattle man for Governor, is well pleased with the outlook. The wise ones there figure that even if Lawrence has no chance he will pull support away from Governor Hay and thus give a King County man a chance to slip through.

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King County has no man yet upon whom all can agree. Sheriff Hodge says he is still in the race; Otto Case is working continually and no formal announcement of the withdrawal of George U. Piper has reached Olympia. Senator Piper is one man who can rightfully claim a hand in the passing of the woman suffrage bill, for it is conceded that if he had not devoted his energies towards getting it through the conceded that if he had not devoted his energies towards getting it through the Senate that the upper branch of the Legislature would have killed the measure. If the women rally to his support he will easily be the man who can poll more votes outside of King County than any Seattle man mentioned up to this time.

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From Everett word has been received that there is small grounds for the story that Senator A. J. Falconer, one-time Speaker of the House, will be in the race for Governor. His name has been mentioned several times, but been mentioned several times, but have the several times and the several times. clared that he will not run for Con-gress, either at large or in the First

The entrance of Lawrence into the race means that second-choice votes will be a big factor in the coming campaign. Otto Case is already bidding for them, and with a badly split field they may decide the contest when the final count is made. The coming out of msy decide the contest when the final count is made. The coming out of Lawrence has started political affairs moving in the state capital, but as to what Governor Hay will do with the Lawrence resignation will not be known until he returns from Spokane, where he has been attending the Country Life Commission and the National Apple Show. Apple Show.

Lawrence Shows Stand. The announcement of Mr. Lawrence

ollows:

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expenditures, and, if elected, I will use every effort to lessen the burden of the tax-payers. The state is overburdened with boards and commissions. By consolidation and elimination these must be reduced to the lowest number possible consistent with efficency and economy.

I will be the Governor of all the people, and as the executive head of the state coming under my jurisdiction with a definite and progressive policy. Neither personal nor partisan considerations will influence my actions.

I will devote all of my time and energy to the personal supervision at the seat of government of all financial expenditures and of all offices and departments over which I have jurisdiction, to the end that the affairs of the people may be conducted on a purely business hasis.

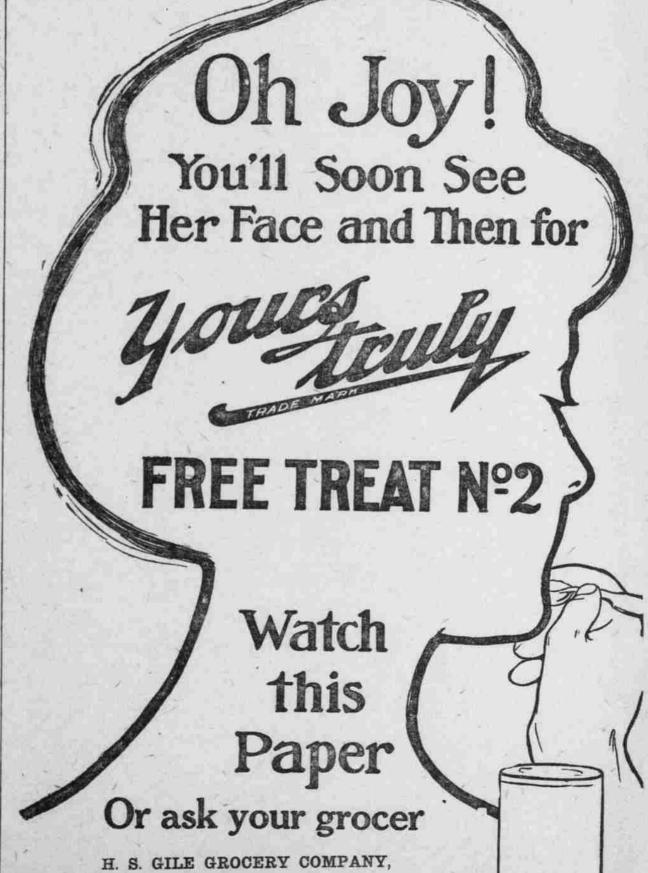
If honored with the nomination and election, I pledge myself to carry out all of these principles and policies.

The Dalles to Meet Pendleton.

THE DALLES, Or., Nov. 29 .- (Special.)-Negotiations are now pending between the football management of The Dalles and Pendleton High Schools for a contest which will decide the championship of Eastern Oregon. Neither team has been defeated. December 8 has practically been decided upon as the date for the gridiron struggle. The scene of the battle is not settled as yet. The indications are, however, the game will be played in this city. The winner hopes to meet Lincoln High of Portland for the state championship.

day night by a patrolman, was fined 55 in the Municipal Court yesterday for leaving his team untied. The officer testified that he noticed the team going north on Second street from Morrison at a lively rate Tuesday night.

and that upon closer inspection, found them without a driver. He caught the team and as he did so parts of the harness broke, letting the pole down. He herded the team to the station and free drayage. Kohler & Chase, 375 washington street.



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