

ASSESSORS' WAR LEAD BY UMATILLA

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PROPOSED MEASURES HIT

Plan of Exemption Is Main Ground of Controversy Which Arises in Meeting of Oregon Tax-Payers at Salem - West Talks.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—With nearly the entire quota of assessors of the state present, a small contest developed at their meeting today over the measure proposed for the people by the legislative tax commission when the assessors met at the State Capital.

C. P. Strain, of the present, and to all intents and purposes seems to be the only one protesting. It is whispered that Strain's attitude is taken in personal opposition to State Tax Commissioner Galloway, who favors the proposed measure. The plan of exemption is the main ground of the controversy, Strain protesting against it on the grounds that it would exempt household furniture. He, seemingly, from his talks on the floor, is not opposed in general to the household exemption, but to the specific provisions of the proposed bill.

In addition he takes exception to the fact that the committee met and closed its work before the meeting of the assessors. He believes that the committee should have waited a day or two and thus have the ideas of the assessors and additional data upon which to work.

Move to Indorse Starts Now.

The controversy followed a movement to indorse the legislative committee's recommendations for consideration of the people.

It may be safely predicted, however, if today's sentiment among the assessors is any criterion, that tomorrow the assessors will indorse in toto the proposed measures proposed for the assessors to work for the bills.

Strain champions a \$500 exemption for personal property.

Otto Kelly, of Sherman, was made the permanent chairman of the Assessors' Association, and J. J. Donagan, of Harney, the permanent secretary.

Governor West, in a short talk, called attention to the increase in the assessed valuation of public service corporations under the State Tax in 1911. He said that the various institutions which are exempted from the tax will be prepared in October and will be gone over by the state board.

Board to Cut Estimates.

The board will pass the estimates of the superintendents and then the board, personally, will go before the committee to advocate the recommendations.

In a vitriolic talk, L. H. McManhan, of Salem, who has spoken before Governor West, declared that instead of getting together to talk about how to raise taxes, a committee should be appointed to discuss ways and means for raising taxes.

The state government has become an expensive machine, designed more for the benefit of officeholders than for the benefit of the taxpayers, he asserted. "I stopped the \$150,000 grant for the Crater Lake road, and if the proposed grant of \$2,900,000 for a bridge in the Astoria County ever gets by the Legislature I will stop it."

State Treasurer Kay, in a speech, said he is desirous of seeing uniform assessment in the various counties of the state, saying that this will make no difference in the amount that the counties have to pay, as the taxes are apportioned uniformly. He said that the state is now paying \$1,474,000 in direct taxes which will make a levy of about 1.35 mills, or about half the levy this year, due to the fact that the levy will be for the first year of a biennial period and made just before the Legislature convenes.

Senator McCulloch, of Baker, pointed out some work that was done by the Legislature in the past year. State Tax Commissioner Eaton acted as chairman of the meeting.

JOSEPHINE SENDS EXHIBIT

Southern Oregon Mining Man Will Tell of State's Natural Resources.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Two exhibits on the natural resources of Oregon have been gathered by the mining man of Southern Oregon and forwarded to Spokane, where it will be placed on a display.

The exhibits, which were prepared by Josephine County, and the citizens raised a handsome fund to place a man in charge of the exhibit. The exhibit was developed wonderfully in the last 18 months. Nearly every mine in the county is now in active operation or is preparing to make a big run.

POACHERS' PATROL IS PLAN

Revenue Cutter Service Active; Canadians Seize Japs.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—The revenue cutter service today called for bids for the delivery of 700 tons of coal at Kodiak Island. This coal will be for the use of cutters in the North Pacific and not in Bering Sea. Revenue cutter officers expect that some sort of patrol about the rookeries will be required to ward off Japanese poachers.

The Canadian fisheries steamer Alcedo last night sighted eight Japanese fishing vessels off the Vancouver Island, where they were catching herring during the prohibited hours. The cargoes were confiscated and the crews and vessels taken to Nanaimo, B. C., where fines of \$70 were inflicted.

PENDLETON HUNT CITED

Investigation of Hermitism Shot Hinted by Citizens.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—According to rumors current on

the streets of Pendleton today, a number of the city's and county's prominent citizens have been or are to be summoned to the federal grand jury in Portland February 22 to tell what they know about an alleged violation of the game laws relative to the Federal game preserve at the Umatilla professor reserve.

According to the reports, the offense charged was committed last October, when two automobile loads of men went from Pendleton to the vicinity of Hermitism to shoot geese and ducks. Among those in the party were Colonel James H. Haley, W. Thompson, president of the American National Bank; C. E. Roosevelt, prominent merchant and aspirant for Congressional honors; Sam Thompson, Francis E. Smith, owner of the People's Warehouse; Asa Thomson, of Echo, and Carl Gilbert of Echo. A part of those comprising this expedition are said to have gathered in the Federal reserve lines in order to get better shots at the geese.

In so doing they offended and spoiled the shooting of the Hermitism hunters who were staying outside the proper limits, and who promptly carried their grievances to Washington.

STEWART B. EAKIN DIES

EUGENE PIONEER BANKER WAS ACTIVE REPUBLICAN.

In Days When Democrats Held Sway in Lane County He Was Repeatedly Put in Office.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Stewart B. Eakin, vice-president of the First National Bank of Eugene, and one of Eugene's foremost citizens, died at 5:30 this evening, aged 65 years.

Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral.

Stewart B. Eakin was born in Elgin, Grant County, Ore., August 28, 1846, five years after his father had immigrated from Ireland.

As a young man of 20 Mr. Eakin came across the plains to Oregon, reaching Eugene September 4, 1866. The young man drove one of the teams across the plains, and the first winter in Oregon remained at home with his parents. The next Spring he began clerking in the store of Peters & Parsons, in Eugene, continuing in this work until 1870, when he engaged in the above business.

He then served as clerk for F. R. Dunn until 1874, when, unselected, he was nominated by the Republicans for State Representative in the district of the large Democratic majority in the county. He was elected by a majority of one, but two years later he was nominated by the Republicans for State Representative. He was continued in this office until 1880, after which he entered the employ of T. G. Hendricks, who later became his partner in the banking business.

Returning to Eugene in the Spring of 1882, after a long trip to old scenes in the East, he bought a little place in the East side of Eugene, and in January, 1884, a charter as a National bank was obtained and the bank was opened under Government supervision on March 3, 1884, with Mr. Eakin as president. Mr. Eakin was elected cashier, and continued so until about ten years ago, when he was chosen as vice-president.

One of the organizers of the Eugene water works in 1887, which was later sold to the Willamette Valley Company, and by them to the city of Eugene, Mr. Eakin was elected State Senator, the first Republican to be returned from Lane County to that office for 18 years.

Mr. Eakin married in 1871 to Miss Eliza Hadley, of a pioneer family coming in the early '50s.

A little over a year ago Mr. Eakin's wife died. He bought a little place across the Willamette River from Eugene, where he could pass his time in the open, working in his garden. He had been confined in his home in Eugene since the death of his wife.

Besides his widow, Mr. Eakin is survived by three brothers—Judge Eakin, of the State Supreme Court; Herbert Eakin, of the Oregon State Bar; and Walter Eakin, an attorney at Astoria, and two sisters—Mrs. Calvin Hanna, of Eugene, and Mrs. George McQueen, also of this city.

SELLING CONCERN IS NEEDED

Newberg Apple-growers Told How to Profit in Orchards.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of the Newberg Apple-growers Association an address was made by I. A. Mason, of Hood River, who was present by invitation.

He gave a detailed account of methods followed by the orchardists of that locality and closed by saying—that what was stated editorially in the Oregonian recently—that the chief problem in that connection now is to find a market.

He said that it had been estimated that the apple crop this year would amount to 2,700 carloads, but that this would give each man, woman and child in the United States only two apples. But for all that, it is only by a strong selling organization, he insisted, that the industry can be maintained at a profit.

Mr. Mason is one of the most successful growers of Hood River apples, and on his own place receives an income of 19 per cent. net, on a valuation of \$2500 per acre. He was severe in denunciation of real estate operators who plant out trees on land not adapted to fruit-growing and selling it in small tracts to newcomers.

GEE FONG IS LIBERATED

"Human Freight Parcel" Ticked When Freed at Vancouver.

UMATILLA FARMERS GLAD

Three Days' Institute Will Be Treat of Agriculturists at Hermitism.

HERMISTON, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Farmers of the Umatilla project and vicinity are to be given a three days' farmers' institute and short course Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week by instructors from the Oregon Agricultural College. Efforts to secure such a course have been in progress for some time.

Those coming from Corvallis are: Dr. Withycombe, Professors Kent, Ayers, Dryden and Bonquet. They will also be assisted by H. W. Allen, superintendent of the experiment station here. Subjects to be discussed are of importance to settlers here and include dairying, vegetables, small fruits and horticulture.

TAXES UNJUST, IS PLAINT

Woodburn Citizen Recites Story of Ever-Rising Assessment.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—High taxes, a sick woman and a house full of children are too much for August Schram, of Woodburn, who has

KAUFMAN NOW OUT

Land Commissionership Looks Better Than Governorship.

RACE TO BE INTERESTING

Lines Will Be Drawn Closely in All Contests for State Offices in Washington as Between Hay and Anti-Hay Forces.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—One of the most important political developments of the past week in the Washington gubernatorial situation is the announcement of the withdrawal of W. H. Kaufman, Assessor of Whatcom County, from the race for Governor and his candidacy for Land Commissioner.

Kaufman was one of the first to announce his intention of running for Governor. He was backed with the indorsement of the Whatcom County Grange and a number of the leading "progressives" of that section. The grange and "progressive" sections of the state were for John C. Lawrence, and Kaufman's decision to drop out of the race is declared by Lawrence's friends to cement that element in his favor.

The entry of Kaufman into the fight for the office of State Land Commissioner will make a pretty fight for that position. Kaufman is a fighter, and he enters the race with considerable backing. Mrs. Claude Tamblin has been doing some clever work for several weeks and will be again with him, and Perry Niles is a formidable candidate all the time.

Race to Be Interesting.

It begins to look as if the lines would be closely drawn in all of the contests for state offices between the Hay and anti-Hay forces. Announcement has been made by Governor Hay that he will open his West Side headquarters immediately after the Seattle city election, and he will also establish headquarters for the East Side in Spokane about the same time.

Lawrence also plans to have headquarters in working shape in Seattle shortly after the city election, and it is evident that Seattle and King County are being made the headquarters of J. E. Frost, State Tax Commissioner, is still undecided as to making the race for Congress. If he runs, Mr. Frost will try to be elected at large.

He says he is trying to make the National issues will be before reaching a decision. Frost naturally will be lined up on the Hay ticket, but he is in no apparent hurry to declare his intentions.

Frost Hides His Time.

Governor Hay has been forced into an alignment with the Taft forces, and Frost declares he does not want to come out as a Taft candidate and then have the state go against the National Administration at the Republican National convention.

Albert Johnson, the Hoquiam editor, is running as a "progressive," with the reservation that he will support Taft and Hay. This sounds like a peculiar combination, but as that Johnson will be a strong candidate and it is confidently expected he will make a whirlwind campaign. To date there are five announced candidates for the two Republican Congressional nominations at large. These are: Albert Johnson, Hoquiam editor; A. J. Falconer, Everett lumberman and State Senator; Harry Rosenbaupt, a stock raiser, still ex-State Senator; W. J. Bryan, Bremerton lawyer and State Senator, and W. J. Siggar, Bellingham lawyer. It is also certain that E. W. Ross, State Land Commissioner, will enter the race, and Henry B. Dewey, Superintendent of public education, probably will make the seventh candidate.

Just at present the race between the Congressional nomination from the southwest is between Stanton Warburton and James McNeely. This fight has hardly warmed up as yet. Warburton is in Washington, and McNeely is in California. McNeely is expected home in a few days and will at once make a tour of the district, giving a good road lecture. He was the leader of the lower house in the last Legislature for good roads legislation.

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LAWYER'S FEES PROTESTED

Oliver Declares \$10,000 Too Much in Morrison Escheat Case.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Protesting strenuously against a bill of \$10,000 presented as attorneys' fees by C. E. and George Cochran of La Grande, for services in the famous Morrison escheat case, State Senator Oliver has written to Governor West requesting such a change and placing the fee at a reasonable amount. Oliver says that the estate was worth no more than \$25,000, and alleges that the attempt to collect this sum is an effort to hold up the estate.

George Cochran today filed his declaration as a candidate for Congress from the Second District.

The fact that Governor West vetoed a bill in connection with the Morrison estate, following the last Legislature, adds a peculiar touch to the situation. Mr. Oliver, who was attorney for alleged heirs in the escheat proceedings, goes into extensive detail in his letter in an effort to obtain a decrease in the demand for attorneys' fees.

ROBBER SHOTS JAPANESE

Former Employe of Orientals Is Arrested for Attack.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Two Japanese were shot at Haines at 3 o'clock yesterday morning by a youth said to be Howard Collins of that place. Collins will recover and Collins has been captured.

The Japanese story is that Collins forced a screen-door lock and relieving the cash drawers of its contents, \$2,500, and the grade of work done at Pacific University would entitle all her graduates to entrance without further investigation.

According to Yoshida, Collins worked for him for two weeks about two months ago, and was with the Haines Sanitarium until three days ago.

Cocaine Selling Charges Dropped.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 14.—All the cases pending in the Justice Court against T. F. Laurin, proprietor of the Eagle Drugstore of this city, and J. Ross Farr, manager of the store, or

written to Governor West and whose letter, which follows, was received today.

"In the name of the neighbors of the city of Woodburn, we come to you with the mournful cry and beg you for help to deliver us from the heavy burden of taxes that we are overwhelmed with. We will give you one instance. In the year 1907, the valuation was \$1969, the tax thereon was \$35.88. In 1911 the valuation was \$2000, the tax thereon \$40.21. For this year the valuation is \$3100. The tax thereon is \$126.36.

"The assessor has made an unjust levy. The house upon this land was built 25 years ago and has never had any improvements made thereon and cost at that time \$500. He assesses it now \$500. The land is half improved, 10 acres. The other half is woods and stump. An old cow I own I paid \$35 for five years ago, he also taxes \$35.

"Now, dear Governor, you can see into what a desperate condition we are of such a place with a house full of children and a sick woman and paying doctor bills. It seems that we must live before we can pay taxes. We request you to have mercy on our writing, but we have all faith in you, that you will talk a strong word for us if it is in your power.

"NEIGHBORS OF WOODBURN, "AUGUST SCHRAM, Writer."

DISPLAY TRAIN IS PLAN

GRAYS HARBOR CITIES TO CARRY TIDINGS EAST.

Visit to Chicago, St. Louis and Other Centers to Be Made by Representative Business Men.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—With the members of the Hoquiam Chamber of Commerce taking hold with the greatest enthusiasm, and a large number already declaring they are certain to make the trip, plans are well along for a Grays Harbor manufacturers' and jobbers' special train to be sent from the harbor to the Mid-West cities and ending at St. Louis as Chicago to leave here May 11.

The train, which will go east over the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, will cover routes including the principal cities of the Central States in the itinerary, probably will be the greatest undertaking of the kind ever through by community the size of Grays Harbor. It is certain that no special train so great a trip, and few from the large Eastern cities.

In all the trip will cover a route of some 5000 miles. It is planned to have a train of five cars, all of the finest equipment to be had in the world. One hundred men are to make the trip which is expected to occupy between 10 days and two weeks. Leaving Grays Harbor the train will make two stops, one at Chicago and one at St. Louis. The baggage car will be turned into an elaborately-appointed exhibit car. It will be finished entirely in Grays Harbor woods.

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From Chicago the train will go next to St. Louis over the Chicago & North Western, and from there will double back to Rock Island, Ill. Muscatine, Iowa, and Moline, Ill., and thence to Des Moines. From Des Moines the train will run to Omaha, then to Chicago and thence across Kansas over the Union Pacific, with stops at the principal towns and a stop at Denver, Colo. From Denver the train will double back to Rio Grande through the Royal Gorge to Salt Lake City. From there the train will return via the Oregon Short Line and the W. R. R. to Portland and then home.

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BOOTBLACK IS ARRESTED

Corvallis Man Held for Contributing to Delinquency of Two Girls.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Arrested in Salem a few days ago and charged with contributing to the delinquency of two girls, Jim Howell and Mary Jones, aged 18 and 17 years, respectively, Jim Pishogols, a Corvallis bootblack, and Peter Green, who conducts an oyster house in this city, yesterday returned before Judge Webster in Salem and the former was placed under bonds of \$500 to await the action of the Circuit Court, Green being discharged.

Mary Jones and Lena Howell, the girls in the case, are both from Lebanon and have been ordered sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd at Portland.

SPOKANE REFUSES TO PAY

Chicago Bond House Says \$575,000 Worth of Coupons Are Bad.

SPOKANE, Feb. 14.—A demand was made upon the City of Spokane today for the return of \$575,000 to a Chicago bond house which recently purchased the same from Spokane Park bonds. The demand is made on the



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MRS. TOTTON NOW INSANE

Asylum Folk Say Murderess' Condition Is Incurable.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Della Totton, whose sentence of life imprisonment in the Walla Walla penitentiary for killing James Sutton near Cashmere two years ago, was recently upheld by the Supreme Court, has become insane and is confined at the Medical Lake asylum. Those in charge say she is incurable and her condition is growing worse.

Mrs. Totton's mother, Mrs. Beebe, who was tried as an accomplice and who was granted a new trial by the Supreme Court, may never be tried again, as she is now nearly 75 years old. She is out on \$5000 bond, and is keeping house for her son-in-law, Neal Totton, on a farm near the scene of the murder.

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