

HOUSEHOLD TAX TO STAY FOR 1912

State Commission Decides to Keep Assessment for This Year on Books.

KAY REGISTERS COMPLAINT

State Treasurer Says That While Full Cash Valuation in Assessment is Required, Lack of Uniformity is Showed.

MISSIONS CALL PASTOR

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School Supervisors Opposed.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—While recognizing the fact that the County Superintendent must have assistance in visiting the schools of the county, taxpayers in rural districts of this section are organizing Anti-School Supervisor Clubs, which have for their purpose the securing of petitions to the Legislature to repeal the supervisor law, passed two years ago. Those active in the organization work express the belief that a less expensive system would serve the purpose as well.

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Difficulty is Foreseen.

Members of the State Board of Tax Commissioners believe the idea would be absurd to attempt to wipe out the assessment of 1912 and in addition it would be practically impossible. It was cited that County Clerk Fields of Multnomah County had pointed out the impossibility in connection with the rolls of that county.

As a result, the board took the position that it would be to the best interests of the state to allow the assessment to stand. Should some householder take exception to the ruling, it was pointed out, the saving on the exemption would be so small as hardly to warrant the expense of suit.

As to proposed taxation legislation to come before the coming session of the Legislative Assembly, the most important suggestion made at the meeting was one relative to allowing the removal of an assessor who failed to make a proper uniform assessment.

Kay Makes Protest.

State Treasurer Kay registered a warm protest that under the present law, while a full cash valuation in assessment is contemplated, assessors discriminate and fail to reach uniformity in their assessments.

Proposals as to the Ohio law with a limitation on the levy to regulate assessments were offered, but both State Treasurer Kay and Governor West, as members of the board, suggested that the commissioners investigate the feasibility of a plan to remove assessors after a hearing on a question of faulty assessment. This investigation will be made and may result in some such recommendation to the Legislative Assembly.

CREDITORS WILL BE PAID

Portland Paving Contractors Make Voluntary Assignment.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—In order to protect their creditors, many of whom are Douglas County people, Hilliard & Maginnis, paving contractors of Portland, have made a voluntary assignment in favor of the latter's father, Charles P. Maginnis. The firm's liabilities are said to total about \$100,000.

Hilliard & Maginnis had a number of large contracts in Douglas County during the past summer and only completed their local contracts a few days ago. Charles P. Maginnis who arrived here from Portland today says he believes the creditors will be paid dollar for dollar.

E. F. Hilliard is the president of the firm and James P. Maginnis the secretary-treasurer. The firm has offices in the McKay building, where Charles P. Maginnis also has offices for his timber business, while the works are located at East Twenty-ninth and Sullivan streets.

CHARITY BALL IS CENSORED

Spokane Ministers Stop 'Bunny Hug' and Police Fashionable Dance.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 13.—A well-defined line between what he called "orthodox" and "sidewheel" dances was drawn last night by Very Rev. William C. Hicks, Dean of All Saints' Episcopal Cathedral, when he ordered stopped the dancing of the "Bunny Hug," the "Columbia Glide," the "Grizzly Bear" and other "rag" dances at a fashionable charity bazaar given at a local hotel.

Finding that his prohibition was disregarded, when his eyes were not upon the dancers, Dean Hicks and Cannon Gross patrolled the ballrooms of the hotel until the last dance was over.

PATTISON PLEADS GUILTY

Young Prosecuting Attorney Goes to Reformatory for Larceny.

COLEFAX, Wash., Dec. 13.—Paul Pattison, aged 29, prosecuting attorney of Whitman County, and son of John Pattison, of Spokane, Democratic National committeeman for Washington, was arrested today, pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny from one of his clients, and was given an indeterminate sentence in the State Reformatory at Monroe.

The charge to which Pattison pleaded guilty was the larceny of \$238 from Mrs. E. H. Knox. It was alleged that the money was given to him to meet debts against the estate, and that he kept the money, issuing valueless checks to the creditors.

Pattison was allowed to go to the reformatory without a guard, and left immediately for Monroe. The Whitman County Commissioners will meet Monday to take steps to remove him from office as prosecuting attorney and elect his successor.

PATTISON SHORTAGE IS \$8900

Young Man Says Drinking and Gambling Are Not to Blame.

SPOKANE, Dec. 13.—Paul Pattison, prosecuting attorney of Whitman County, sentenced today at Colfax to an indeterminate sentence in the State Reformatory for grand larceny, declared when he reached Spokane on his way to Monroe that he had appropriated about \$8900 of the funds of his clients.

He said he had concealed the shortage by a "cover-up system" which he had operated for six years, and that his defalcations would not have been discovered for two or three years longer had he not made the mistake of giving

TEST VOTE IS TAKEN

Senate Rejects Archbald Plea on Evidence, 29 to 25.

POINT HOTLY CONTESTED

Despite Contentions of Attorneys for Judge, Testimony That Lawyer Had Told of Defendant's Interest is Admitted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—By the narrow margin of 29 to 25 votes the Senate at the impeachment trial of Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the Commerce Court, admitted in evidence today the testimony of G. M. Watson, that his attorney, G. M. Watson, told him Judge Archbald was interested with him in the settlement of the Boland claim against the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company and that he proposed to give the judge one-fourth of the amount received in excess of \$95,000.

The vote attracted attention because it was the first close division of the trial. The house managers fought for the admission of the testimony and Judge Archbald's attorneys vigorously opposed it. After the testimony had been admitted, Senator Paynter asked to be allowed to vote on its admissibility, but the privilege was denied him. He announced, after hearing the evidence, he was prepared to vote to exclude it.

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KLAMATH FALLS FIGHT ON

Postmastership Attracts Several Democrats in City.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—There is reported some contention among local Democrats as to the party who shall dictate the few appointments which will come to this section. The "Northwestern" newspaper supported the Democratic ticket.

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GROSS BROTHERS CALLED

Eugene Case Comes to Court Through Injunction Action.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Gross Bros. have been summoned to appear in Portland next Wednesday to show cause why they should not be enjoined from manufacturing or delivering to the City of Eugene, iron electric lightposts of the design now being installed. Application for the injunction is made by the Independent Foundry Company, of Portland, which claims that a patent of design, assigned to

WARRENTON OUT FOR TEAL

WARRENTON, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Warrenton Development League this week the president was authorized to have suitable resolutions forwarded to Governor Wilson endorsing J. N. Teal, of Portland, Or., as that body's special choice for the office of Secretary of the Interior and petitioning the President-elect to appoint Mr. Teal when the new Cabinet is formed.

JUDGE M'KENNY IS CITED

Castle Rock Election Case Noticed by State Supreme Court.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—On an application to set aside the results of a local option election held in Castle Rock November 5, the Supreme Court today issued a writ of habeas corpus directing Judge McKenny, of the Cowitz County Superior Court to appear before the higher tribunal and explain why his ruling that the voters declared against the licensing of saloons should not be reversed.

The state on relation of J. H. McCallum, Frank Ruth, J. W. Balles, J. C. Gladwin and Fred Jackson is plaintiff.

FUND FOUND INSUFFICIENT

Monmouth Normal School Needs Told by President.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Secretary Olcott is in receipt of a communication from J. H. Chapman, president of the Monmouth Normal School,

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in which he says at a recent meeting of the executive committee of that school the president presented some of the pressing needs of the institution which cannot be met by the one-twenty-fifth of a mill voted by the people in 1910.

Among these are a gymnasium, domestic science and manual training building, additional land, cement walks and improvement of grounds, and some equipment for the new dormitory. He estimates the cost for all of these, with the exception of the first item, at \$15,000-\$5000 for the land, \$1500 for cement walks and \$8500 for equipment for the dormitory. He has asked each member of the board as to the advisability of asking the forthcoming Legislature for an appropriation on these proposed improvements.

HOGS THRIVE ON WHEAT

Gain of \$1.10 Bushel Shown in Feeding Over Sales in Market.

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