

WANT OREGONIAN TOLD BY OFFICIALS

Legislators Hear Suggestions on Expense Reduction and Tax Reform.

FEWER OFFICES FAVORED

Compensation Law Discussed and Amendments May Be Offered. Saving on Interest and Duplications Are Mentioned.

How the state can economize in the operation of the various departments of its government, how the tax laws can be remedied so that they will relieve the unjust burdens now imposed upon the taxpayers and how some branches of state service can be made more efficient were topics made more prominent at the session of the Multnomah County delegation in the next Legislature last night by various state officials.

It is apparent from the testimony submitted by State Treasurer Kay, by Secretary of State Olcott, by Railroad Commissioner Alchison and by Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle, that the present set of officials is not in full agreement with the plans of re-organization if such plans are to be carried out at the expense of efficiency.

The State Treasurer made some interesting recommendations on the important detail of taxpaying. He said that the old law with a 3 per cent discount was the best yet, but he discouraged reviving it on the plea that the average taxpayer has an idea that the rich man alone gets the benefit of the discount.

Payment Without Rebate Urged. He recommended a new law providing for a 50 per cent payment in the Spring without rebate and a 50 per cent payment in the Fall without penalty.

He explained that although some departments of government will require more than 50 per cent of their funds in the first half of the year, fully 60 per cent will be available under a 50-50 per cent plan, as many persons will elect to pay all their taxes in the Spring rather than both with two payments.

Mr. Kay also recommended that all the state funds be consolidated. He explained that under the present arrangement one fund may become exhausted and required to borrow money at 6 per cent while other funds are piled to overdraw the same money to the banks at 2 per cent.

Pool Would Save Interest. The state can save from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year in interest by pooling its moneys, he said. He told that frequently he is required to put money into the banks at 2 per cent and that the bankers are drawing 6 per cent.

Senator Moser asked whether the funds of the Industrial Accident Commission should be pooled with the others. Mr. Kay answered affirmatively.

This gave the State Treasurer an opening to enter into a general discussion of the work of the Industrial Accident Commission, which has as its duties the administration of the workmen's compensation law. He talked from the standpoint of an employer—he is manager of the Salem Woolen Mills in private life—rather than as a state official.

He declared its operations on certain classes of employers unjust because all occupations are divided into only two classes. One class pays 3 per cent of its payroll into the fund and the other class pays 1 1/2 per cent. In the five months that it has been in operation, Mr. Kay explained, he has paid \$525 into the fund. His employees have received only \$16.

He said that before the law went into effect he was able to provide sick and accident insurance for all his employees for 1 per cent of the payroll. The employees paid nothing.

Mr. Cobb Objects to Law. S. B. Cobb, Representative-elect from Multnomah County, likewise expressed his dissatisfaction with the law. He operates the Standard Box & Lumber Company.

"But while you are discussing it," broke in Lloyd J. Wentworth, another Representative-elect. "I want to say that I am operating under the new law and find it satisfactory in every way." Mr. Wentworth is manager of the Portland Lumber Company.

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HOME FIRMS GET JOBS

OREGON CITY PIPELINE TO BE BUILT OF OREGON PRODUCTS. Committee on "Prosperity Day" Decides on Coated Steel Made by Plant in Portland.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—On "Prosperity day," a day to promote Oregon-made goods, the Oregon City water committee announced that the Oregon Engineering & Construction Company, of this city, and the Willamette Iron & Steel Company, of Portland, will make and lay the pipes for the new water line to Oregon City from the south fork of the Clackamas River, if the voters approve the \$375,000 bond issue.

Selected steel with a coating of bur-lap dipped in coal tar and asphalt was rejected by the committee. The Oregon Engineering & Construction Company's bid is \$115,000. The Willamette Iron & Steel Company is backing the local contractors. The water committee, William Andressen, M. D. Latourette and W. A. Long, made these announcements tonight.

The selection of riveted steel was endorsed by H. T. McCain and L. L. Porter, representing West Linn. The committee is guaranteed 90 cents on the \$1 for the bonds. Robert Wakefield today withdrew his bid of \$286,000 for a lap-

COUNTY SEAT FIGHT IS ON

Jefferson Has Three Towns in Race for Local Capital.

BEND, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—With the injunction against the formation of Jefferson County dissolved and the members of the County Court appointed by the Governor, the residents of Oregon's newest county are taking a new interest in the county seat question and in the appointment of their other county officers.

Madras, Madras and Culver are all eager to be designated the temporary county seat of Jefferson County. The one that will get the plum depends on the action of the new court, and as it is made up of presumed adherents of each town, only conjectures are possible as to the result. Geographically, Madras is the logical place for the county seat, being almost in the center of the new county. All three are on the railroad.

In addition to a county seat the new court has the selection of all the officers of the county except the District Attorney and road supervisors, and candidates for the different positions are springing up on all sides. The campaign for county division was carried on from Madras and residents of the town who were most active in the fight feel that their wishes should be consulted in the appointments. These include Howard W. Turner, Lewis H. Irving and O. A. Pearce. O. C. Young, of Culver, was also prominent in the fight.

Lewis H. Irving, the father of Jefferson County, undoubtedly will receive the appointment as District Attorney.

YSER RETREAT CONFIRMED

Rotterdam Paper Says Germans Head for Prepared Positions.

ROTTERDAM, via London, Dec. 15.—The newspaper La Belgique says that the retreat of the Germans toward prepared positions east of the Yser is confirmed. Masses of troops have been concentrated along the line embracing Brugge, Thielt and Courtrai, with general headquarters at Thielt.

PUNCH BOARDS ARE SEIZED

Owners of Several Cigar Stands Are Accused of Violating Law.

Punch-board games of chance, in hotels and cigar stores in Portland, were confiscated yesterday as alleged gambling devices and owners of the stands were cited to appear before Municipal Judge Stevenson. Arrests were made by Patrolmen

SALEM PIONEER AT DEATH'S DOOR

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. E. M. Y. Brammer, a pioneer in dying from hemorrhage of the brain at her home in this city. She is 78 years old. She has four daughters and one son as follows: Mrs. Lulu Wood and Mrs. Grace Lehman, of Portland; Mrs. Lydia Lehman and H. H. Vandervort, of Salem; and Mrs. A. Winslow, of Folk County.

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