

SENATOR BARRETT'S PROPOSAL DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

DISCOUNT IS NOT LIKED

Men With Money Only Ones to Benefit and Levy Has to Be Made Anyway, He Says—Dry's Confident of Success of Measure.

At least two tax revision bills will be submitted to the legislative session which opens at Salem next week.

One will come from the Multnomah delegation, which has agreed on the principal provisions of its measure, and the other will emanate from Senator Barrett, of Umatilla County. Senator Barrett arrived in Portland yesterday on his way to Salem and confided to local legislators that he has a tax bill up his sleeve.

The Barrett bill conforms with the Multnomah County measure to the extent that it provides two payment periods. However, the dates are not the same. The Multnomah County measure fixes May 5 and October 20, while Senator Barrett proposes May 1 and November 1 as the payment dates. Each measure provides that half of the taxes be paid at the first period.

But the Umatilla Senator disagrees with the other view of delegation in the discount plan. The local bill provides a discount of 3 per cent on all taxes in excess of 50 per cent that are paid at the first period.

"The discount plan benefits no one but the man with money," says Senator Barrett. "The poor man is unable to take advantage of it. I don't believe in the discount feature for that reason. At any rate, the officials have to take the discount feature into consideration when they make up the tax roll, and levies assessments or fix valuations accordingly. So in the end the man who pays taxes pays about the same one way as the other."

Another variation in the two measures is the rate of penalties for delinquencies. The Multnomah bill fixes this rate at 1 per cent a month, while Senator Barrett proposes 8 per cent a year.

"This makes it possible," says the Umatilla Senator, "for the man who is without funds in the middle of the year, when money sometimes is tight, to neglect his payments until the fall, when it is more plentiful. He can afford to pay at the rate of 8 per cent, while he might not be able to pay at the rate of 12 per cent."

"Meanwhile, if the county or state runs short of funds by reason of delinquencies, they can issue warrants at 5 per cent. Thus they will earn 2 per cent on all taxes that are not paid on time."

The Barrett bill will provide, however, that all taxes delinquent beyond November 1, shall pay interest at 1 per cent a month, sixty days after that date delinquency certificates will issue, which will draw 15 per cent interest.

"The idea," he says, "is to make these certificates an object for investors. Property owners will have a reasonable length of time to redeem them. A further provision will be that all unpaid personal taxes will become liens upon real estate."

Senator Barrett is a holdover member and, therefore, is not as enthusiastic over economy as are the younger members. He says he has heard of that kind of talk before, but is eager to engage in an economy program if the Legislature will. He has intention to eliminate unnecessary expenditures.

Senator Hawley, of McCoy, also was among yesterday's arrivals in Portland. He was a member of the Senate committee on education at the last session, and is interested in all legislation pertaining to that subject.

"I have no educational bills of my own initiative," he explained yesterday, "but I have been asked to introduce a few bills of interest to the County Superintendents throughout the state. One of them pertains to the time of holding teachers' examinations and other things which probably will propose a new method of distributing school funds."

Senator Hawley says he has not given much study as yet to the changes in the county code suggested by members of the Multnomah delegation. The changes directly affecting the Portland schools, he says, doubtless will be acceptable to other members of the Legislature if they are approved by the Multnomah delegation.

Senator Kiddie, of Island City, came in yesterday to visit his friends at the Irrigation Congress and to confer on proposed legislation.

"This is not going to introduce many bills this year," he says. "I am in favor of going up to Salem, passing the laws that are really necessary to run the state and then quitting."

Senator Kiddie operates a big stock farm near Island City, and says he naturally is interested in legislation affecting the livestock industry.

S. P. Pierce, of Fort Orford, representative-elect from the Coos-Curry Joint district, is in Portland and will travel between this city and Salem immediately after the Legislature adjourns. He is one of the few members who will be able to go home over the week-end adjournment, as the available transportation facilities will not permit.

Thomas Brown, of Salem, one of the Marion County delegation in the lower house, conferred with local members yesterday and joined them in their desire to legislate for economy this year. This will be his first legislative experience, but he has "looked in" at several previous sessions and says he is "onto the ropes."

One of the small group of newspaper men in the Legislature this year is Fred D. Wagner, of Astoria, who joined the colony of legislators here yesterday. Mr. Wagner was one of the earliest supporters of Ben Selling for the Speakership and predicts the Multnomah man's election on the first ballot. His colleague from Jackson County is Miss Marion Towne, the first woman ever elected to the Legislature in Oregon, and he admits that with a newspaper man and a woman in the lower house the interests of his county will be represented.

J. D. Woodell, of La Grande, one of the four Democratic members of the House, who has been in Portland for the last few days, said yesterday that he proposes to support the bill providing for the collection of automobile taxes by the County Clerks instead of by the Secretary of State.

UP-STATE MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE WHO ARE IN PORTLAND PREPARATORY TO OPENING SESSION AT SALEM NEXT WEEK.



1—Senator LaFollette, Salem. 2—Senator Kiddie, Island City. 3—Representative Davy, Burns. 4—Representative Pierce, Port Orford. 5—Representative Woodell, La Grande. 6—Representative Stanfield, Stanfield. 7—Representative Wagner, Astoria. 8—Senator Hawley, McCoy. 9—Representative Clark, Arlington. 10—Representative Jones, Joseph. 11—Senator Barrett, Astoria. 12—Representative Brown, Salem. 13—Representative Thoms, Jefferson.

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SPORTSMEN TO GIVE AID

FILMS WILL BE SHOWN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MRS. HUBBARD.

Six Reels of Educational Pictures Will Be Shown at Theater Making Most Reasonable Offer.

To relieve the urgent need of the family of Arthur F. Hubbard, the deputy game warden who was killed while on duty in the Upper Rogue River country, December 15, the Oregon Sportsmen's League has proposed to place on exhibition at some local picture theater a six-reel series of educational pictures for a week's run, the proceeds to go toward the aid of the widow and two small children residing at Astoria. They are reported to have been left destitute through his death.

With the object of obtaining favorable terms for the pictures, under the direction of William L. Finley, State Game Warden, and I. N. Fiestchner, chairman of the committee appointed by the league for the execution of the relief work, will be shown to representatives of the various motion picture theaters in the city at the National Theater this morning at 2:30 o'clock, and the manager who tenders the most reasonable proposal to run the pictures will be contracted with.

Hubbard was shot and killed by Louis Martin, an alleged poacher, when he attempted to place the latter under arrest for violating the game law.

The Oregon Sportsmen's League feels that, inasmuch as Hubbard was killed while performing his duty in the protection of game, it owes the family a place on exhibition at some local picture theater a six-reel series of educational pictures for a week's run, the proceeds to go toward the aid of the widow and two small children residing at Astoria.

The pictures portray the lives of Oregon game birds in their native haunts, the work of the protection of game and fish, forestry and other activities of public interest. Explanatory lectures will accompany the pictures.

ELKS GO TO THE DALLES

Lodge Members From Many Parts of State to Attend Initiation.

A special train leaving the Union Depot at 4 o'clock this afternoon will carry a party of Elks from Portland, Vancouver, Oregon City and other near-by points to The Dalles, where a big class of Elkets is waiting to ride the proverbial goat.

PEOPLE'S TRUSTS IN JUSTICE

Mother of Convicted Man Yet Hopes in Goodness of Human Nature.

ASSURANCE OF PACE GIVEN

Mrs. S. C. Pender Pleads for "Proper Settlement of Tangle," Asserting Her Available Resources Gone to Keep Up Fight.

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—(To the Editor.)—When I read the conflicting accounts of the various news reports concerning the Sierras confession I am torn by storm of doubt, but when I read your dispassionate reviews and comments upon the affair my trust in the goodness of human nature is again restored. Your articles bring me an assurance of peace eventually to flow from the prevailing tide of wise and unprejudiced counsel.

I have already suffered so much that I find myself more than ever lost in the woods of selfishness and it is difficult to rise above the temptation to condemn every guilty person whose offense is minimal to my son's best interest, as well as to avoid the mistake of merely appreciating your efforts in behalf of restoring strict justice to the right path. But for the present I can see clearly enough to know that I should honor and esteem your disinterested labors in analyzing the moral aspect of the Pender case without dwelling over-duly upon any passing gratification which the concert of agreement may bring to a human soul. I have set down in my heart lurks irrefragable desire to see simple, naked truth brought to light in this blighting mystery of the Daisy Wehrman murder.

I devoted a long and arduous life to the service of a man whose patriotism, civic honor and moral integrity are acknowledged by all who knew him; nearly a quarter of a century he gave the best that was in him to the safeguarding of morals, property and human life in the City of Ogden, Utah. I shall not praise the advantages which his children enjoyed in the way of proper training, but leave it to be inferred from the circumstances; yet I may be indulged in pointing to an honorable career in the interests of popular justice because this same justice in a foreign community has been niggardly dealt out to the son of one of its administrators.

Mother Gives Accusation Reason.

My warrant for impeaching justice now consists in the fact that John Pender's fate is the product of a judgment founded upon deductions from incomplete circumstantial evidence, than which no product of the human mind is more undesirable.

The vital question at issue is whether an accused person must prove another suspect guilty or whether it is the duty of the State's representatives to do this. Stripped of all quibbling, we see the matter reduced to just that question. The State's prosecutors, to analyze satisfactorily the Wehrman mystery, elevated the theory of Pender's guilt. Deductive conjecture alone was the resource in the construction of a legal scheme into which were woven none but circumstantial links. All other reasonable theories of the guilt of unproven parties were excluded, the right, the law and the good were sacrificed, prosecution and indicating a substitute, yet it is the truth, as all resources for legally determining the identity of the actual murderer have not been exhausted.

Meanwhile, a man of previous good reputation has suffered more than three years of confinement, a fortune has been squandered in combatting a right intentioned, but apparently misguided, prosecution, and a possibly innocent victim of a community murder psychology stands committed to a life of ignominy and abject wretchedness.

Public Duty Seen.

When a legal misstep threatens to wreck a useful unit of the social body and sacrifice the highest ideal of moral theory to the ruthless mandates of practical law, it is time for common sense to move. It is time for a man of co-operative public duty. For, with the prejudices of men aroused to such a pitch, it is a pitiless key and personal pride inflated with condemnatory opinions, we have an emotional combination in action powerful enough to bestir the scotchmen of humanity.

It is difficult to check these big mistakes once they get under way. They roll on to their vicious conclusion, and the innocent and women mourn, strange faith and hope, ruin homes, blast careers and end life disastrously.

To deny the victim of such a mistake the right of legal recourse except by the outlay of prohibitive costs, when conviction of murder is obtained in the principal's own court, is such a hardship and such a gross wrong, as a matter of reasonable doubt, is a bad face of reasonable doubt, as a matter of reasonable doubt, is a bad face of reasonable doubt.

Sometimes the outcome of mistaken legal zeal, as in the Pender case, is a man's life. However, I am consoled to hope on that the noble sons and daughters of this progressive commonwealth will awaken to a realization of the possible injustice which has been done my son and that they will show a little unselfish feeling for a brother's misfortunes and help to uncover error and so restore right.

Physical Health Gone.

But, ah! Who can give back the sound mental and physical health which the state has taken from John A. Pender? Who will reimburse his family for the years of soul torture endured and for the hardships of deprivation imposed by legal pecuniary means? It is this aspect of the affair which renders justice so hard to come by. So many conscientious defenders of the public welfare have irretrievably committed themselves to the decision which secures a conviction in this case that it is almost hopeless to look for retraction or even to expect those who have secured a verdict will be able to retract.

Naturally, they must look first to self-protection, vindicate their own judgments, uphold the properly-made and achieved in the name of community welfare.

Bitter as has been my ordeal, I cannot, in my tranquil moments, find any cause for regret. I have been acted by imperative command of my conscience, like all men of principle must. But even when one is confronted by the realization of error of judgment it needs a mind of heroic fiber openly to acknowledge it. Not until the matter is taken peremptorily in hand by a high-minded official or group of officials can we hope to arrive at that absolute truth which is so much desired by the upholders of justice.

But successfully to prosecute my son's claims to a rigid and impartial investigation of all the doubts growing out of this sorry tangle, must I be burdened with the physical task and financial worries of such an inquiry? Surely I have done everything that

California HOTELS AND RESORTS

TEMPERATURES AT LEADING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESORTS FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1914.

	Max.	Min.	Mean.		Max.	Min.	Mean.
Los Angeles	63	44	53	Long Beach	63	44	53
Santa Barbara	62	44	53	Paso Robles	74	40	57
Santa Diego	62	44	53	Clear Lake	63	44	53
Arrowhead	67	41	54	Hollywood	63	40	51

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BREAD RISE NOT DUE

Bakers Think Loaf Will Stay at Present Price.

GROCER TO BEAR BRUNT

Manufacturer and Retailer Will Suffer Before Family Purses Are Touched, Several Say—Famine of Wheat, Only Effective.

The housewives of Portland need not yet begin to figure how to make ends meet because of a sudden rise in bread. If the assurances of W. B. Heuser, a prominent baker, can be relied on, the standard 14-ounce loaf of bread will remain at the maximum price of 5 cents at least until the early Spring crops of wheat are harvested in June. But possibilities are that in the early Summer bread will rise to two loaves for 15 cents. This, says Mr. Heuser, depends entirely on the soundness of the wheat market. If a wheat famine sets in, owing to the heavy demands from Europe and speculation, a rise is certain. With wheat steadily commanding record prices and continually rising, and the consequent increase in the cost of flour, Mr. Heuser declared it virtually an impossibility to predict at this time the eventual outcome of the feared "high-cost-of-bread" problem.

DRUG-USER IS SOUGHT

WATCHMAN REPORTS SUSPICIONS IN WEHRMAN MURDER CASE.

Strange Visits of Man, Who Was Stated at Mention of Crime, Are Reported, Pender's Mother Inquires.

That a drug-user, known to have been near the scene of the Wehrman murders, in September, 1911, subsequently acted suspiciously when the name was mentioned to him in Portland, was asserted Thursday night by Robert L. Salter, a railroad watchman who lives at 337 Morrison street. Salter believes that the man might have committed the crime.

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