

HALF PAYMENT OF TAXES IS PROVIDED

No Penalty to Be Charged if First Half Is Paid by April 1.

NOTICE SENT TREASURERS

State Commission Quotes Act Signed by Governor Showing That Property Owners May Wait Six Months to Pay Last Half.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—The State Tax Commission today notified the county treasurers that under a law passed at the recent session of the Legislature penalties or interest will not be collectible on second-half taxes in case the first half is paid before April 1 this year. Taxes this year will be collected under the old law with this important change, the bill providing for two distinct periods of payments, also passed at the recent session not applying until 1916. Beginning next year, the sheriffs will be tax collectors, a law passed at the recent session transferring the duty to them. Following is a copy of the letter sent to the treasurers:

tural appropriation bill passed by the Senate today. The foot and mouth appropriation is \$2,500,000 and the total carried on the bill \$23,000,000. The bill was the seventh big supply measure passed by the Senate and seven are pending.

The agricultural bill carries an appropriation of \$235,000 for the free distribution of seeds, although the agricultural committee struck this item out.

Debate on the naval bill centers upon committee amendments, adding several millions to the House bill, including provision for five sea-going submarines instead of one, and 16 coast defense submarines instead of 11.

The House today began work on the last of the supply measures for consideration in that body, the general deficiency bill. Conferences on other measures which have passed, both houses are progressing favorably.

That there is some hope of passing the Philippine self-government and ultimate independence bill at this session of Congress became apparent today and Administration leaders set to work to find a means of disposing of it in short time. President Wilson told several Senators that he wished the measure could have the right of way over any other general legislation and be passed in the midst of appropriation legislation if necessary.

Senator Simmons conferred with Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the Philippine committee and later Senator Hitchcock said he believed the bill would pass.

STRIKE COST \$1,250,000

COLORADO FUEL & IRON COMPANY STATEMENT GIVEN.

Conditions More Satisfactory Now to Workmen, President Welborn Tells Board of Directors.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The recent strike at the mines of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company cost the company, directly and indirectly, approximately \$1,250,000, President Welborn estimated in a statement issued today in connection with the monthly meeting of the directors, which was held in this city instead of Denver, where board meetings usually are held. The statement told of a plan, already put into effect, for providing clubhouses at several Colorado camps and also went into detail regarding the condition of the company's business and its prospects.

"Although our mine employees were generally speaking, satisfied with their working conditions at the time the strike was called," said President Welborn, "and had been for many years prior thereto, I know I am safe in saying that they are better satisfied and have a more friendly feeling toward the company today than they ever had before."

"We have furnished employment to the maximum number of men at all our operating mines in order to take care of as many as possible of the desirable workmen who participated in the strike. A larger percentage than usual of the latter are married men, and in re-employing the strikers we have given preference to the married men."

A report was submitted by President Welborn showing earnings for January and for the first seven months of the company's fiscal year. Gross earnings of the latter period showed marked decreases from the preceding two years, but the company's deficit, after deducting all charges, is now \$496,000 compared with \$950,000 a year ago and \$322,713 two years ago.

The resignations of George J. Gould and J. M. Bowring, which had been accepted and the places left unfilled, Mr. Gould resigned, it was said, because his connection with various railroad projects in his duties as the Colorado Fuel board. It is understood that the Gould holdings in the company still are large.

President Welborn's detailed statement, in which reference was made to the cost of the recent strike, computed this cost at \$464,000 in direct outlay and at from \$700,000 to \$800,000 indirectly.

ACT FOR REGULATION OF APPOINTMENTS SIGNED

Governor Calls Measure Necessary if Administration Is to Be Economical.

STATEMENT GIVES VIEWS

Emergency Clause Defended and Assertion Made Law Will Prevent Pernicious Lobbying Against Merging of Offices.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—After signing Senate bill 312, which empowers the Governor and several state boards to recommend appointments, Governor Withycombe today gave out a statement declaring the measure a necessity if the wishes of the people for an economical administration are to be fulfilled.

The Executive defends the emergency clause feature of the measure, declaring that it is necessary to obtain promptly the best possible efficiency in the various departments for the law to become effective at once. Admitting that the removal power can be abused and overused, Governor Withycombe says he intends to exercise every precaution against its abuse and, in his opinion, its existence will have such salutary effect that it will seldom be necessary to make use of it.

Statement is quoted.

Governor Withycombe's statement is as follows:

In signing Senate bill No. 312 I am fully aware that it has been the subject of bitter, if purely partisan, criticism. I am also aware that the measure, while framed to check the pernicious purpose of the people in this particular instance, has been abused, and is being used to do with the welfare of the people or of the public service, but rather to originate in selfish and partisan interest.

I most firmly believe now, as I always have, that the law of the people must be defended, safeguarded and upheld. The emergency clause should not be used to defeat the legitimate purposes of the referendum, but neither should the referendum be abused as an agent for crippling a competent administration of those very laws.

In the particular case of Senate bill No. 312, the Legislature has held that an emergency exists owing to the necessity of creating and maintaining the efficiency of various state departments. I believe that the facts justify such an interpretation of the emergency clause. The measure will apply to the existing system, with many subordinate officials, and important functions of state government without real responsibility to the power which appoints them. It is, however, in my opinion, really responsible to the people for the satisfactory administration of the people's laws.

Right of Removal Needed.

Loyal co-operation and assistance, as well as complete and unflinching fidelity, are essential to proper administration, and where such is lacking the appointive power, whether of the board or the executive, should have the right of removal, and should have it promptly.

It is fitting that the appointive power should have the power of removal, and I feel that such a power, when exercised by the very best interests of the public and will not be opposed except by those who are interested in their own selfishness, and by their friends, who, under one pretense and another, will do anything to prevent the public interest from being served. This demand has grown, in no small measure, from the extravagance of a multiplicity of commissions and departments, which are springing up. I believe the operation of this act will eliminate the possibility of any such multiplication of offices, and, therefore, whose pernicious lobbying embarrassed the Legislature's efforts for economical consolidation.

Lastly, the removal power can be abused and over-used, but that is true of every power. In such an instance I intend to exercise every precaution against its abuse, and I believe it will have such salutary effect that it will be necessary to employ it seldom.

The Governor vetoed House bill 257 because of its conflict with House bill 185. Corporation Commissioner Watson asked that it be vetoed. It related to the regulation of co-operative associations. Bills signed by the Governor today are as follows:

H. B. 477, committee on assessment and taxation—Relating to assessment of public service corporations.

H. B. 258, Weeks—Amending public road laws.

H. B. 315, Lafferty—Fixing salaries of Benton County officers.

H. B. 270, Childs—Providing time when Assessor shall deliver tax roll to Treasurer.

H. B. 473, game committee—Creating Fish and Game Commission.

H. B. 370, Oldham—Relating to State Board of Horticulture and county inspectors.

H. B. 474, Blanchard—Revising mill fees to be sold by weight.

H. B. 320, Start—Creating small claims department in Oregon District Courts.

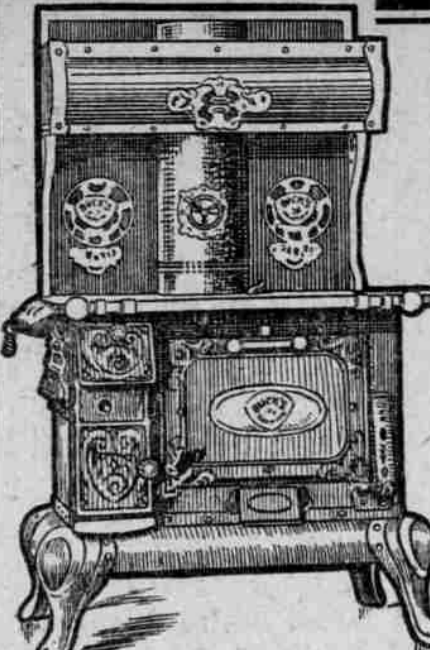
H. B. 461, game committee—Amending laws.

H. B. 341, Huston—Transferring state authority over Interstate bridge to Multnomah County.

H. B. 29, substitute, Huston—Amending "blue sky" law.

H. B. 312, Muser—Amending law relative to number of members on election boards.

S. B. 312, Muser—Making appointive offices subject to recall by appointing power.



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- \$18.50 Buck's Single-Oven, Four-Burner Gas Range, now \$12.75
- \$25 Buck's Double-Oven, Four-Burner Gas Range, now \$17.50
- \$35 Ideal Superior Gas Range, double oven, 4 burners, sanitary base, canopy top, now \$21.50

- \$42 Ideal Superior Gas Range, with double oven, four burners, sanitary base and canopy top, now \$27.50
- \$39 Buck's Double-Oven Gas Range, four burners, sanitary base and canopy top, now \$25.00
- \$45 Buck's Double-Oven Gas Range, with four burners, canopy top, sanitary base and white enameled doors, now \$29.80

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EXTRA WORK AHEAD

Senate May Reconvene to Act on Treaties.

PRESSING NEED IS NOTED

Colombia Reported to Be Aroused by Delay, and Nicaragua Must Have Money to Relieve Financial Crisis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Whether a special session of the Senate shall be called by President Wilson after March 4 to consider the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties probably will be decided by the President tomorrow at a Cabinet meeting. Many of the President's advisers are opposed to the special session, but the Administration is strongly desirous of having the treaties ratified and it was considered probable tonight that the session would be called on March 2.

Members of the Senate foreign relations committee were given to understand at its last meeting that Colombia was becoming much aroused over the delay in ratification of the treaty and the country is said to be facing serious financial difficulties unless the powers unless some action was taken.

Nicaragua Also Needs Money.

The treaty, which expresses regret that anything should have happened to mar the friendly relations between the two countries and provides for the payment by the United States of \$25,000,000 for Colombia's loss resulting from the taking of the Panama Canal zone, was ratified by the Colombian Senate many months ago.

The Administration also desires to have the Nicaraguan treaty ratified, particularly because the government in that country is said to be facing serious financial difficulties unless it can get the money payment provided for in the treaty for the Nicaraguan Canal route.

Trade Commission Spells Fight.

It was understood that the President hopes to have both of these treaties ratified before the formal opening of the Panama Canal in July, so that at that time entire friendship may exist between all the nations in America.

Although Administration leaders believe that the Federal trade commission nominations can be confirmed before March 4, there is certain to be a fight on several of them. No special session of the Senate would be called to consider these nominations alone, however, since the President has been informed by his legal advisers that he has the authority to make recess appointments in case the nominations fail at this session.

More than 800 conventions are to be held during the San Francisco Exposition in 1915.

BUDGET ACT IS PASSED

WASHINGTON'S SENATE FAVORS TAXPAYERS' MEASURE.

Bill Backed by Federation of Associations Provides Method for Making All Public Expenditures.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special).—Application of the budget system to expenditures of all counties, cities, towns and other political subdivisions is provided in Senate bill 312, passed by the Senate yesterday, declared by many legislative students to be one of the best pieces of constructive legislation to be acted on by the present session of the Legislature.

A state federation of taxpayers' associations was primarily responsible for the measure, which was introduced by the Senate committee on revenue and taxation, Senator French, of Clarke County, contributed much of his time toward putting the measure in shape for passage.

The measure requires all heads of departments to file with the chief auditing officer the estimate for the coming year, provides for a public hearing to be held the first Monday in October and subsequent adoption of the amended budget by ordinance. Thereafter the departments are to be held accountable for their expenditures under budget provisions, penalties being fixed for excess expenditures, with provision for possible emergencies. Any deficiency

between the amount of taxes actually collected and the amount of the total budget is to be made up in the levy of the following year.

Some provision for a state budget system also probably will be made by the Legislature. Two conflicting measures, one proposing a budget to be prepared by the State Board of Finance and the other providing for one to be prepared by the State Bureau of Inspection, are being considered by a Senate committee.

Highway Bids to Be Asked Soon.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—State Highway Engineer Durbey announced today that the State Highway Commission would advertise March 1 for bids for constructing the Mitchell's Point section of the Columbia Highway. The stretch of road is about a mile long and because of the topography of the land will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000. There will be two tunnels in the section and from a scenic standpoint it will be one of the most attractive parts of the highway. Mitchell's Point is about seven miles west of Hood River.

Sadie Anne Owens Dies in Klamath.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—"Grandmother" Sadie Anne Owens, of this city, died here Monday as the result of an injury sustained by a fall on the ice six weeks ago. Mrs. Owens was born at Burlington, Ky., on August 2, 1838, and came here in 1899 from Vancouver, Wash., with her son, Ben Owens, and family. Ben is the only child surviving her, although she leaves four brothers and a sister in Kentucky.

ARSON TRIAL TO BE TODAY

Bonds for Marshfield Suspect Signed by Knights Templars.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—H. C. Skerrett, arrested on a charge of arson here in connection with the burning of the Bunker Hill boarding-house, was released today on a bond signed by Knight Templar friends and will appear for trial tomorrow. The bondsmen were headed by Mayor F. E. Mery, Othman, W. V. Rust, E. L. Robinson, John Dotson, Harry Winkler, W. Jay Brown, John H. Stadden, S. C. Small, William Longstaffe and E. Lindquist. District Attorney Liljeqvist is expected home from Roseburg to aid in the hearing for the state. There are no new developments in the execution of the trial. The attachment on the money, \$575, filed by Peck & Peck, was compromised today and the greater portion of the funds were returned to Attorney McKnight. The hearing tomorrow is certain to be a bitterly fought preliminary, as Skerrett's friends are loyal and believe there has been a mistake.

CLERK REFUSES LICENSE

Applicant Doesn't Know Whether or Not Intended Is Halfbreed.

When Henry M. Tenney, 70 years old, would not swear that the woman he proposed to marry was less than half Indian, Deputy County Clerk Quinlan yesterday refused to issue him a license. "We'll go over and get a license and try our luck there," declared Tenney.

Tenney wished to marry Miss Mary Burton, 40 years old, who said she was a native of the United States and did not know her parents, and was not sure as to the percentage of Indian blood in her veins. Tenney gave his address as 241 Sixth street and his wife, Mrs. M. Campbell, of the same address, with him as a witness.

NEW FRATERNITY GREETED

Sigma Epsilon Branch Is Formed at University of Washington.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 25.—(Special).—A new national fraternity is on the campus. Sigma Epsilon, a local engineering fraternity, received a charter Saturday from the Theta Xi Fraternity. The organization, Sigma Epsilon has been known on the campus and has existed since 1910. The personnel is made up entirely of undergraduates.

The faculty have expressed their approval of the new fraternity and its high standards. The names of the members of the new chapter have not been announced.

COW EPIDEMIC ATTACKED

Liberal Appropriation Made to Stamp Out Disease.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—More than one dollar in every 10 expended by the Government for all agricultural purposes in the next two years will be devoted to extirpating the foot and mouth disease, under the terms of the agricultural appropriation bill passed by the Senate today.

SAVE SYRIANS IS PLEA

CONDITION WORSE THAN IN BELGIUM, SAYS RELIEF WORKER.

Call Made for Funds and Foods Brings Speedy Subscription of \$150.

Starvation Threatens.

Bearing an appeal to the Syrians in America to save the people of Syria from starvation, a communication has been received by Portland residents of that nationality from the Syrian relief committee in New York, urging that contributions be made immediately to assist in the work of relief. The Syrians have responded to the call and are gathering funds.

A. E. Atiyeh, of Atiyeh Bros., Tenth and Alder streets, is acting as chairman of the relief committee. He reported last night that about \$150 had been subscribed as the result of phone conversations which he had during the day.

Mr. Atiyeh issued a call to the Syrians, urging that all contribute generously to the relief work. He also asked that others of Portland, who wish to aid in the relief of suffering, feel free to assist.

"The suffering of the people of Syria is fully as great, if not greater, than that of the Belgians," said Mr. Atiyeh. "Belgium has been in the center of the war since it was a consequence has been in the limelight. In Syria the Turkish army has occupied the territory, the men have been conscripted into the army, people evicted from their homes to make quarters for the soldiers and the grain, provisions and money belonging to the people have been taken, leaving the inhabitants to starve."

"Relief must be speedy, if at all, or many of the people will not survive. Any money received here will be forwarded to the Syrian relief committee in New York, sent by the United States Government to Turkey and distributed through the Board of Foreign Missions."

EMBARGO IS EFFECTIVE

LITTLE HOPE HELD OF HOLDING FIGHT AT JUAREZ.

Curley, on Way to Havana, Says He Will Take Johnson to Mexico for Battle if Possible.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 25.—The embargo placed upon the entry of Jack Johnson at any east coast port of Mexico, by General Carranza, combined with the indictment against Johnson at Chicago, has apparently shifted the possibility of staging a heavy-weight boxing bout March 6 between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard, from Juarez, Mex., to Havana, Cuba.

Jack Curley, promoter of the fight at Juarez, departed today for Havana "to see what the matter was," he said. "I will bring Johnson to Juarez if I can," he said.

Early today a report was received from Toronto, Ont., to the effect that Tom Finigan, an owner, Johnson trainer, had received a cablegram from Johnson in which the latter said he had called off the fight for March 6 at Juarez, Mex.

Ashland Gas Meters Being Tested.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—The local board of the Oregon Gas & Electric Company is sending in its meters to Portland to be tested officially by the public service Commission. About 800 meters are involved in the gas service here and these devices are forwarded for inspection in relays as opportunity offers. The corporation has five years from January 1, 1915, in which to have this inspection complete. Thus far, only one machine has been found a trifle inaccurate.

SEATTLE Car Service Cut Opposed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 25.—Councilman Hesketh has prepared a resolution to introduce at the Council meeting next Monday, asking the State Public Service Commission to forbid the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company to discontinue direct downtown service from certain outlying districts and substitute stub-lines with transfers. The company alleges that it has been obliged to discontinue through service on account of motor bus competition which steadily increases.

Marshfield Theater Sold.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special).—G. J. Lemanski, who has conducted theaters in the Coos Bay country for six years, today disposed of his last interest, the New Lemanski, opened in Marshfield three months ago, to Robert Marsden, Jr., the oldest motion picture showman on Coos Bay. The deal was the result of competition and reduces the number of motion picture houses from three to two.

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