

MORE SENS SAY 'NO EXTRA SESSION'

Land Grant Problem Is Not Thought to Present Emergency for Solution.

GOVERNOR'S STAND LIKED

Ben Selling, ex-Speaker, Writes He Is Willing to Leave Matters Entirely in Hands of Mr. Withycombe for Settlement.

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TAX FIGHT TO RESUME

RAILROADS TO REVIVE ISSUE BEFORE WASHINGTON BOARD.

Equalization Body Denies Check of Data Offered on Assessments Because Funds Are Lacking.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 9.—(Special.)—When the Washington State Board of Equalization convenes in September the five railroad companies operating in this state, the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, O. W. R. & N., Milwaukee and Spokane, Portland & Seattle, will appear before it to resume their fight started in 1913 for lower valuations.

Agents for these roads have been for months past in nearly every county of the state, securing data in regard to sales of real estate, comparing the sale prices with the assessed valuation in an effort to show that private property is assessed at a lower ratio than the railroad property. Tax Agent Charles A. Murray of the Northern Pacific sought this week to have the State Board of Equalization check these data officially, but was told that the board had no funds for this purpose, and was invited to have the county auditors verify as to the correctness of the figures.

In 1913 a similar attempt was made to obtain reductions by the same group of railroads, and when requests were refused successively by the State Tax Commission and the Board of Equalization, a suit was carried to the Supreme Court. The court only recently gave a final decision, adverse to the railroads.

It is of great magnitude of that of 1913 and no suits were attempted last year.

FRUIT GROWERS BLAMED

W. H. Paulhamus Tells Kennewick Producers Association's Plans.

KENNEWICK, Wash., July 9.—(Special.)—The growers and selling agencies of the Northwest must work together in a spirit of harmony in marketing this year's fruit crop if the market is to be kept where it will give the grower profitable returns.

W. H. Paulhamus, chairman of the executive board of the Growers' Council of the Northwest, last night before 200 Kennewick fruitgrowers and shippers in the Commercial Club rooms.

Mr. Paulhamus declared that the selling agencies are not as much to blame for low prices as growers. He outlined plans of the executive board, saying that the purpose of this board is to follow each of the 2000 cars of fruit to market, and to see that they are marketed in the best possible manner.

Yakima Valley and all other fruit in the Northwest from the grower to the consumer, making a direct connection, setting up a council to maintain the price.

STREET EXTENSION IS PLAN

City to Attempt to Obtain Burnt-Over Factory Site.

An effort will be made by the city to obtain the factory site which until the time of the construction of the Standard Box & Lumber Company on the East Side was occupied by Water Street, from East street to East Ankeny street, and Ankeny street from East First street to the harbor line of the river.

The streets were vacated and turned over to the abutting property owners. It is planned now to start proceedings for street extension to resume the street. The box and lumber company burned to the ground recently. The streets will connect with the Municipal dock.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

BIRTHS.

ADDITION—To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Aldrich, 1809 Woodstock avenue, July 5, a son.

DIXON—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Dixon, 428 Patton avenue, June 28, a daughter.

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BAMMEL—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bammel, 234 Postoffice street, July 8, a son.

BLOW—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blow, 1000 F. M. street, July 8, a son.

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HANCOCK—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock, 1034 Haman street, July 8, a son.

SHUTE—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Shute, 704 Vaughn street, July 8, a son.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

DRESSLER-BAUER—Peter Dressler, 25, 25th street, and Peter Bauer, 25, 25th street, July 9.

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