

ASSESSORS OPPOSE STATE TAX SYSTEM

County Officials Recommend Abolition of Commission.

REFORM LAW PROPOSED

Property Valuations Under Present Plan Held to Be Unsatisfactory and New Legislation Urged.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Abolishment of the state tax commission and the creation of a new tax commission to be composed of two traveling commissioners and an office manager, were advocated by the state assessors' association in annual session here today as a means of remedying the alleged unsatisfactory conditions under which property valuations are levied under the present system.

It was charged by members of the association that the present system of compiling the property valuations, both with regard to utilities and private holdings, was unsatisfactory to both the assessors of the state and the taxpayers.

To get the proposed innovations under way a committee was appointed to prepare a bill abolishing the present tax commission and supplementing it with a commission to be composed of three members. It will be specifically provided in this bill that two of the commissioners shall travel extensively throughout the state and acquaint themselves with both corporate and private property in every county.

Valuations Said to Vary.
Under the system now in vogue, it was alleged the valuations vary to a considerable extent and in many instances they do not represent the true value of the property assessed as intended by the framers of the assessment statutes.

In case the committee should find that the creation of a tax commission composed of three members is not feasible, it was given the alternative of preparing a measure providing for placing the duties of the body in the hands of the public service commission. Regardless of which plan finally is approved by the committee, however, the bill will be ready to submit to the legislature at its next session in January.

The committee appointed to prepare the new legislation dealing with the future levying of valuations in Oregon is composed of J. B. Coleman, of Jackson county; J. S. Van Winkle, of Linn county; J. P. Byers, of Coos county, and C. E. Walker, of Lane county.

Assessors Oppose Rail Conference.
The assessors also went on record as opposed to meeting annually with attorneys for the railroad companies for the purpose of discussing the ratio of taxes as shall be levied against these corporations. It was alleged that the evidence

introduced for consideration at these sessions was unfair, for the reason that the railroad attorneys were in possession of all the data gathered by the various assessors with regard to private properties in the several counties, while the assessors had no way of becoming familiar with the status of the public utilities.

It also was voted by the assessors to do away with the present provision of law requiring a horticultural and agricultural census. It was alleged by some of the assessors that this report was unfair, in that it did not show the true acreage of the several products required to be classified.

Recommendation will be made to the legislature that this provision of law be repealed at the next session of the lawmakers.

CLATSOP ASSESSOR PRESIDENT

New officers elected by the assessors for the ensuing year are F. P. Leinenweber of Clatsop county, president; F. J. Holman of Polk county, vice-president, and T. J. Byers of Coos county, secretary-treasurer.

The legislative committee includes J. B. Coleman of Jackson county; J. S. Van Winkle of Linn county; J. P. Byers of Coos county, and C. E. Walker of Lane county.

The present state tax commission is composed of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and state tax commissioner.

The meeting was attended by assessors from practically every county in Oregon, and was the most productive sessions ever held by the association.

SMALL CAMPUS PLANNED

Experts Will Judge Designs Made by Students at Eugene.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 11.—(Special.)—The plans of a small college campus to accommodate about 500 persons, which are being drawn by students of the school of architecture, in a competitive contest, will be judged by Portland architects, E. T. Mische, former president of the national society of landscape architects, and W. C. Halford, former president of the Oregon chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Both men have had wide experience and should prove adequate judges, according to authorities at the school of architecture.

The students have been working on the plans for a small college campus since the opening of the fall term, and some remarkable and varied work has been done, says Professor A. Schreff, head of the art department, who is actively interested in the visit of the Portland men.

Views of Bankers Expressed.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Sentiment of bankers attending the convention of the American Bankers' association at Washington, D. C., is that the present financial condition is "safe but serious," according to Allen H. Reynolds, president of the Farmers & Merchants bank, who has just returned from the meeting. Credits must be further deflated to get the country back to normal, the bankers stated.

Republicans Hold Ratification.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Republicans held a jollification dinner last night at which officers and members of the various republican organizations of the county and the successful candidates were present. Paul H. Weyrauch was toastmaster.

FINE ORGANIZATION WINS

WALTER L. TOOZE JR. CREDITS HAYS WITH GREAT ABILITY.

Paramount Feature of Republican Victory Was Management of Big Campaign, Says Oregon Man.

MEMPHIS, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Walter L. Tooze Jr. has returned home from Chicago, where, for the last three months, he has been connected with the republican national committee in the conduct of the national campaign.

"One of the greatest, if not the greatest, causes of the republican victory at the recent election was the wonderful organization possessed by the republicans—perhaps the best political organization in the history of American politics," said Mr. Tooze. "Will Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, is a human dynamo and a genius at organization. In a little more than two years of almost constant endeavor he was able to build out of almost nothing a political organization impossible to defeat; an organization which covered practically every voting precinct in America."

"Mr. Hays is entitled to great credit for the victory. He was never fooled on the outcome, and his prediction, which by many were considered at the time most extravagant, have been shown by the results to have been based upon a knowledge of actual conditions. Without doubt, he has no peer in the United States as an organizer, and with this ability he possesses that tact and diplomacy so necessary to success in politics. I look to see him a member of Senator Harding's cabinet if he will accept a place. For more than two years he has given his time to his party."

"The success of the republicans in the senatorial contests was due largely to the demand of the organization, as well as of Senator Harding, to give the next president a harmonious senate with which to work. The fight in all instances developed into a party fight rather than a contest of individuals."

"Senator Harding will make us a great president. He will not be rushed off his feet at any time, and will handle the many grave problems confronting him with deliberation. He has a wonderful personality, and the tremendous size of his majority is as much a personal triumph as it is a party victory. His clear vision, his bigness, his statesmanlike conduct of the campaign all appealed to the American people."

Mr. Tooze has resumed his practice of law with Senator W. T. Vinton in this city.

PASCO ELECTION IS QUIET

All Caucus Candidates but Two Chosen by Voters.

PASCO, Wash., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—The city primary here passed quietly Tuesday with a very light vote cast. With exception of city attorney and one councilman the ticket nominated was selected from the list of names suggested at a recent mass meeting. At that meeting C. M. O'Brien was recommended for city attorney, but the voters decided in favor

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of C. W. Johnson. L. N. Goodell was nominated for councilman instead of H. P. Aldrich, the caucus nominee. Various rumors were circulating throughout the day, claims being made that the names of two women were being written in for mayor by laboring men, but this proved false.

GRADUATE CLUB STARTED
Thirty-Two Charter Members Are Nucleus of Organization.
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 11.—(Special.)—The graduate students of the university, 32 in number, met tonight to form a graduate club, and also to discuss graduate work with Dr. George Rebec, dean of the graduate school.

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