

15 STATES TO SEEK TAX REFORMS SOON

Revenue Sources to Be Big Issue in Legislatures.

RETRENCHMENT SOUGHT

Budget Plans and Abolition of Needless Departments to Be Decided in About 12 States.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Tax reform and new means of raising revenue will take first place for discussion in at least 15 state legislatures now about to open, judged by reports from correspondents of the Associated Press forwarded here from many state capitals.

Retrenchment, budget plans and abolition of needless departments will be next in importance in 12 or more legislatures, with questions of public improvements, utility corporations and public welfare ranging in order close behind.

Dry law enforcement acts are contemplated in not less than five states—California, Connecticut, New York, Ohio and South Dakota—while anti-blue laws will be fought pro and con on the floors of the legislatures of New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Vermont.

Revision of state constitutions will be undertaken in the Pennsylvania assembly, which convenes tomorrow, and in the Colorado and New Hampshire legislatures, whose sessions open next Wednesday.

Bonus Bill to Come Up.
Soldier bonus bills come up for discussion or action in Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Montana.

Labor legislation, including in at least one instance the question of industrial courts, will be pushed in California, Connecticut and Iowa. Public welfare bills have strong sponsors in Arkansas, Connecticut, Colorado, Delaware, New York, Texas, West Virginia, Wyoming and Ohio. California will take up the question of combating radicalism.

Public improvements will be advocated in at least 11 states—California, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, North Dakota and Oklahoma. These include a \$125,000,000 irrigation project and a \$500-mile public highway. Programmes of economy, involving the consolidation or abolition of state departments and budget systems, will be considered among many of the 48 states, notably by Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio and Oklahoma.

Radical Tax Measures Up.
Legislators of Wisconsin and Texas will wrestle with radical taxation measures. In Wisconsin, the legislature of which opens tomorrow, the state division of marketing has proposed a tax on unused land. In Texas, a single tax, which would subject the personal property of the state to a tax of one per cent, will be considered. The measure, which meets January 11, will consider the conservation of natural resources in connection with taxation reform. In other states that are to take up the question of tax reform are Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nevada, New York, New Mexico, Ohio, Tennessee, Vermont, Montana and Oklahoma.

Repeal or revision of state primary laws are slated to occupy a large part of the time of the lawmakers of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, New Mexico, North Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont and Wyoming.

Autos to Get Attention.
Six state legislatures at least will have before them bills providing for a stricter regulation of automobiles and increased license fees, namely, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, Montana and Oklahoma.

Four states, Colorado, Kansas, Montana and Wisconsin, will discuss proposals for co-operation with federal aid and for farmers and two legislatures, those of California and West Virginia, will have before them interesting "farmers' measures."

In California, the act of 1919, designed to place a wife on an equality with a husband in the ownership and disposition of community property, which was defeated, will again come before the lawmakers. West Virginia may make non-support of a wife by a husband an extraditable offense.

Measures correlated with suffrage will come up in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Nevada. Reorganization of state militia will be discussed in several states, including Delaware and four states expect to forward new public utility legislation, namely, Connecticut, Colorado, Maine and South Dakota.

Revolving Also Has Place.
Connecticut, Illinois and West Virginia will consider bills relating to sports and the establishment of state boxing commissions.

Dates for the convening of legislatures, other than those already given, are as follows: Tomorrow, Rhode Island, Idaho, Montana, Tennessee, California and Ohio; January 4, Delaware, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Oklahoma; January 5, North Carolina, Illinois, Michigan, Maine, Vermont and Connecticut; January 6, Massachusetts, Indiana, January 9, New Jersey; January 10, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Arkansas, Iowa; January 11, Kansas, New York, New Mexico and Wyoming; January 12, Wisconsin; West Virginia; January 13, South Carolina; January 17, Nevada, Georgia; February 15, Hawaii; February 17, Porto Rico; March 17, Alaska; April 5, Florida.

HUGHES, DAWES FAVORED

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to have a little the better chance for several reasons, among them geographical considerations. The first three come from states which are likely to have other members in the cabinet. O'Connell is the only one coming from a state from which no cabinet member is likely to be appointed. The fact that O'Connell has been looked on as a demagogue would probably weigh little with Harding. For attorney-general, it is commonly assumed that Harry Daugherty of Columbus, O., is the likeliest choice. To what degree that assumption is correct can only be known within Senator Harding's own mind, for the choice of Daugherty, if it should be made, will be wholly a personal one on Harding's part.

Daugherty Is Discussed.
Daugherty is the man who first persuaded Harding to run for the senate six years ago and also persuaded him to enter the presidential race a year ago. Throughout Harding's campaign Daugherty has acted in an in-

formal way as a kind of a manager for Harding.

Without going into Daugherty's qualifications as a lawyer, it can be stated as a fact that if Daugherty is appointed there will be widespread protest on the part of those who feel that the office of attorney-general should be filled by a man of the highest eminence in the land.

That Daugherty is not eminent in the law is a simple matter of fact. If Harding were choosing his attorney-general on the same basis that he has already chosen Hughes for secretary of state and Dawes for secretary of the treasury, he would not choose Daugherty. It can be taken for granted that Hughes would be an appointment of the highest class. Sutherland as attorney-general would be in the same class with Hughes as secretary of state.

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Weeks Held Most Certain.
So far as that goes, a majority of the more substantial leaders in the republican party prefer that Daugherty should not be appointed, and look forward to it with apprehension. They hesitate, however, to lay their arguments before Harding because of what is assumed to be the personal relation between Harding and Daugherty.

If Daugherty is not made attorney-general, the probabilities run in favor of George Sutherland, ex-senator of Utah. That would be an appointment of the highest class. Sutherland as attorney-general would be in the same class with Hughes as secretary of state.

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As to the two, Hirt said to want the department of commerce post, but the fact is he is more likely to be considered for postmaster-general. Postmaster-general is also the most obvious office for Will Hays.

Hert More Eager Than Hays.
Of these two men Hert is probably the more eager for a cabinet position than Will Hays is. Hert is a rich man of 56, with a completed business career behind him. Will Hays is a poor man and a young man of 41, with his career ahead of him. Hays, because of his known achievements as an organizer, might be considered for secretary of commerce.

In Harding's mind, the essential qualification of the man chosen for secretary of commerce will be that he must be especially approved by Hughes as secretary of state. It is Harding's intention that the secretary of state and the secretary of commerce shall work strongly hand in hand for the extension of our commerce abroad.

In fact, one suggestion is that hereafter our foreign consuls shall be chosen jointly by the secretary of state and the secretary of commerce.

HARDING DISCUSSES CABINET
President-Elect Has Conference With Ex-Manager.

MARION, O., Jan. 2.—Cabinet appointments were discussed by President-elect Harding today in a conference with Harry Daugherty, his pre-convention manager. No announcement was made, and there was nothing to indicate how soon definite selections would be made.

The general indication has been that the names of two or three appointees will be made known early in the new year. The names of the appointees will continue the canvass of the legislative situation, with a view to reducing army and navy appropriations to the lowest point consistent with a safe defense policy.

LARK IS JAILED FOR BUN

Adventure With Moonshiners Leads

Cook to Jail Cell.
Magnus Lark, cook, 37, Sergeant Bunn; thus the police blotter.

Magnificent Lark, wonderful Bunn; thus Sergeant Bunn.

When Lark went larking with bootleggers last night he had the intention of having a beautiful lark, but instead he landed in jail—one of the cross, hot variety. Being a Lark, police said that he should have gone on a singing jag.

Two buns in fact. For when Sergeant Bunn found Lark enjoying his bun, Lark attempted to fly away, but both his bun and the other Bunn prevented his escape.

The Lark was then caged.

LODGE RECORD IS SET

Oddfellows Gain in Membership During Past Year.

Star lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows, is celebrating. During the past year, for the second consecutive time, the lodge doubled its membership. Moreover, the lodge made a net gain of 213 new members, making a new record along those lines for the state order. The aim during the coming year is to once

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more double its membership, at present 417.

Twenty-five per cent of the members are policemen. Chief of Police Jenkins and a hundred of his followers belonging. Besides making strides in membership, the lodge has a paper, the Star Lodge Booster, published by Harry W. Wright. At the last meeting of the year Thursday night, the lodge initiated 20 new members. Hasslop lodge No. 13 was on hand with its band to help with the ceremonies. Star lodge meets every Thursday night at Thiel hall on Killingsworth avenue, near Albina.

BIG TIMBER TRACT SOLD

\$2,000,000 Paid for 12,000 Acres of Spruce Corporation Holdings.

Negotiations have been closed whereby the Pacific Spruce company takes over a lumber mill site and buildings at Toledo, 24 miles of railroad and 12,000 acres of timber land formerly the property of the United States Spruce Production corporation. The price was given out as \$2,000,000. The mill which was 90 per cent completed when operations were discontinued is located on the headwaters of Yakima bay and when finished will have an estimated capacity of 250,000 feet an eight-hour shift. With it is included the Alsea Southern railroad running 23 miles south from Yakima bay. The timber land included in the purchase was known as the Blodgett tract and lies north of the Yachats river and south of the Alsea river.

Fentris Hill of San Francisco and his associates are incorporators of the Pacific Spruce company and they announced that they plan to begin logging and mill operations early in the spring.

Photograph Gallery Robbed.

The photograph gallery of O. M. Hofstetter, 1857 Third street, was robbed of \$40 in currency last night by thieves who obtained entrance by removing a door panel. Detectives who investigated said the thieves overtook \$100 worth of lenses.

Hospital Patient Is Injured.

Fred E. Edwards, salesman of Lewiston, Idaho, who has been receiving treatment in the Derb Bariumum, suffered a broken leg when he jumped from a window of the institution early last night. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

Hill Classes to Resume.

Hill Military academy will reopen tomorrow morning after the Christmas holidays. Students are arriving from various parts of the northwest. Classes will be resumed at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Woman Sustains Broken Leg.

Jessie Hogan, 35, saleswoman, 743 Hoyt street, sustained a broken leg early last night when she fell down stairs while visiting a neighbor. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

Negro Robbed by Two Others.

W. N. Lee, 505 Pettygrove street, negro, was held up by two armed negroes early last night at Fifteenth and Pettygrove streets. He lost \$23.

S. & M. green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co. Main 352, 600-21. Adv.

CONGRESS TACKLES TASK

FORMIDABLE PROGRAMME ON HAND FOR NEW YEAR.

Congestion as Usual Is on Senate Side—House Busy With Budget and Postal Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Congress tomorrow will start its new year's work with a formidable programme for the 52 working days remaining before sine die adjournment, March 3. Congestion, as usual, is on the senate side, house activity being concentrated on completion of the appropriation bills with the sundry civil budget under debate and the post-office bill waiting. Tariff revision is to be an important matter this week.

Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee plans to return to the senate tomorrow after a year's absence and with his committee begin consideration of the emergency tariff bill passed by the house. Hearing on general tariff revision planned during the extra session after March 4 will begin Thursday before the house ways and means committee.

The senate foreign relations committee will hold a special session tomorrow to consider international disarmament. It will take up the resolution of Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, proposing a request to the president to initiate negotiations with Great Britain and Japan toward an agreement for a 50 per cent cut in naval building for a term of years. The committee also will consider a resolution by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, proposing that the president be asked to appoint an American representative to meet with the league of nations disarmament committee. Democrats are disposed to favor Senator Walsh's plan.

Emergency immigration legislation is to be taken up tomorrow by the senate immigration committee which will begin hearings on the house bill to prohibit virtually all immigration for ten months. Representative Johnson, republican, Washington, chairman of the house immigration committee, is expected to be the first witness.

Final action on the bill to revive the war finance corporation designed to aid agricultural interests is expected this week. The bill is now before President Wilson, and if vetoed an effort is planned to pass the measure over his disapproval.

Early disposition is planned by the senate of the presidential veto last week of the bill to suspend operation of that portion of the Clayton anti-trust law restricting in a measure railroad purchases of materials from concerns in which their officers are interested. The bill is lying on the vice-president's desk.

Another spirited senate struggle set tentatively for January 10, is brewing over the Pointe-d'Ala strike bill, which was passed by the senate without debate and with only a few senators present.

Sentiment for adequate consideration is widespread but Senator Pointe-d'Ala is confident of repassage.

Inquiry into coal prices will be resumed this week by the reconstruction committee. Alleged profits of government officials in coal sales to the army, shipping board and other agencies will be under investigation.

Development of the government nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., bama, promises lively debate this week in connection with committee elimination from the sundry civil bill of an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the project and with the pending substitute proposing a government corporation to operate the plant.

Soldiers' bonus legislation will receive further consideration this week by the senate finance committee.

Inquiry into marine cable questions will be resumed January 10 by the interstate commerce sub-committee.

Whether an attempt to obtain ratification of the \$65,000,000 treaty with

Will Oregon Pay for Its Telephone Service?

The Telephone Company is asking the State of Oregon for an increase in telephone rates. As shown by the following figures taken from an exhibit just filed with the Public Service Commission, it is now, and for some years past has been, operating at a loss.

GROSS REVENUE, EXPENSE AND NET REVENUE YEARS 1916-1919, INCLUSIVE, ACTUAL; YEAR 1920—9 MONTHS ACTUAL, 3 MONTHS ESTIMATED

	Year 1916	Year 1917	Year 1918	Year 1919	Year 1920
Gross Revenue.....	\$2,269,082.69	\$2,552,351.15	\$2,809,304.05	\$3,445,848.83	\$4,156,700
Expenses.....	2,004,011.32	2,342,401.99	2,568,814.02	3,482,614.97	4,126,600
Net Revenue.....	265,071.37	209,949.16	240,490.03	(loss) 36,766.14	30,100
Interest and Dividends..	514,778.65	549,064.85	594,675.33	653,412.82	721,500
Interest.....	(284,993.05)	(805,896.85)	(836,972.93)	(374,552.02)	(416,500)
Dividends.....	(229,785.60)	(243,168.00)	(257,702.40)	(278,860.80)	(305,000)
Deficit.....	249,707.28	339,115.69	353,685.30	690,178.96	691,400

With such results it is not possible to develop or satisfactorily maintain a telephone plant. Such a showing to the investor will not enable us to obtain the outside funds necessary for extensions and permanent improvements.

Oregon must and will grow. To play its part in this growth the Telephone Company must have added revenue.

We are asking for rates which will enable us to pay a reasonable return on our investment. Adequate rates are necessary to adequate service.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company

IDAHO CAUCUS IS HELD

PETER G. JOHNSTON CHOSEN SPEAKER OF HOUSE.

Bertha V. Irvin, Member From Twin Falls County, Gets Ovation When Elected Secretary.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—At the 16th legislative house caucus tonight, Peter G. Johnston, Bingham county, was selected for speaker by acclamation; Dave Burrell, of Ada county, chief clerk; Arthur W. French, of Boise county, an ex-serviceman, wounded in France five times, was the unanimous choice of the caucus for sergeant-at-arms. He defeated James W. Keating, of the first ballot and it was then decided to make his election unanimous.

L. E. Stumm, of Canyon county, was chosen as journal clerk; Sam Glen of Ada county, doorkeeper over E. Cathcart of Pocatello, and C. S. Coffin of Ada. Rev. J. H. Ross of Ada, a Methodist minister, was elected chaplain, and Clinton A. Pease and Myrl Cavanaugh of Ada county, as majority leader.

Building Expenditures \$4,000,000.
HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—According to statistics compiled by the building inspector, Honolulu will have spent almost \$4,000,000 in the way of building improvements during the past 12 months.

Coppley Is Hamilton Mayor.

HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 2.—George C. Coppley yesterday was elected mayor of this city by a large majority. In commemoration of the city's heroic soldiers, the voters decided in favor of a memorial hall.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070, Automatic 560-95.

NEWTON WAS RIGHT

Everything That Goes Up Must Come Down

To the Men of Portland:

You'll remember that over two months ago I took you into my confidence and demonstrated that tailoring costs were due for a tumble. In fact, I anticipated the inevitable decline by slashing my prices \$15 on every suit. The discerning fellows, who realized that when Portland's BEST tailor for eighteen years stages his second clearance sale the dope must be right, took immediate advantage of the reduction.

Spring prices are going to be considerably lower but I am not going to wait for spring. I need your patronage NOW. So, in order to make it possible for you to replenish your wardrobe with made-to-measure and made-to-fit garments and not be humbugged by glowing "clearance sale" advertisements of ill-fitting ready-to-wear clothes, I'll take another loss.

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