

AUDIT OF FINANCES OF STATE PROPOSED

Concurrent Resolution Introduced by Mr. Dennis.

TAX REPEAL IS SOUGHT

Senator Smith Alms His Attack at 6 Per Cent Limitation and All Millage Levies.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 20. (Special.)—A complete audit of the state's finances, particularly as they apply to bond issues and other contracted indebtedness, by a special committee to be appointed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house, was urged in a concurrent resolution introduced today by Senator Dennis of Union county.

Other proposed legislation dealing with the state's finances introduced in the senate today made its debut in two resolutions introduced by Senator Smith of Josephine county. One of these provides for the repeal of the 6 per cent tax limitation and the other resolution would repeal all millage levies extending over a period of more than two years.

A companion bill will be introduced by Senator Smith later to nullify all millage taxes after December 31, 1922. In case the latter bill becomes a law, institutions affected by the millage taxes will have to come before the legislature each two years and present their claims for appropriations.

Audit Committee Suggested. The committee proposed by Senator Dennis to audit the state is to be composed of two members of the senate, two members of the house and the fifth member to be a citizen of Oregon outside of the legislative personnel.

It is provided in the resolution that the committee shall report its findings to the president of the senate and speaker of the house at the earliest possible date, and that the report shall be transmitted to the legislature for consideration.

Authority is given the committee to select bonded accountants and other needed experts for the audit and investigation. No compensation shall be allowed the committee, but all necessary expenses for the audit shall be paid from the general funds of the state. The total expense of the audit is limited to \$10,000.

Work Deemed Necessary. "This work," said the resolution, "is deemed absolutely necessary in order that the people of the state may have a balance sheet of the state's business before them."

A number of bond issues have been authorized, one after another, without due calculation as to the piling up and lapping over of interest and principal payments on the funding of bonds when due.

Senator Smith, prior to introducing his resolution providing for the repeal of the 6 per cent limitation of the constitution and all millage levies, obtained figures from the state tax commission showing the financial condition of the state. Copies of these figures were distributed among the legislators.

Tax Levies Shown. This report showed that taxes levied in Oregon for 1921, based on the 1920 tax rolls, aggregated \$41,182,951.22, segregated as follows:

Educational, \$18,738,348.56; 45.6 per cent; city and town, \$7,175,932.83; 27.42 per cent; roads, \$4,790,295.27; 14.27 per cent; county, \$459,950.22; 1.42 per cent; state, \$1,517,702.35; 3.69 per cent; drainage and irrigation, \$919,204.97; 2.23 per cent; fire, \$912,440.49; 2.22 per cent; miscellaneous, \$366,898.88; .89 per cent; fire patrol, \$60,533.81; .16 per cent. Taxes levied based on the 1919 rolls aggregated \$32,504,608.02, while the taxes based on the 1918 roll totaled \$25,658,926.27. In 1909 the taxes aggregated \$11,960,274.11.

EIGHT NEW BILLS IN HOUSE Full Term of Office for Every Elected Person Sought.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 20. (Special.)—The following house bills were introduced today:

H. B. 7, by Fletcher—To amend section 42, chapter 412, laws of Oregon, to provide for an Atlantic-Pacific highway and electrical exposition.

H. B. 8, by Hildman—To provide for a full term of office for every person hereafter elected at any general election to any state, district, or county office.

H. B. 9, by Gallagher—Amending sections 9241, 9242, 9243, laws of Oregon, relating to payment of bounties and declaring an emergency.

H. B. 10, by Lynn—Amending section 1, chapter 178, 1921 session laws relating to the purchase of land for the Oregon training school, and declaring an emergency.

H. B. 11, by Fletcher—Amending sections 4082, 4083, 4084, 4085, 4087, Oregon laws, relating to methods of voting by absent voters.

H. B. 12, by Gordon of Lane—An act concerning judges, chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

SIDELIGHTS OF LEGISLATURE

HARRY T. McCLELLAN, at one time sheriff of Douglas county, but for several years a resident of Marshfield, is serving as journal clerk in the house during the special session. Prior to his election as sheriff, Mr. McClellan for many years conducted the old McClellan hotel in Roseburg.

Mrs. L. L. Patterson, wife of Senator Patterson of Polk county, is among the women attending the special session. Mrs. Patterson is prominent in women's circles and Oregon, and at the last state fair successfully arranged the programme for all-American day.

Because of the continued cold weather and likelihood of a storm, a number of eastern and central Oregon legislators have threatened to jump the traces and leave for their homes Thursday noon. These legislators are determined that they shall reach their homes before Christmas, regardless of any action that may be taken by the lawmakers.

Seymour Jones, who has been mentioned in connection with the gubernatorial contest at the primary election next May, has been a frequent visitor at the state house during the last two days. Mr. Jones has not yet announced his candidacy, but his friends declare he is ready to go.

Homer Foster, in charge of the supplies department of the secretary of state's office, probably is one of the busiest individuals in the state house.

The reason that there was nothing to do in the house today, except in the single instance of the introduction of a bill by Representative Fletcher, which provides for the turning over of receipts from the gasoline tax to the exposition board until the sum of \$2,000,000 has been reached. This bill was read for the first time and referred to the ways and means committee for consideration.

When members of the house met at 10 o'clock this morning a joint session was expected, so that advocates of the exposition could present their views to the legislature. However, Speaker Bean was informed that the proponents were not ready to take up the task of "selling the exposition" and routine business was quickly disposed of and adjournment was taken until 2:30 P. M.

When the house met at that time there was but little for the members to do, and a recess followed 35 minutes of work. When the gavel again sounded shortly after 4 P. M., Alexander Shortz, anti-bolshevist, made a short address and the house adjourned until tomorrow morning.

GOVERNOR'S VETOS UPHOLD Senate Sustains Action of Executive on Six Measures.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 20. (Special.)—The senate, by almost unanimous vote, today sustained the veto of Governor Olcott with relation to six measures passed at the regular 1921 session of the legislature.

One of these bills, introduced by Senator Upton, would provide for an increase in the salaries of officials of Klamath county. The governor vetoed this measure because the salary of the county assessor was to be doubled, while the compensation of the other officials was not increased in proportion.

Another veto sustained by the senate concerned a bill introduced at the last session by Senator Ellis. This measure provided for an increase in the salaries of the officials of Harney county.

Other bills vetoed by the governor were: S. B. 325, by committee on revision of laws—Amending statutes relating to how conveyances of land shall be made.

S. B. 327, by committee on revision of laws—Amending statutes relating to reports and license fees of corporations and stock companies.

S. B. 329, by Upton—Providing for the appointment of a commissioner for the co-operative marketing of meats.

S. B. 374, by judiciary committee—Establishing liability of abstractors.

WASHINGTONIANS IN SALEM Officials Consult With Mr. Koser About Uniform Road Laws.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 20. (Special.)—L. D. Meardle, director of efficiency of the state of Washington, L. M. Lang, secretary of the highway patrol, and R. P. Hart, supervisor of the motor vehicle department, all of whom make their headquarters at Olympia, arrived in Salem today to confer with S. A. Koser, secretary of state, and other officials with relation to an amendment to the Oregon highway laws providing uniform regulations for interstate motor traffic.

The visit of the Washington officials to Salem was occasioned by a meeting held recently at Olympia, when it was decided to establish uniform laws governing interstate motor traffic as it affects the two states.

The proposed amendment was in course of preparation late today. Secretary of State Koser and other Oregon officials are heartily in favor of the remedial legislation.

Orpheum matinee today, 15-25-50-Ad. Orpheum matinee today, 15-25-50-Ad.

HUME MEMORIAL ADOPTED Resolution Prepared by Senators Ryan, Dennis and Joseph.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Dec. 20. (Special.)—A resolution in memory of William H. Hume, senator from Multnomah county, was adopted by unanimous vote of the senate today. Senator Hume served during the regular 1921 session of the legislature. He was born in Portland, and the resolution was prepared by Senators Ryan, Dennis and Joseph. It reads as follows:

Whereas the senate of the state of Oregon has learned with deepest regret of the death of William H. Hume, senator from the 13th district, and whereas, as a member of this body at the regular session of 1921, he served this state in an able, fearless and conscientious manner, being always at his post of duty, ever contending for what he considered right, without hope of reward or return other than that of his own conscience, ever ready to voice his protest against what he deemed wrong, he proved a fearless fighter, respected by all, and a man of high character and noble mind to present his views, accepting the decision of his associates in approval or rejection, in the same philosophical man-

EXPOSITION SEEMS UP TO AUTO OWNERS

Higher Tax on Gasoline Appears Only Hope.

UPSTATE MEMBERS FIRM Chance for Raising Funds for 1925 Fair by Property or Income Levy Now Appears Small.

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ride the wishes of the highway commission if the latter takes a determined stand against losing part of its revenues.

Not until this morning did the fair committee from Portland get organized. This result followed upon the arrival of Franklin T. Griffith and Emory Olmstead. With the best of intentions but no chief, the committee had been making no progress. On the other hand, the upstate members opposed a direct tax on real property expected a powerful organization from Portland with a concrete programme.

Meanwhile in the restive house Representative Fletcher dropped a gasoline tax bill into the hopper. The Fletcher plan calls for turning over all gasoline money to the fair management, with the exception of \$500,000 a month, until the fair organization shall have received \$1,000,000. It retains the present 2-cent tax.

Mr. Griffith and his associates tried out the increased tax idea on President Hittner and Speaker Bean. Neither of these officials was over-enthusiastic. In fact the committee called that at the moment he would vote against it and the president refused to decide such a matter in 15 minutes.

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Christmas Holiday Planned. MARSFIELD, Or., Dec. 20. (Special.)—Mills and other industries on Coos Bay will take from one to four days for the holiday vacation and the average will be about two days. The Buchner mill takes but one, December 26, and the C. Smith mill, two. Veneer plants will take three days off. The Smith-Powers logging camps in the vicinity of Powers are all closed here, owing to the depth of snow and cold weather. They may not resume work until December 27.

Aberdeen Has Six Fire Alarms. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 20. (Special.)—Six fire calls were answered by the fire department here last night between 5:30 o'clock last night and 7 o'clock this morning. Four of the calls were for chimney fires and one was for a blaze in the Red Cross building. The sixth was a false alarm. The greatest damage, not more than \$75, was done at the Red Cross building, where some woodwork next to the chimney was burned.

Highways to Be Discussed. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20. (Special.)—Spokane state highway problems will be discussed at a joint meeting of committees from the Seattle and Spokane chambers of commerce to be held here in January, it was announced today.

Large Sum Provided for Roads. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20. (Special.)—More than \$1,250,000 will be spent on state and county roads in Spokane county next year, according to a report of the county engineer.

Bend Millage Tax Announced. BEND, Or., Dec. 20. (Special.)—Bend property owners will pay taxes and domestic animals.

28 WOLF BOUNTIES PAID Sculpis of 84 Cougars Also Bought by State This Year.

Bounties on 84 cougars and 28 wolves killed in western Oregon have been paid this year as a result of the fight waged by the state game commission to exterminate predatory animals, according to a report made by the game marshal's office yesterday. This was declared to be the largest number of bounties in several years.

It was estimated that one wolf or cougar kills 22 deer in a year, to say nothing of the ravages among sheep.

SENATE GETS THREE BILLS Measures to Relieve Irrigation Settlers Introduced.

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S. B. 9, by Nickelson—To relieve irrigation settlers who have borrowed irreducible school bonds.

S. B. 10, by Norblad—To amend statutes relating to transportation of high school pupils from one district to another.

S. B. 11, by Staples—To provide means whereby state banks may borrow from the war finance corporation funds in amount now loaned to national banks and under same conditions.

CHURCH GETS SHINGLES St. David's Parish Also to Arrange School for Children.

After exactly 51 years of dependable service, the old roof on St. David's parish house, East Twelfth and East Morrison streets, is getting new shingles. Few buildings in Portland, it was said, can boast such a shingle record.

The building originally stood at Grand avenue and East Morrison street and was moved to its present site about 25 years ago.

The changes in the parish house include removal of the bell from the small bell, which is to be demolished, and placing of the bell in the church tower. The vestry also is having the church gallery arranged for the use of classes of the church school. It is to be divided into 12 class rooms. About \$1000 will be spent.

Shippers to Be Represented. OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—O. O. Calderhead, traffic expert of the department of public works, will represent Washington shippers at the interstate commerce commission hearing on the payment of all railroad rates at Washington, D. C. January 9. It was announced today. The transportation act of March, 1920, provided that rates be fixed to yield 5 per cent to carriers for two years, making readjustment necessary March 1, next. Washington shippers asked that their interests be protected and the department named Mr. Calderhead to act.

Bend Masons Elect Officers. BEND, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—J. Alton Thompson was elected last night to the office of high priest of chapter No. 39, Royal Arch Masons of this city. A. A. Anderson was chosen king, J. L. Galtner, scribe, E. W. Cooper, captain of the host; Kenneth Sawyer, treasurer, and J. D. Davidson, secretary. Appointive officers are: Frank May, Royal Arch captain; P. M. Gasbar, master of the third veil; C. T. Terrill, master of the second veil; Dr. Grant C. Smith, master of the first veil; Vernon K. Masny, marshal, and A. J. Veitum, sentinel.

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