

TAX COMMISSIONS CLOSE CONFERENCE

Oregon and Washington Both Oppose U. S. Gasoline Levy.

SALES TAX ALSO BARRED

Principle of Assessment Declared Against in Meeting Held in Seattle—Problems Viewed.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 31.—The tax investigation commission of Oregon and Washington closed a two-day executive session in this city today, in the course of which they reached mutual agreement against the principle of a state sales tax and in opposition to a federal tax on gasoline sales.

Four members of the Oregon commission of seven attended the session—J. N. Day, chairman, and C. A. McKenna, of Portland, Walter Pierce of La Grande and Charles A. Brand of Roseburg.

In spite of the declaration of the Oregon commissioners that the law permitting classification of property seemed to be working satisfactorily in their state the Washington commission indicated a majority opinion against making recommendation of similar practice in this state, which would require a constitutional amendment.

Income and inheritance taxes were the chief topics of discussion in today's session. The Oregon men suggested the desirability of a change in the Washington inheritance tax law to conform with the tax now in vogue in Oregon, but the Washington commissioners were unanimously against any change.

As to the possible recommendation of an income tax in this state, the commissioners declared they would not even discuss it except as a last resort. If their further investigations should show other possibilities of shifting tax burdens and opening other tax sources, they may then take up the question of an income tax, but not until then.

Higher Fee May Be Asked. Discussion of Washington's political law was only of academic interest to the Oregon men, but an unofficial poll of the six Washington commissioners revealed that the strength of their frank declarations, shows four to be unequivocally in favor of retaining the poll tax, one in favor of it as an alternative to the soldiers' bonus, but not otherwise, and the sixth dead against it.

The probable opinion of the three absentees was ascertained. Those in favor of the tax stand by the results of more than two million dollars produced by it in its first year, and on the failure of their investigations thus far to show how so great a sum can be produced without greater hardship on the people.

The Oregon commissioners seemed surprised to learn that the Washington public entities had not on the certificate of necessity law can grant to private motor bus and freight truck operators exclusive monopolies over the paved highways of the state.

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INSPECTORS DISAPPOINTED BY COURT Decision on Overtime. PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 31.—Customs inspectors of the Puget sound district were disappointed by the decision of the United States supreme court abrogating the regulations under which they have been allowed overtime pay for Sundays and holidays.

TRAMP OF SILK IS RUSHED Attempt Made to Break Record From Yokohama to New York. PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 31.—Special freight train early this morning with a \$3,300,000 load of oriental silk in an effort to break the time record for silk shipments from Yokohama to New York.

By special preparation the agents of the Seattle port commission handled the silk from the ship's hold into the cars in exactly four hours. If the train gets through without mishap it is figured that the record of 13 days 12 hours will be established. The present record is 14 days 4 hours.

Garage Permits Asked

Mr. Barbur to Recommend Favorable Action on Other Requests.

CHAMBER OPENS DRIVE

Membership Campaign to Start at Centralla Today.

CENTRALLA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The Centralla chamber of commerce tomorrow will launch a membership campaign. Six hundred is the goal set. A building has been erected at Tower avenue and Pine street and will be used as headquarters, which will be open day and night.

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COUNTY COURT IS SCORED

Failure of Clackamas Road Plan Cause of Controversy.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The county court was scored by L. A. Henderson, secretary of the county, at the luncheon discussion of highway development in Clackamas county today before the Live Wire. Both speakers took issue with Judge Cross, for failure to put into operation the hard-surface road-building programme.

FALSE TEETH ARE TOPIC

Rotarians Told Modern Grinders Give Reliable Service.

If a modern man sinks his false teeth into a bit of delicious pastry or chews a morsel of tough meat or beefsteak, he is not in danger of losing his set of grinders, as was the case with the old-fashioned dentures.

STEPHEN B. PACKARD DIES

Ex-Governor of Louisiana and ex-Consul at Liverpool Passes.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 31.—Stephen B. Packard, ex-governor of Louisiana, 1877, and American consul at Liverpool in 1878, died here today.

Call Brings No Bids.

BEKND, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The second call for bids for construction of the \$2,000,000 irrigation project on the north unit lands in Jefferson county resulted today in no contractors offers for the work.

Patient Flees From Hospital.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Andrew Thorand, 38 years old, escaped from the state hospital here today after being taken from his quarters to the institution auditorium where a moving picture show was in progress.

War Society Is Growing.

BEKND, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Sixty-three candidates will be initiated here by La Societe des 40 Hommes et 3 Chevaux on the afternoon of February 11. This will include 34 from Bend, two from La Pine, 10 from Prineville, two from Sisters, five from Madras and eight from Redmond.

ARREST ASSIST IN RAINTER CLIMB

4 Signal Men to Accompany French Mountaineers.

JOB GIVEN TO ALASKANS

In Event of Success News Will Be Flashed to Tacoma on Line Strung by Military.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 31.—Four expert signal men from Camp Lewis with snowshoe experience in Alaska have been detailed to accompany the trio of French mountaineers on their midwinter dash for the summit of Mount Rainier. The party will leave for the mountains tomorrow and attempt the climb Thursday.

Decision of the military authorities to co-operate in making the exploit a success was announced by Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver H. Dockery, Jr., 3d division adjutant, after a conference with Major-General Charles H. Muir and Colonel J. D. Leitch, chief of staff.

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TRIP NEVER TRIED BEFORE.

The three daring mountaineers who will make a trip never before attempted, are: Jean and Henri Landry and Jacques Bergues, all members of the French and Swiss Alpine clubs. Peters and three pack carriers will accompany the party, all on skis.

THIRD DEBATE IS LISTED

School Contest Arranged.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The third debate of the series of inter-high schools of southwest Washington will be held Friday night of this week. The Chehalis team will debate Hoquiam at that place.

WOMAN ADDRESSES CLUB

Industrial Exhibit at Chehalis Subject of Noon Talk.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. K. K. Johnson, of Seattle, in charge of the educational department of the Washington state chamber of commerce, was the principal speaker at the noon luncheon of the Chehalis Citizens' club.

HARBOR FILL IS DELAYED

Be Postponed Another Year.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Delays in the passage of the bill for the Aberdeen harbor fill may cause the project to be abandoned for this year, according to Councilman Cloud, sponsor of the plan.

RAIL WORKING RULE CHANGED

Milwaukee to Favor Senior Employees in Job Issues.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—All Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway shophouse workers today they have agreed to accept a new order splitting the work among all employees where a reduction in operations is necessary, but effective February 1, according to a rule of the railroad labor board, will be in force, laying off entirely the younger and less experienced men.

of which payrolls comprise about two-thirds, it has used an allotment basis in the mechanical and other departments," said Mr. Dow.

"This will necessitate quite a large reduction in force at Tacoma and other shop points effective February 1, although it will not result in any material decrease in the money paid out in the payroll."

RAILROAD SUIT THREATENED

Released Prisoner Says He Will Demand \$5000 for Arrest.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Suits for \$5000 damages against the Northern Pacific railway will be the outcome of the arrest of Peter T. Fogler, 29, in Los Angeles on December 29 as the man who passed forged Northern Pacific pay vouchers on Tacoma merchants recently, declared Fogler today.

TAX BILLS TO BE MAILED

Grays Harbor County Treasurer Prepares 15,000 Statements.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Approximately 15,000 tax statements will be put in the mail February 6 by Mrs. Olive F. Dunning, treasurer of Grays Harbor county.

MORE COLD PREDICTED

EAST WIND TO LAST TODAY, SAYS WEATHER MAN.

Minimum Is 24 Degrees Just Before Sunrise, With Maximum 36 in Afternoon.

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DODGE BROTHERS announce a substantial reduction in the prices of their cars effective January 1st, 1922. Includes a list of models and prices, and contact information for Braley, Graham & Child, Inc.

Victor Records February. List of records including 'Second Hand Rose', 'Fanny Brice', 'Tomorrow Land', etc. with prices.

Sound All Around. Advertisement for Sound Rubber Company, featuring 'Sound All Around' tires. Includes text about tire quality and contact information.

Hovenden Piano Co. 146 Park St. Between Alder and Morrison.