

STATUTORY LEVIES  
SNAAG TAX REDUCTION

Probe Commission to See  
What Can Be Eliminated.

LAKE TRANSFER OPPOSED

Body Firmly Against State Surrendering Any More Property  
or Water Rights.

BY JOHN W. KELLY.

Invariably in every public hearing the state tax investigation commission has been informed that the people want a reduction in taxes. This demand is statewide. "Something must be done," the commission has been told. And that is as far as the commission has found unanimity of opinion.

It depends whose ox is being gored—this proposition of cutting down taxes. Everyone wants the reduction to be made on the other fellow's pot scheme. What is a "frill and fancy" to one becomes a necessity to another, and what one indignant taxpayer designates as "follery" another champions as most practical. There is no budget item creating taxes but has its stout defenders.

Statutory Levies in Way.

After hearing delegations from 15 counties in eastern Oregon this week the commission has been informed that one stumbling block against the reduction of taxes in counties are the number of statutory levies; with these the county courts have no option—the law says these certain levies must be made, and so they cannot be eliminated. In order that this phase of the tax problem may be dealt with comprehensively, with a view to action by the legislature at the 1923 session, the commission will ask an opinion of the attorney-general to prepare a list of mandatory levies and discretionary levies.

Fortified with a list of the compulsory and optional levies, the commission can then begin to legislate something to work with along constructive lines. Some, or all, of the mandatory levies may possibly be repealed by the law-making body, or made discretionary with county courts.

Diamond Lake Transfer Opposed.

That no further property of the state be surrendered except where it is shown that the state will be overwhelmingly benefited is the firm determination of the state tax investigation commission. This will be a recommendation in the commission's report.

Relinquishment of any water rights meets with the opposition of the commission, as it means decreasing the taxable assets of the state. The peculiar significance of this resolution adopted yesterday is that it places the state tax investigation on record against the plan to turn Diamond lake and surrounding country over to the federal government. As for Diamond lake it is not, in the opinion of the commission, any more of a wonder than half a dozen other bodies of water in Oregon.

Second Trip Mapped.

In line with the commission's attitude on having the state retain its lands and lakes, the commission has much opposed to the "certificates of necessity and convenience" since the adoption of which, the commission says, water powers have been sold.

At the meeting yesterday the commission outlined its second and last trip. Having covered the eastern half of the state in its search for information on tax problems, the commission will go through the western section, so that all counties will have the opportunity to be heard before the commission knuckles down to the compilation of its report.

As agreed on yesterday, the trip will start with a hearing at Medford, April 24, where Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties can be heard; April 25, Roseburg; April 26, Eugene; April 27, Lane, Coos and Curry counties; April 28, Benton and Lincoln counties; April 29, Salem, for Marion and Polk counties; April 30, Astoria, for Clatsop, Clatskanie, Washington and Tillamook counties; May 1, Oregon City.

Whether the sentiment regarding educational matters and road conditions and extension work and inequality of assessments is the same in western Oregon as in eastern Oregon remains to be seen.

Today the commission will hold its hearing in Astoria for Clatsop and Columbia counties.

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Spinach is something of an experiment to find a garden crop that is readily marketable. The land produces cabbage in abundance and practically every kind of root vegetable, but recently it has been no great demand in the outside markets.

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Of the 392 accidents reported, 279 were subject to the benefits of the workmen's compensation act, 23 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the law, and nine were from public utility corporations and not subject to the provisions of the compensation act.

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Cast includes Harry Myers, the Yankee of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court." This is not another "4 Horsemen"—the style is too different—but it's just as good.

SOME UNUSUAL COMMENTS

The real success of the New York season. It is attracting enormous crowds and has received unstinted praise.—Baltimore Sun.

Audiences went into hysterics with laughter and tears.—Chicago American.

Lovely, lovable—I never so thoroughly enjoyed any play in all the world.—Chicago Daily News.

Admission: Matinees 35c Evenings 50c  
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PROGRAMME  
Espana Waltz.....  
M. J. Low Southern Moon.....Cecil Teague  
Gemini from the Repertoire of the Chicago Grand Opera Co.  
Airs of St. Patrick

MAYNOSTIC  
Direction of Jensen and Von Herberg

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FREIGHT CUT ANNOUNCED

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Lumber Rate of \$12.50 for Thousand Feet and \$5 for Ton of Cargo New Schedule.

GREEKS RELEASE VESSEL

Turkish Troops and Passengers on Italian Steamer Freed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 17.—The Greeks have released the steamer Africa, which was seized Wednesday by Greek warships off Ineboli. The steamer was flying the Italian flag. The commander of the Greek flagship Averof formally apologized to the captain of the Africa and released the steamer and the Turkish passengers on board.

IDAHO ORATOR IS NAMED

William Fowler to Represent University in Tri-State Contest.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, March 17.—(Special.)—William Fowler of Wendell, a sophomore in the college of law, will represent the University of Idaho in the tri-state oratorical contest between the University of Oregon, University of Washington and University of Idaho, to be held in Seattle in May.

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