

TAX REDUCERS' MEET RATHER STORMY ONE

League Gathering Fails to Accomplish Purpose.

MUCH FRICTION DEVELOPS

Mr. Scheubel Bolts Conference and President Cooper Stalks Out With Militant Threat.

Somewhat stormy and unsatisfactory was the meeting here of members of the tax reduction league Monday. It wound up with Christian Scheubel of Oregon City making his proposed initiative measure into his portfolio and leaving for home, and with J. C. Cooper, president of the league, stalling out with the announcement that he would initiate a bill to repeal the millage for the institutions of higher learning.

C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, who came to the conference to discuss a proposed graduated income tax, left without going over his bill, and S. M. Endicott of Salem voiced his opposition to an income tax and to Scheubel's programme.

The morning conference was fairly amicable, but after the noon recess the executive committee never was formally called to order and no definite action was taken on the five bills which were up for consideration.

Some "Outsiders" Present.

Attending the meeting were J. C. Cooper, president of the league; Roy Stockton, secretary; C. Scheubel, Dr. A. Slaughter, J. D. Brown and Mr. Van Trump. Of the organization committee there were present John U. Smith and H. F. Warren. "Outsiders" not on the executive or on the organization committee, who were in the room were F. S. Myers, Alex LaFollet and S. M. Endicott, this trio having been invited by President Cooper. Mr. Spence was on hand because the state grange instructed him to have an income tax initiated in November and the executive committee of the league had favored a graduated income tax, as wanted by the grange.

The committee of seven, the executive body of the league, approved an initiative programme recently but at the Monday meeting at no time was made to kick it over. Mr. Scheubel's plan calls for assessments at full cash value with a special concession for farm lands and repeal of the 1.2 millage, but not disturbing the old .7 millage. Mr. Scheubel believes that by his proposed assessment method the institutions of higher learning would get as much money from the .7 millage as from the 1.2 millage. He takes the stand that the institutions must not be crippled, and that his plan would not only be a tax reform but would maintain the schools. This plan was approved about three weeks ago by the committee of seven.

Mr. Scheubel "Throuch."

At the Monday afternoon gathering there was an apparent attempt to scuttle this programme. President Cooper wanted to have his bill repealed the 1.2 millage without providing the protection that Scheubel was striving for. During the argument which ensued Scheubel seized a piece of paper and started to write out his resignation, saying he would fight a separate bill to repeal the 1.2 millage. Mr. Scheubel believes that as he did not want the institutions handicapped. He wanted, he said, to relieve state taxes, lessen the burden laid on real property and get the institutions on the tax roll. Mere repeal of the millage, he asserted, would not afford relief and would only damage the schools.

"I'm through," said Scheubel, as he packed his typewritten measure and papers into his portfolio and closed it. This action did not worry President Cooper. He said it was all right with him and that he would just as soon see Scheubel and his bill leave Mr. Smith stood with Scheubel and Cooper waved him aside.

For three-quarters of an hour there was a dramatic scene, Scheubel appealing to one after another of the men in the room showing how his plan would be a relief demanded by taxpayers. This appeared to the Oregon City man said this and that was wrong with his measure and that their only interest in life was to repeal the millage.

Resignation Not Filled.

Mr. Scheubel left with his bills but without filling out his resignation; President Cooper left saying he would have a separate measure to kill the millage; Mr. Spence withdrew. Other delegates filtered out with sorrow. Before going Mr. Scheubel said he had given his time and had spent at least \$100 in this campaign for tax reduction. Others, told of the time and money they had devoted to the cause. Mr. Myers, having thrown a monkey wrench into the machinery, disappeared. Scheubel, considering Myers and Endicott disturbers—and the latter made it clear that he is against an income tax and particularly against Scheubel's idea.

At Oregon City yesterday Mr. Scheubel finished the draft of his measure and mailed it to Dr. Slaughter at Salem to see that the tax reduction league initiates it, this being done because Mr. Scheubel is to be away. When President Cooper's bill to knock out the millage is to appear it is not known.

Five Measures Drafted.

In a general way the tax reduction league had a programme of five measures to consider. The first was the income tax with a graduated scale, desired by the state grange; next, the Scheubel proposal to raise property assessments to full cash value, excepting farm land, and repeal of the 1.2 millage; the third the Cooper plan to abolish the millage and let the state go to the legislature for support; another was intended to require a three-fourths majority when bond issues are submitted to the people; the final measure was intended to limit the legislature to referring to the people only constitutional amendments and bond issues and use as a base for initiative petitions the number of registered voters instead of the vote cast for supreme justice and limit the use of the emergency clause to invasion, insurrection, disaster by fire or flood or epidemic of disease.

Carnival Held at Nyssa.

NYSSA, Or., May 2.—(Special).—One of the most successful social events of the season was the carnival held given by the teachers' committee of the Nyssa public schools. The hall was decorated in green and gold streamers and Japanese lanterns. Music was by the Jolly orchestra from Ontario. Favors of tiny bells were given to the women during the grand march, the men receiving small packages of confetti.

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SALMON CATCH IS FAIR

FISH OF SMALL SIZE BUT OF GOOD QUALITY.

Two Gillnetters Are Arrested and Charged With Working Before Opening of Season.

ASTORIA, Or., May 2.—(Special).—Reports received today from the various canneries said that while the catch of salmon last night was not large it was fair, and the season has opened in a satisfactory manner. Individual catches were of 200 pounds and more, while at one cannery the average returns were 162 pounds to the boat. The salmon are small, with very few reaching 25 pounds each, and this is considered a favorable sign for a continuance of the run, with the larger fish coming later.

While fair hauls were made in all sections of the river, the most successful gillnetters were those operating in the district from Tongue point up, and one man at the Rainier drift was said to have caught 45 salmon during the night. The class of nets making the best catches were the divers, which are of 7 and 7½-inch mesh, and the combination nets with meshes of from 2 to 8½ inches.

As usual, some gillnetters tried to steal a few hours' fishing before the season opened, and two of them were captured by Deputy Warden Larson. Early yesterday morning the deputy found Peter Australlik lying at anchor near the Kaboth seining grounds. There was a wet net in his boat, and the officer, on overhauling the craft, found six fish in the locker, five salmon weighing 22 pounds and one sturgeon which tipped the scales at 14 pounds. These were confiscated and the man will be arraigned in the justice court. At 11 o'clock yesterday a gillnetter from North Shore laid out his net below Point Ellis and was captured by Deputy Larson.

Advices received today are that eight sealing grounds in the middle river section have begun fishing operations. They are the Puget Island, Pitapatrick, Oak Point, Meshan, Old Miller sands, Kaboth, Deer Island and Outer Vold grounds. The fish taken are of the finest quality, being the genuine spring chinooks. They were caught eagerly, not only by the packing plants, but for the fresh market trade as well. Practically all the canneries began packing today, but until the larger fish come there will be little doing at the cold storage plants.

LOGGERS START TO WORK

New Organization to Commence on Tract Near Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 2.—(Special).—Logging operations were started yesterday by the Greenwood Logging company, the new organization which will log between 600,000,000 and 700,000,000 feet of fir from what are commonly known as the Boeing tracts. About 15 men started the work of preparing the first camp. More men soon will be added to the construction gang and the first logs will be put into the river this fall. The Boeing holdings comprise one of the finest tracts remaining in the north coast. Twelve miles of railroad will be part of the preliminary construction work of the Greenwood company. The company will spend about \$250,000 before logging begins. It was estimated.

The operation will be unusual in the history of harbor logging in that no office will be maintained in either Aberdeen or Hoquiam, business being transacted direct from the woods.

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BIDS ASKED ON 7 JOBS

5 Street and 2 Sewer Projects Up Before Contractors.

Bids on five new street improvement projects were called for yesterday by City Auditor Funk, and call was made at the same time for bids on two sewer projects. The improvement proposals embrace these streets: Sherret avenue, between East Seventeenth and East Nineteenth streets; Thirteenth, between Going and Wygant streets; East Seventh, between Going and Wygant; East Oak, between East Fifty-fifth and East Fifty-seventh, and East Ninth, between Spokane and Maiden avenues.

Sewer lines to be constructed are to go on Monroe street, near Deloy street, and on Cottage Court at Morris and Stanton streets. All bids must be in the hands of Auditor Funk by 10 A. M., May 19.

ROTARIANS HOLD SESSION

Vancouver Club Visits Portland and Puts on Stunts.

Members of the Vancouver, Wash., Rotary club came to Portland yesterday noon 25 strong and took charge of the luncheon programme of the Portland Rotary club at the Benson hotel.

With John Todd, president of the Vancouver club, presiding, numerous amusing stunts were featured, the majority of them making different prominent Portlanders the butt of the joke.

The Vancouver club quartet gave a number of excellent vocal numbers.

Fellowship Awarded Surgeon

HAVER, Or., May 2.—(Special).—Dr. Thomas J. Higgins of this city has received official notification that a fellowship in the American college of surgeons will be conferred upon him at Boston at the convocation of a fellowship in the American college of surgeons must prove his ability in successful surgery by submitting a series of complete histories of methods used in diagnosis and results obtained. Dr. Higgins will attend the convocation.

Ralph Williams Club Formed

DALLAS, Or., May 2.—(Special).—A Ralph E. Williams for National Committee club, making different results obtained, Dr. Higgins will attend the convocation.

Grays Harbor Rainfall Light

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 2.—(Special).—April showers on the harbor were not as heavy by 2.46 inches as April, 1921. J. D. Carter, weather observer announced. In April of this year the record was 5.5 inches, while

Dance Age Limit Raised

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 2.—(Special).—The city commission started an ordinance through the calendar today to prohibit persons under 21 years attending dances without their parents or guardians. The limit has

Teachers' Pay Cut

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 2.—(Special).—The board of education has reduced the maximum salaries in the city schools, laying the minimum as at present—\$1100 for grade teachers and \$1350 for high school teachers. The maximum for high school teachers has been cut from \$1890 to \$1500 and the grade teachers from \$1540 to \$1250. Heretofore teachers were advanced \$90 a year. The future rate was fixed at \$75 a year. The board also has decided to eliminate the work of sewing and expression, forging and gas engines and the physical training work.

In 1921 there was a rainfall of 7.95 inches. March rainfall this year was 9.85 inches against 6.4 inches for last year.



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