

NEARLY ALL TAXES VOTED BY PIERCE

Vacillating Democrat Now Criticizes Record.

RECORD IS REVIEWED

About 95 Per Cent of Expenditure Measures Supported by High-Tax Critic.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—"If you sent a man to the Oregon legislature and that man proved by his record to have been extravagant and to have voted for probably more appropriation bills than any other person in the assembly, would you consider it consistent for that man to go on the campaign for the highest office in the state and attack everybody who votes taxes?"

This was the question asked by Thomas B. Kay, ex-state treasurer, during a public address here tonight, in which he reviewed the legislative record of Walter M. Pierce, democratic nominee for governor at the November election.

Pierce's Attitude Recalled. "I served in the Oregon senate with Mr. Pierce in 1907 and 1908," said Mr. Kay, "and I don't remember that he ever turned his hand or went out of his way to reduce the appropriations that were authorized at those sessions of the legislature. Mr. Pierce was returned to the legislature in 1917, when taxes were much lower than at the present time.

"What was the record of Mr. Pierce in the 17 training schools of the legislature? By his record you should know him, and by his record you should judge him when he is a candidate for a higher office."

Most Appropriations Voted. "The records show that during the 1917 session Mr. Pierce voted for more than 95 per cent of the appropriation bills offered for consideration. He voted against 2 per cent of the appropriation bills and was absent when the remaining 3 per cent of the appropriation measures were up for final consideration. I do not believe there was a man in the 1917 legislature who voted for a larger percentage of appropriation bills than did Mr. Pierce. He likewise voted for practically all the appropriation bills offered during the 1919 legislative session.

"One of the appropriation bills proposed by Mr. Pierce authorized \$78,000 for the training school for boys. If the other members of the legislature had not passed this bill over the protest of Mr. Pierce the reform school would have been abolished for lack of funds."

Bonding Purposes Explained. "Mr. Pierce has made the statement that the state of Oregon has more obligations than practically any other state in the union in proportion to its population and wealth. Although Mr. Pierce, by his votes, helped to create this obligation, he has said repeatedly that the indebtedness is too great."

"I want the voters of Oregon to know that the state is bonded for only two purposes. These bonds are confined to highways and the bonus, exclusive of \$400,000 for rural credits and \$700,000 to pay interest on irrigation securities."

"While we have bonded the state to the amount of \$13,000,000 for building highways, this was an act of the people and cannot be charged to the governor or legislature. There has not been a single dollar of the tax levied on these bonds to pay for these state roads. The gasoline and automobile taxes will pay the interest on these bonds and retire them without property obligation."

Market Bonds Bill Fattered. "The records show that Mr. Pierce fathered the market roads bill, which raises a direct tax of \$1,000,000 annually, another tax in the counties aggregating \$1,000,000 to match the market road funds, and the soldiers' and sailors' educational aid bill, carrying an appropriation of \$415,000. Mr. Pierce claims credit for the bonus bill, which raises another \$1,000,000, but he was not a member of the committee that submitted this bill. He never at any time opposed the road legislation."

Therefore Mr. Pierce, one man out of 90 in the legislature, was responsible for \$1,800,000 of tax that was levied on your property this year. That was going some for one man, especially in view of the fact that he seeks your suffrage and support in this campaign on the ground of economy and tax reduction."

No Real Solution Offered. "Mr. Pierce hasn't told the people of Oregon of a single instance wherein he will reduce taxes. He has said, however, that he will do it in some way. He has offered the suggestion that a gross income tax upon public service corporations and railroads might solve the tax problem. Let me show you how little Mr. Pierce has given this subject. He has said that this income tax would lighten our burden. Specific study has proved that such a tax in Oregon would return to the state of Oregon \$700,000 less annually than received at the present time."

Mr. Kay then went on to show that, of the total of \$40,500,000

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DEFENSE QUIZZES CHEMIST

State Scores Heavily in Poison Case in Michigan.

PHILLIPS TRIAL TO BEGIN

Ex-Chorus Girl Accused of Killing Rival in Love.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., OCT. 19.

Mrs. Clara Phillips, ex-chorus girl, will go on trial tomorrow in the Los Angeles superior court for the murder of Mrs. Alberta Meadows, her fancied rival for the affections of her husband, Armour L. Phillips, on July 12 last. Mrs. Meadows, who was a widow of 39, was slain with a hammer on a hillside in the northern outskirts of the city.

The principal witness for the prosecution will be Mrs. Peggie Caffee, who testified at the coroner's inquest that she saw Mrs. Phillips attack Mrs. Meadows with the hammer. Mrs. Phillips' attorney has announced that preparations have been made for a defense of insanity.

SENATORS IN CAMPAIGN

(Continued From First Page.) "The national debt has been reduced \$1,000,000,000 and by means of the budget system the cost of government has been reduced \$1,700,000,000.

"The bonus bill will come up again in some other form and will be passed, President Harding isn't opposed to a bonus, but he was not satisfied with the form of the bill which was put up to him. This solution will be worked out later. Before leaving Washington I visited with the president for an hour and he informed me that next spring he intends to take his long-planned visit to Alaska and that when he does he will come to Portland."

Continuing the resume of congressional activities when his colleague had departed for Salem, Senator Stanfield said that for almost a year and a half congress had been confronted with some of the most complex problems ever faced by any congress in time of peace.

"The most trying industrial situation confronting congress," Senator Stanfield observed, "was agricultural."

SECURING HELP FOR REPLACEMENTS WITHIN THE RANKS

DEMOCRATIC MUDDLING CITED.

OREGON IS WELL TREATED.

"Oregon has been well treated by congress, was the verdict of the senators. Congress recommended and is preparing appropriations for this state, second only to one other, for rivers and harbors. For this work the recommendation is for \$5,000,000 and under the federal aid to highways and aid from the forests, Oregon receives \$7,000,000 to add to its road programs. Farmers and livestock men of Oregon have received more than \$6,000,000 from the war finance corporation.

"Expenditure of these vast sums," added Senator Stanfield, "will give Oregon the greatest prosperity that it has known. And with the increase of prosperity there will come added demand for the products of the farmers until the maximum has been reached. Following the passage of the tariff bill many factories in the east which were closed were reopened. A year ago a survey shows there were between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 unemployed in the United States. Today this army has vanished to the point where industry has difficulty in securing help for replacements within the ranks."

Democratic Muddling Cited. "With prosperity at hand and confidence shown in the republican administration it would be little less than a disaster if a great state like Oregon should desert the republican party by electing a democrat to office to build up a democratic machine to oppose the dominant party. This is a matter which the electorate of Oregon will consider carefully. It will also consider that the permanency and efficiency of the government is dependent on party organization.

It is not thinkable that Oregon would want to send democrats to congress to oppose President Harding and the republican administration. The issue is so serious and conditions of the country are so dangerously imperiled by reason of the mistakes of the recent democratic administration that it is unbelievable that any large part of the American people are going to forget so soon the awful experiences of the past mistakes of the democratic party when it was in control."

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TWO GUILTY OF ARSON

Elimira Men Convicted on First Ballot by Jury.

EUGENE, OR., OCT. 19.—(Special.)

E. C. Rudolph and Delbert Rudolph, his son, were found guilty of arson by a jury in circuit court here today. The jury was out only 10 minutes, a verdict having been reached on the first ballot. Judge Skipworth set time for sentence for Saturday, but their attorney afterward asked to be allowed to file a motion for a new trial and the judge allowed him until next Monday.

The Rudolphs were accused of setting fire to a house and barn at Elimira to obtain \$8000 insurance which they carried on the buildings and contents. Testimony was introduced by the state to show that the property was not worth more than \$2900.

James Wilson, indicted jointly with Rudolph and his son, will be tried later, it was announced.

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