

LAW AN EQUALIZER

Eddy's Measure Relieves Tax on Real Estate.

FIGHT BY WILD-CAT CONCERNS

Legitimate Corporations Willing to Pay the Required Fee—Secretary Danbar Has Returned Money Already Paid In.

SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—The Oregon corporation tax law, which the wild-cat mining companies are spending money to defeat, does not impose upon corporations as heavy a tax as is imposed in many other states. The framers of the Eddy bill not only took care that the rate of taxation should not be so burdensome as to be prohibitive, but they went further and made particular concessions to the mining interests. Notwithstanding this, the mining companies propose to defeat the will of the people and avoid the payment of a reasonable charge for the special privilege which they enjoy by virtue of grants of corporate power from the state.

Taxpayers' League Indorses.

"A committee on assessment and taxation was appointed last year to revise the assessment laws of the state, to suggest amendments, and to recommend ways of raising revenue more in harmony with modern business methods than those now in force. This committee, after long and careful consideration not only the laws in a general way, but also the question of taxing franchises, the policy of an inheritance tax, the collection of license taxes, the collection from corporations on filing their articles of incorporation and being granted authority to do business within the state. Many of these methods are in operation in other states and have been found to be very effective in raising revenue, besides, to some extent, relieving property which now bears the heaviest burden of taxation from some of that burden. The committee has been instructed to cooperate with Secretary of State Dunbar, who has given this matter much careful attention. There is no state in the union that has such simple and inexpensive methods for creating corporations and which in return derives so little benefit from them and receives so little in return for the protection that it affords and for the privileges that it grants, as does the State of Oregon."

The last report of the Taxpayers' League, issued since the passage of the Eddy bill, says that "this act is a step toward a more equitable plan of taxation and of relieving real estate of a part of the burden of state taxes." In this statement is shown the purpose of the Eddy corporation tax law. Real property has borne nearly the whole burden of taxation. Other states have adopted other methods of taxation, and in some of the states nearly the whole revenue maintaining the state government is derived from these indirect sources. There was a demand that these modern methods of taxation be adopted in Oregon, and in was passed in response to that demand. Notwithstanding the fact that the purposes with which the law was enacted, a small band of "knockers" propose to keep Oregon in the list of states which throw the great burden of taxation upon real property.

Oregon Tax Is Low.

A comparison of rates charged for licenses by corporations will shed some light on this subject. The popular amount of capital stock for mining corporations is \$100,000. In order to incorporate with this amount of capital stock a fee of \$5 is charged in Oregon. In Illinois the fee would be \$165, or more than fifteen times as much. In Kansas and Kentucky the fee would be \$100. In Massachusetts and New York it would be \$50. In comparison with these large license fees the amount proposed to be charged in Oregon is so small that it is hardly worth mentioning. After several years of trial these license fees have been retained in the states above mentioned, and any attempt to go back to the old method would prove fruitless.

No Burden to Small Concerns.

The average corporation engaged in ordinary business enterprises has a capital stock of not to exceed \$50,000. Under the Eddy bill such a corporation would be charged a fee of \$5. In other states the fee would be \$50,000 capital can pay without missing the money. In Kansas and Kentucky the fee would be \$50 and in Massachusetts and New York it would be \$25, or the same as in Oregon. It will therefore be seen that the Eddy bill charges the \$1,000,000 corporation a lower rate per cent tax than it does the smaller corporations. It was the original intention to make the rate the same throughout, but as a concession to the mining interests the rate of per cent was made smaller as the capital increased. Although favored in this regard, the mining companies are determined to "knock" the Eddy bill and defeat legislation along modern business lines.

Legitimate Concerns Do Not Object.

As everybody knows, the opposition to the Eddy bill does not come from corporations organized upon a legitimate business basis. Already three companies have sent in their corporation fees under the new law, upon a proposed capital stock of \$1,000,000. They are ready and willing to pay the fee required by the Eddy law, but Secretary of State Dunbar is compelled to return them their money and advise them that it is yet uncertain whether the Eddy law will ever go into effect. About 50 companies have applied for blanks for the purpose of making their annual reports and paying their annual license fees, but Secretary of State Dunbar has been able to do nothing but reply that nothing can be done until it is determined whether the referendum will be ordered on the Eddy law. Comparatively few are those who object to bearing their share of the burden of government, but those few are sufficient to render it doubtful whether the new corporation tax law will come into effect on May 21. Already the people can see the evil results that will follow and the law that will be sustained if the Eddy law should be held up a year by the filing of a referendum petition. Such a proceeding would cost the state not less than \$100,000, for it would lose revenue to that amount.

Wildcat Companies Most Interested.

The concerns which are most desirous of seeing the Eddy bill defeated are those "wild-cat" corporations which have a large capital stock and but little valuable property. The Secretary of State has stated that three men can incorporate with a capital of \$1,000,000 and yet not have \$30

worth of property. Such a concern is organized for the purpose of making money out of other people and has every reason for fighting a law which proposes to require them to pay a reasonable tax for the privilege of doing business as a corporation. In these days a mining company that has a property of real value has no trouble in getting money with which to pay so small a license tax as that imposed by the State of Oregon under the terms of the Eddy law.

Why Baker City Objects.

That there should be a strong opposition to the Eddy bill in Baker City is not surprising. In the last two years there have been organized in Baker County corporations with an aggregate capital stock of \$10,000,000. Yet the total taxable property in that county is only \$1,700,000. It is thus clear that there must be some \$8,300,000 of "water" in the stock of these

PREFERS MEETING PRESIDENT TO SEEING CRUISER LAUNCHED.

TACOMA, Wash., May 9.—Mayor Campbell will not attend the launching of the cruiser Tacoma, at San Francisco on May 21, as to do so would necessitate his being out of the city when President Roosevelt is here.



MAYOR CAMPBELL, OF TACOMA.

concerns. Even this estimate of the amount of "watered stock" is based upon the assumption that the corporations own all the property in Baker County. The capital stock referred to is only that of companies organized in the last two years and does not include that of those organized in all the years that have gone before.

LOOKING FOR CAMPING SITE.

Major Evans Examines Yakima Reservation.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—Major Robert K. Evans, of the Department of the Columbia, arrived here today from Vancouver to look up a camping site for the militia of the States of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, in connection with the regular Army. He said he wanted at least 30,000 acres, and is now conferring with Superintendent Jay Lynch, of the Yakima Indian reservation, relative to a site on Satus Creek. This is near the river and along the railway, and is an immense body of undeveloped prairie land. He will inspect the site on Monday and then go to Spokane to inspect a site there. He said the Aberdeen Lake site, near Tacoma, is too small for maneuvers.

Washington School Funds.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—The May apportionment of current school funds will exceed any other quarterly apportionment ever made in this state by over \$200,000. The State Auditor certified the amount available for distribution among the school districts, placing it at \$88,585. The largest previous apportionment was in May last year and aggregated \$62,475. The large apportionment this quarter is due to the increase of interest on the general fund bonds held by the permanent school fund, and also by increased receipts in the State Land Office and heavy payment of taxes.

Arrested for Montana Murder.

ANACONDA, Mont., May 8.—George Bramblee is under arrest charged with murdering Bullas Parrott at Nine Mile, near here, September 8, 1930. The authorities are looking for his alleged accomplices, who is in Utah. The motive for the murder was robbery. Parrott was a storekeeper, and always had money.

Pacific Coast Notes.

Whistlers of the Northwest Coast cities are playing for trophies at Seattle. Grant's Pass City Council has been petitioned for a gas plant franchise by Judge J. O. Booth.

The wife of Jockey William Coburn has disappeared with her 6-month-old child from her Oakland home.

Los Angeles will not get 3-cent fares. The Huntington and Harriman interests have reached an agreement.

McCure & Dora, of Minneapolis, have bought a tract of 20,000 acres of timber near Eureka, Cal., for \$600,000.

Chaplain G. W. Prillon, Ninth Cavalry, colored, is ranking Captain at Fort Walla Walla, Washington. He was commissioned April 2, 1885, and has been service in the Philippines.

Judge Snell, in the Supreme Court at Tacoma, has taken under advisement a general demurrer in the damage suit for \$25,000 brought by Lewis Levy against the Green Hicks and others.

D. Cavin brought into Baker City \$100 in gold dust yesterday from placer diggings on Cow Creek. One nugget weighed 130. The clean-up was the result of six weeks' work of two men with one giant.

University of Puget Sound is the namesake of the educational institution launched by the Washington conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to succeed the work of the Puget Sound University.

Not how cheap, but how good.

Start wide. Opia 30 cigars are winners.

BUYING FROM PALOUSE

PORTLAND IS BECOMING A GOOD MARKET FOR PRODUCTS.

Hay in That Section Is High—Potatoes Left in the Ground All Winter Turn Out Well.

COLFAX, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—Portland, which has always been the market for the grain of the Palouse country, is rapidly becoming the market for other farm products, especially livestock. Heavy shipments of fat stock are being made each week from the Palouse country in Washington, and the Potlatch and Cinnas prairie districts in Idaho, to Portland, and the shipments are increasing. Two years ago scarcely a carload a year went from this country to the metropolis of Oregon. Now trainloads of cattle, sheep and hogs are sent from this country to Portland and several firms are engaged in shipping to that city. Holbrook & Bishop, of Garfield, will ship eight carloads of fat hogs to Port-

land with a glistening surface two miles by five in area. The lake was named Lake Malheur, an expression of the feelings which were inspired in the discoverers by the unsurpassed grandeur of the scene. Mr. Clark thinks that although the name is more descriptive of the geological origin of the lake, the former name was more fitting as an indication of the scenic beauty which a visitor to that region enjoys.

HERMANN GETS UNLUCKY NUMBER.

According to Alphabetical Order He Gets No. 13. SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Secretary of State F. J. Dunbar today sent out to the County Clerks the certified copies of the information in regard to the ballot in preparing the official ballots to be used in the Congressional election on June 1. The County Clerks are required to prepare the form of ballots and have the ballot printed and returned to the Secretary of State at least ten days before the election. The form of ballot will be as follows: For Congress—First Congressional District—Vote for one.

12. W. P. Elmore, of Linn County, Prohibitionist.

13. Binger Hermann, of Douglas County, Republican.

14. J. W. Inglis, of Benton County, Socialist.

15. A. E. Reames, of Jackson County, Democratic.

The law requires that the name of the first candidate shall be numbered 12. The alphabetical arrangement gives the Republican candidate the unlucky number 13. This need not discourage the Republicans, however, for the candidate whose name has this number has some good attributes. In the last election the names on the ticket in the most of the counties were arranged in the following order: Chamberlain, Furnish, Hunsaker, Ryan, so that Mr. Furnish had the unlucky number.

DREDGES FOR OREGON RIVERS.

Contract for Building of Two Plants Let to Chicago Firm.

OREGONIAN BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—The War Department today awarded to the Featherston Foundry & Machine Company, of Chicago, a contract for building two dredges for use in Oregon rivers. They will build one dredge for the Upper Willamette and Yamhill Rivers for \$25,000, and another for the Upper Columbia and Snake to cost \$22,250. Both dredges are to be ready for use within six months.

Salmon Gets Pure Milk.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Food and Dairy Commissioner J. W. Bailey was in Salem today to investigate the reports made recently that dairy barns in this vicinity are not kept clean and healthful and do not have the air space required by law. He says that the reports of conditions have been very greatly exaggerated, especially with the exception of one barn all dairymen keep the buildings clean. He says that in all the barns the cows have plenty of air and that conditions do not warrant the inference that Salem people are being sold impure milk.

Reames Quoted Congressman Tongue.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Candidate Reames addressed a political meeting here this afternoon. There was a good attendance, and the address was well received. The only National topic he discussed at any length was the tariff, for which he argued for a reduction, especially on trust goods, quoting from the Congressional Tongue in defense of his position from a Republican standpoint. Mr. Reames delivered a nonpartisan address before the faculty and students of Philomath College last night.

Harriman to Meet the President.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—The Bulletin says that President Harriman, of the Southern Pacific, will leave for the East on Tuesday evening, having delayed his departure in order to meet President Roosevelt at Burlingame. The paper adds that, while peace has been declared between Harriman and Huntington regarding the electric railway war in Southern California, concessions have been made on both sides, and neither party is a distinct victor.

McBride Rules on Gladstone Case.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Judge McBride today ruled that the plaintiff in an action to quiet title to property sold for delinquent taxes does not have to tender in court the amount of the taxes due, but that the amount is to be paid to the county treasurer. The ruling is in an action to quiet title to property sold for delinquent taxes does not have to tender in court the amount of the taxes due, but that the amount is to be paid to the county treasurer. The ruling is in an action to quiet title to property sold for delinquent taxes does not have to tender in court the amount of the taxes due, but that the amount is to be paid to the county treasurer.

Election of Salem Woman's Club.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Salem Woman's Club held its annual election of officers today with the following result: President, Mrs. W. A. Cusick, vice-president, Mrs. Russell Cullin; secretary, Mrs. A. W. Prescott; assistant secretary, Mrs. Carrie M. Ogie; treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Jones; directors, Mrs. L. Bristol Kelliber, Mrs. R. J. Hendricks and Mrs. C. S. Hamilton.

Bollermakers Serve Notice.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., May 9.—The bollermakers employed at the Pacific Shovel Works this afternoon served notice upon Master Mechanic French and Superintendent Burkhalter that the strike will go into effect Sunday night at midnight.

Parsonage at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The officers of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, today awarded to Shelter Frost, of this city, the contract for building a parsonage on the property adjoining the church. The contract price is \$144.

Sullivan's Indictment Stands.

SEATTLE, May 9.—Judge Bell today denied the motion course to quash the indictment against Chief of Police Sullivan. This is the first indictment of the late grand jury which has held sway.

Judge McBride Adjourns Court.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Judge McBride has adjourned the present term of the Circuit Court until June 1. A decree of divorce was today rendered in the case of Lydia Miller against William W. Miller.

Smallpox the Second Time.

EUGENE, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—John Simpson is having a mild case of smallpox for the second time. His physicians call it smallpox again and declare he had the same affliction a year ago.

Creamery in Operation.

MYRTLE POINT, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The Myrtle Point Creamery has begun operations for the season by turning out a good product of butter and cheese.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

William Shaffer, a brakeman, of Denton, Wash., writes that he was troubled several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says, "but I was cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot. I was cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot. I was cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot."

SAM'L ROSENBLATT & CO., Cr. Third and Morrison Sts. Another of Our \$4.45 Suits Offers for Six Days. Six lines of beautiful Norfolk Suits, ages 3 to 16 years; cut with and without yoke; come in light and dark patterns. Suits bought to sell at \$5.45 and \$6.00. Special sale price \$4.45. Nine lines of Blouse Suits in serges, tweeds, homespun and flannels; all trimmed in the very latest style. Some with emblems on both sleeve and shield, worth \$5.45 and \$6, special sale \$4.45.

Balls and Bats with Every Suit \$4.45. Balls and Bats with Every Suit \$4.45.

Four lines of three-piece Suits, ages 9 to 16 years. This lot contains the new Scotch mixtures and neat gray checks cut in the very latest up-to-date styles. These are all \$6.00 and \$6.85 values to be sold in our special sale at \$4.45. Six lines of the very newest things in double-breasted Suits, from 9 to 16 years. Beautiful dark and light patterns, in homespun, mixtures, tweeds and fancy chevrons; come in new 2-button coat, regular \$5.45 and \$6.00 values, special sale price \$4.45.

IS NOT AVAILABLE NOW

UREN'S CONTENTION REGARDING THE REFERENDUM LAW. Operative Ninety Days After Legislative Adjournment, Too Late for Use on Past Season's Acts.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—W. S. U'ren of this city, who has taken such interest in the initiative and referendum plan of legislation, remains firm in the belief that the referendum cannot be invoked at this time on any act of the last State Legislature. He insists that the provisions of the referendum act do not become operative until the expiration of the statutory 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature on May 21. The referendum amendment provides that petitions for the reference of any legislative act must be filed within 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, and for these reasons Mr. U'ren contends that the referendum is not available for any act of the last Legislature. Even if the referendum was available at this time, it is the belief of the author of the petition that the substance of the petition is that the question of the Fair appropriation shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in 1934 or at a special election to be convened prior to that time. The act enacting the referendum amendment expressly provides that all petitions for the reference of any legislative act must state definitely the election at which the subject shall be submitted.

20,000 Babies. Had their skin made soft as velvet and sweet as roses this morning by Munyon's Witch-Hazel Soap. And 20,000 mothers were made happy thereby. Remember, Munyon's Witch-Hazel Soap quickly eases baby's hives, chafing, and all forms of baby rash; it cures skin disorders in old as well as young; it is so excellent for the complexion that many women prefer it even to the French toilet soap that costs as high as \$1. Sold everywhere; 15c per cake.

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