

INEXTRASESSION

Legislature Will Convene December 21.

CALLED BY THE GOVERNOR

To Correct Defect in the Phelps Tax Law

SPECIAL ELECTION ORDERED

Session Not Likely to Last More Than Two or Three Days—The Cost Probably Will Be Under \$20,000.

The law, the errors in which are the cause of the special session, was introduced in the last session by Representative Phelps, of Morrow County. The purpose of the act was to amend 22 sections of the statutes by merely changing dates so as to make taxes payable in the fall. It had the effect of abrogating completely the old law, according to the decision of the Oregon State Supreme court October 21, which held that under existing laws, no tax levy can be made in January, 1904.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—A special session of the Oregon Legislature will convene in Salem at 10 o'clock A. M. Monday, December 21. The session was called in a proclamation issued by Governor Chamberlain this morning. The purpose of the session is to correct the defect in the tax law arising from the amendments made by the passage of the Phelps bill last winter. The law as it stands now, does not authorize a tax levy in January, and without a change in the law the state, most of the counties, and all the cities and school districts, would be without funds and would be paying interest on warrants for several years to come. The interest expense from this cause would be from \$100,000 to \$250,000. The cost of a special session, if brief, will not be more than \$20,000 and will probably be much less.

Governor Chamberlain also ordered a special election in the Nineteenth Senatorial District, composed of Clatsop County, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of C. W. Fulton to the United States Senate, and in the Ninth Senatorial District, composed of Crook, Grant, Klamath and Lake Counties, to fill the vacancy caused by the passage of J. N. Williamson to Congress. The special elections will be held on December 15.

The Governor's call for a special session of the Legislature is as follows:

Proclamation.

I, George E. Chamberlain, by virtue of the authority in me vested as Governor of the State of Oregon, do hereby direct the convening of the two houses of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon in special session at the State Capitol in Salem, on Monday, the 21st day of December, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, for the purpose of meeting the objections made by the Supreme Court to, and curing the defects in, an act entitled "An act to provide a more efficient method for the assessment and collection of taxes, and to amend sections 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 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