

HIGHEST STATE LEVY YEARS

On Legal Limit of Three Mills Washington Will Collect \$1,719,210.

AT EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS

In Order to Keep Taxes Down in Election Year, School Fund Will Fall \$290,000 Below Requirement.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Property-owners in this state will begin paying taxes next Monday at a higher rate for general state purposes than in any year since 1896. At the same time they will pay school taxes based on a rate lower than any levied since the amended "Barefoot Schoolboy act" of 1901 went into effect.

Figures obtainable from the State Treasurer's office show that the state tax-paying body either greatly overestimated the school revenues to be derived from sources other than taxation, or else intentionally disregarded the provisions of the "Barefoot Schoolboy act" and sacrificed the school revenues in order to keep the total state levy within reasonable bounds during an election year. In any event, the figures tend to show that the schools are being kept short of their legal revenue in order to make up for the extravagances of the Legislature.

State Revenues Doubled.

This year 3 mills are levied for general state purposes and 3 mills for school purposes. In 1905 2 1/2 mills were levied for general state purposes and 2 mills for school purposes. The effect of the change in the levy in that period has been to more than double the tax revenues for state general purposes and to increase the school revenues for school purposes but 4 per cent.

The school act provides that the state revenues for schools shall be equivalent to \$10 for each pupil in the state according to the school census for the year the tax levy is made. The law authorizes the State Board of Equalization to estimate the revenue to be derived from the school fund from other sources, and requires it to declare a levy sufficient to raise the balance, provided that it shall not exceed 5 mills.

Cut Down School Fund.

Every year since the passage of the act until 1906 it was found necessary, in order to comply with the law, to raise the school levy at the maximum of five mills. In 1906 the state board of equalization reduced the school levy to three and one-fourth mills and failed to raise the total state levy to the amount of \$50,000 computing from February 1, 1907 to February 1, 1908. In 1907 the board further decreased the school levy to three mills and failed to raise the total state levy to the amount of \$50,000 computing from February 1, 1907 to February 1, 1908. In 1907 the board further decreased the school levy to three mills and failed to raise the total state levy to the amount of \$50,000 computing from February 1, 1907 to February 1, 1908.

Commission Rules Board.

In the 1906 session, for the first time, the appointive tax commission of three members at which the Board of Equalization, the tax commission, the Attorney-General, the Secretary of State, the Auditor and the State Auditor in that year wanted to meet the general state needs for the levy. The tax commission and the other members outvoted them and arbitrarily increased the valuation of property to attain the same end. The session was stormy and confused, followed by the other state officers. Attorney-General Atkinson and Treasurer Mills stood with the tax commission and the Auditor and the State Auditor. The Governor sided with the tax commission and Land Commissioner Host.

WARRANTS FOR SALOONMEN.

Aberdeen W. C. T. U. Alleges Sunday Law is Violated. FIFTEEN warrants for the arrest of saloonkeepers have been issued. The complaints are made by members of the W. C. T. U., who allege that a back door policy is carried out since the enforcing of the observance of the Sunday law.

Let Contract for Library.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The American Contracting Company, of this city, was tonight awarded the contract for erecting the library building with funds given by Andrew Carnegie. The bid was \$12,000. There were several local bidders, the highest being \$12,800. The bids show that the price of building material has been considerably lowered since the last year. The site of the library is opposite the new City Hall.

Oregon People in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels to-day as follows: Auditorium Annex—J. H. Brown, Grant Northern—J. Ellis and wife, Palmer House—Miss M. N. Kibbe, Morrison—Ernest J. Sibbald, Briggs House—C. R. Davis, all from Portland.

cers. The members of the tax commission blame the Legislature. Their opponents in policy blame the tax commission, and also blame the Governor for not exercising his veto power on the appropriations of the last two Legislatures. The tax commissioners say also that the system of taxation is wrong. The members are in favor of the adoption of the pending constitutional amendment that will permit them to tax the railroads and other public service corporations for state revenues and relieve such corporations from other taxation.

If the present percentage of true valuation adopted for purposes of taxation were applied to the preliminary valuations placed on railroad property by the Railway Commission, and the present levy imposed, the railroads paying only state taxes, would contribute about \$4,000,000 annually.

SIX ORATORS WILL CONTEST

Oregon's Representative in Tri-State Meet to Be Selected Soon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The preliminary efforts for choosing a representative for the University in the annual interstate oratorical contest, which was to have been held this afternoon, was postponed on account of too few entries, only six men identifying their intentions of competing. The final try-out proper will take place in about two weeks, and those who will contest are: Bert W. Prescott, '08, who yesterday won the tryout for intercollegiate orator; Jesse Bond, '09; Cecil W. Lyons, '08; John Marsters, '09; Adelbert McCarty, '08, and Clarence L. Whawald, '10. The Interstate contest is between representatives of the State Universities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

LIFE UNSAFE IN SEOUL

AMERICAN ENGINEER FLEES FROM JAPANESE.

Attempt Made to Kill Himself and Wife—Coreans in Constant Dread of the Brown Invaders.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Driven from Seoul, Korea, because he believed his life was in danger, R. A. McClellan, formerly of San Francisco, has arrived in Seattle with his wife. For eight years, the McClellans were residents of Seoul, where the husband, a construction engineer for the railroad engineering firm of Colman & McClellan, was engaged in installing electric lighting systems.

The attempt on the life of Mr. and Mrs. McClellan was committed early last August. One night, while they were sleeping, two shots were fired into their room, one bullet tearing the sleeve off Mrs. McClellan's nightdress.

Mr. McClellan is of the opinion that Japanese committed the outrage in order to force him to leave the country. Fearing further trouble, he arranged his business so that he could return to this country.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Florence M. Harvey, who died January 21, at her home on Bear Creek, was one of the pioneers of Oregon. She was born in Colorado in 1851, crossing the plains when an infant, and in 1868 was married to J. R. Harvey at Bethel. To this union eight children were born, all of whom, together with the husband, survive here. They are: Mrs. W. G. Anwerber, Waasa, Or.; Mrs. George Antrim, Amity, Or.; O. H. Harvey, Colfax, Wash.; Roy J. Harvey, Ashland, Or.; Mrs. L. B. Selzer, Roseburg, Wash.; Clarence, Ray and Claude, Bear Creek, Or.

Her relatives are widely scattered. Her brother, M. P. Burnett, is Sheriff of Benton County, her widowed mother, Mrs. White Burnett, is living at Albany, Or.; her uncle, Glenn O. Burnett, was a pioneer minister of the Christian Church of Oregon, of which the deceased had been from her youth a faithful member.

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The salaries of the president and members of the faculty are compared with the salaries received by college presidents and instructors in other states, showing that Oregon pays smaller salaries than are paid in other states.

In the matter of equipment and buildings it is shown that Oregon is at the head of the list, the total value of land, buildings and equipment at Eugene being \$300,000.

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The arguments advanced by the enemies of the university in their campaigns for signatures to the referendum petitions are combated in a most vigorous manner. A strong argument is made for the lump sum of \$25,000 per annum, without restriction, and a statement is made as to the intention of the board of regents in the matter of the expenditure of money.

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DEAR ORIGINITY

Oregon Alumni File Arguments for Eaton Bill.

PRO RATA TAX VERY LIGHT

Appropriation of \$125,000 Necessary for Success of State University—Points Raised by Granters Vigorously Answered.

SALLEM, Or., Feb. 1.—Members of the University of Oregon Alumni Association who are interested in the passage of the Eaton Bill, which carries an appropriation of \$125,000 for the support and maintenance of the State University and which has been held up for a referendum vote, upon the demand of Linn County Granters and others, today filed with the Secretary of State Frank W. Benson a 200-word argument in support of the bill. This argument will be printed in pamphlet form, along with arguments advocating the adoption or rejection of other initiative and referendum measures, and a copy will be mailed by the Secretary of State to every registered voter in Oregon. A law requiring the Secretary of State to furnish these pamphlets to the voters was enacted by the last Legislature.

The argument filed by the Oregon Alumni is a plea for a better State University. It shows that the university at

CAME TO OREGON WHEN AN INFANT.



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VOTERS TO MAKE CHOICE

NINETEEN MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE.

Direct Legislation by Initiative and Referendum and Constitutional Amendments to Be Decided.

SALLEM, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The voters of Oregon will be asked to vote upon 19 measures at the June election. Briefly stated, the measures are as follows: Submitted by the Legislature—

Amendment increasing compensation of members of the Legislature to \$400 for a regular session and \$10 a day for special sessions.

Amendment permitting the location of state institutions away from the capital.

Amendment increasing the number of Supreme Judges to five and extending the jurisdiction of Circuit Courts to probate work; also requiring provision by law for District Attorneys, County Courts, etc.

Amendment changing the time of holding general elections from June to November.

Legislative acts submitted under the jurisdiction of Circuit Courts to be recalled public officers.

Act giving Sheriff custody of prisoners.

Act requiring granting of free railroad passes to liquor selling, gambling, etc.

Act appropriating \$100,000 for armories.

Act increasing the University of Oregon appropriation to \$125,000 per annum.

Submitted by Initiative petition—

Equal suffrage for all citizens.

Act for protection of salmon on the Lower Columbia.

Amendment giving cities exclusive control of liquor selling, gambling, etc.

Amendment exempting dwelling-houses, factories, tools, furniture, etc., from taxation.

Amendment giving voters the power to recall public officers.

Act instructing members of Legislature to vote for people's choice for Senator.

Act providing for proportional representation.

Act limiting expenditures for political campaign purposes.

Act appropriating \$100,000 for armories.

Act for creation of Hood River County.

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Papers Comment on His New York Races.

RAN AGAINST BIG ODDS

Sporting Writers Allow for Big Handicap of Oregon Sprinter and Fact That He Was Not Used to the Track.

In commenting on the indoor field games held at Madison Square Garden last Monday night, the New York papers of the following morning mention the fact that what was expected of Dan J. Kelly, the Oregon sprinter, but who did not treat him unkindly on account of the contests it would seem that Kelly was quite heavily handicapped in both the 60 yard and 100 yard sprints in which he had entered. Some of the New York accounts of the games are as follows:

New York Herald—As representative of a gathering of American athletes as is seen at a National championship of the Amateur Athletic Union competed last night in the carnival of track and field sports at the Madison Square Garden.

New York World—Dan Kelly, the world's champion sprinter, was beaten in two sprints. He started from scratch in the 60-yard sprint and was unable to overcome the handicap allotted to his opponent in the third heat. In the 100-yard dash the field was so large that he was unable to get past the handicap men, and was again beaten.

Portland 42; Hoquiam 19. HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Portland Y. M. C. A. basketball team last evening and won by the score of 42 to 19. Mackie injured a leg in the game and was unable to finish in his place. The star was Hartman, he making 19 points of the 42.

O. A. C. 31; Oregon 14. CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—In a game of basketball here tonight, before a big audience, the O. A. C. team defeated the University of Oregon by a score of 31 to 14. The stars of the game were Horton and Foster of O. A. C. and Moore of Oregon.

PUPPY LOVE DISASTROUS

Eloping Couple Without Funds Come to Grief.

BELLEVILLE, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—After running away from their homes on Salt Spring Island in a row-boat to evade the strict discipline of fond parents, a young man and woman, the earliest possible moment, Charles Sampson and Lella McFadden, 16 years old, were arrested in Friday Harbor and another romance was nipped in the bud. The two young people were taken back to their homes.

ASTORIA MARINE NEWS.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The reloading of the lighted portion of the



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Plating New Townsite.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Oregon Iron & Steel Company has a force of surveyors at work plating its property beyond the Treatise River, near Willamette. The company has about 2000 acres there and it is believed that the construction of a railroad connecting the territory to Portland is a surety in the future, as the land is being platted into tracts of two and one-half, five and ten acres.

Saloon Enemies Get Busy.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Clatsop County Anti-Saloon League was organized here last evening and a campaign against the saloon inaugurated. A resolution was adopted condemning the County Commissioners for extending a saloon license at Hoquiam against the protests of the people.

Pacific Coast Shipping.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Arrived—Steamer Eureka, from Seattle; steamer Canada, from Astoria; steamer Heald, from Astoria; steamer Elizabeth, from Bandon; Sailed—Ship Cord of Germany, for Portland; ship Star of Alaska, for Bellingham; bark Star of England, for Nanticoke; steamer Bookman, for Seattle; steamer Quinalt, for Willapa; steamer Mayfair, for Willapa; steamer George W. Elder, for Portland; steamer Heiles, for South Bend; steamer Tanspelt, for Grays Harbor; steamer M. S. Dollar (Dr.), for Taku, via Port Townsend.

Unionists Gain Seat.

HEREFORD, England, Feb. 1.—The tariff reformers scored another victory today by regaining the seat in the House of Commons for the South Division of Herefordshire, which was lost at the last general election, and which was recently made vacant by the death of Alan C. Gardner, Liberal. Their candidate, Captain P. A. Clive, Unionist, defeated F. W. Thomson, Liberal.

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