

# IDAHO LEGISLATURE IS FREE WITH COIN

### Appropriations by Eleventh Session Reach Total of \$3,321,000.

## POLITICAL HARMONY GONE

### Aftermath Sees More Discontent Among Rank and File of Both Parties Than Ever Since Idaho Became a State.

BOISE, Idaho, March 11.—(Special.)—Idaho's 11th hour Legislature has passed into history and with it the general harmony has been seriously considered its accomplishments. In many respects the aftermath is interesting. Probably there is more lack of political harmony, more discontent over the pledge-breaking record, more unrest within the rank and file of the two predominant parties in the wake of the passing of the Eleventh Legislature than since Idaho became a state. It will be frequently said within the next two years that the recent Legislature was one of the most extravagant. Its appropriations ran well into the millions and was an increase over two years ago. To be exact the general appropriations bill carried \$2,150,000, and was passed in this form. The bond issue created is \$1,171,000 and the total is \$3,321,000, an increase in appropriations of \$654,500.55. The mill tax created is nine and a half mills, just one-half a mill short of the constitutional limit, which if exceeded, would have forced an immediate extra session of the Legislature.

### Figures Are Large.

The figures are the facts that the people have to face through taxation. The decrease made by the session over the tenth amounts to but \$1750, divided as follows, the amounts showing what has been taken from the various essential salaries of State Departments; Governor's office, \$500; State Auditor's office, \$250; State Treasurer, \$500; Mine Inspector, \$100.

The increase over two years ago aggregates as follows: Secretary of State, \$4200; Attorney-General, \$7000; State Engineer, \$10,000; Director of Public Instruction, \$2510; Adjutant-General, \$1300; Insurance Commissioner, \$1100; State Land Board, \$14,000; Supreme Court, \$1000; District Courts, \$73,300; University of Idaho, \$10,300; Academy of Idaho, \$14,800; Lewiston State Normal, \$4,500; Albion State Normal, \$24,000; Blackfoot Asylum, \$20,000; Oregon Asylum, \$25,000; Deaf, Dumb and Blind School, \$37,070; University of Idaho, \$53,934; Academy of Idaho, \$34,500; Lewiston Normal, \$29,870.89; Albion Normal, \$30,000; College of Agriculture, \$50,000. The six latter items are for buildings at the various institutions.

Had the Legislature followed out the recommendations of the various Educational Committees sent North and South, all of the state educational institutions would have been placed on a mill tax basis. While the improvement and additional buildings asked for by institutions would have been granted in so far as the Legislature could provide, the mill tax would have taken care of them and placed them on a permanent financial basis.

These committees went north and after inspecting the University of Idaho he reported that the law school would be abandoned, as Idaho could not well afford a department of this kind and in view of this fact a poor school was not necessary. The committee also recommended that the preparatory work of the university be stopped and that institution be made a university in every sense of the word.

The committee that went South recommended that as every graduate given a diploma in the Albion Normal cost the state \$100 a year it was virtually a high school for the town of Albion. It should be abandoned following the present school year. The committee also recommended that the high school be taken out of the Academy of Pocatello and that it be made a Southern Idaho university. They also recommended that the State Normal be placed on a mill tax basis, thereby assuring them a permanent annual income.

### Recommendations Are Ignored.

But the Legislature absolutely ignored the recommendations of these committees, therefore they went North and South that they were to inspect and not to junket. That the lobbyists of these institutions are responsible for this is the carrying out of the committee's recommendations is now conceded. Aided by their respective representatives and Senators in the Legislature, the state educational institutions with the two exceptions of the Lewiston State Normal and the Academy of Idaho at Pocatello, actually are in a position of refusing to accept to the committee's demands.

It was this lobbying and the action of a clique in the Legislature to ignore the committee that led to trouble in both branches of the Legislature and an open fight in the Senate. Senator Page, of Bonner County, was the recognized head of the committee that went South to visit the state institutions. Senator Fagnire, of Bonneville, was the head of the Northern committee. Both men stood on principle and had the committee recommendations been followed to the letter Idaho would have been saved over a half million dollars at the start and many hundreds of thousands in future years.

### Taft's Hint Is Rejected

Underwood Says House Will Revise Tariff at Extra Session.

### Corporation Influence Feit.

There was without question corporation influence used with effect on both House and Senate, the latter in particular. The lobbyist in corporations became so bold that it was necessary to place a large sign on the Senate door ordering them to keep out of the chambers and the cloak room. They were denounced in both the Senate and the House. Members of both houses were continually attacked and cornered by them.

There is an anti-lobby law on the statute books in this state, but it had never been enforced although on several occasions members of the Legislature threatened to resort to it.

When the fight broke on the state educational institutions, the following sarcastic and suggestive resolution was adopted in the Senate:

"That the heads of all state institu-

# WASHINGTON ROAD SITUATION DISMAL

### Highway Development Left Only Enough Money for Office Work.

## CONVICTS ARE CALLED IN

### McNeely Bill, Only Important Measure of Kind Passing, Gives Counties Right to Build and Weakens Commissioner.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—Since the Twelfth Legislature of Washington failed to adopt any kind of plan for a practical road programme before it adjourned yesterday, the question of roads in this state is so full of complications that no one has yet been able to explain satisfactorily what the situation really is. It is agreed however, that the cause of Good Roads is hampered seriously.

The State Highway Department has been left with no funds available except to conduct the bare routine of the office work. The only important road measure that did get through was the bill as a substitute for the state-aid road law. This bill, known as the McNeely bill, has been signed by Governor Hay and is in effect. Under its provisions counties can carry on road construction without the state participating in the work further than directing the State Highway Commissioner to design roads, mine the feasibility of proposed roads, and order the survey.

### Farmers Want Voice.

Heretofore there has been a one-mill state levy for the creation of a general fund. This fund was divided between the county roads and state-aid roads. Under the working of this law, it was necessary for every county desiring state aid road to raise an amount equal to the amount raised by the general road levy in that county. This entire amount then went into the state treasury. The proposed road was then passed upon by the State Highway Commissioner and if he found it feasible, he ordered the construction of the road. By this method, it was found that the amount raised for various state-aid roads in many cases were almost entirely consumed by the cost of the survey. The farmers demanded that they have a voice in carrying on their road work.

### SEPTUAGENARIAN RESIDENT OF NEWBERG, OR., PASSES AWAY.

James Maloy Vestal, NEWBERG, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—One of Newberg's older residents, James Maloy Vestal, 71 years old, died here Monday.

Mr. Vestal was born in Mooresville, Hendricks County, Indiana. He was married to Martha Jane Lightfoot September 6, 1885, and after residing in Indiana for a short time they moved to Kansas, thence in 1899 to Newberg, Or.

He is survived by his widow and four children, P. E. Vestal, of South Pasadena, Cal.; F. E. Vestal, a business man of this place; Mrs. Emma Elvora; William J. Vestal, of Newberg.

Mr. Vestal was a member of the Friends Church here. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday by Rev. Lindley Wells, of Portland, and interment was made in Friends Cemetery.

### State Aid Refused.

Senator Stewart of Kelso, asked Governor Hay to provide means to carry on the work that remains to be done. He declares that the people of Cowlitz County will raise the money by private subscription and go ahead with the work. This county is included in the survey of the Pacific Highway project over which the Legislature locked horns with the House and defeated with all important state road undertakings.

In addition to the McNeely bill the Basset law was passed, but it was so amended that a half-mill levy may be raised for the purpose of creating a permanent highway fund, but no provision was made as to how the money shall be used.

The McNeely bill is the only saving feature of the entire legislation on roads. One of the great disappointments of the defeat of the Pacific Highway bill, in which the people of Southwest Washington were interested especially.

### Cholera Kills 26 in Hawaii.

HONOLULU, March 11.—Another case of cholera developed here today among the persons segregated after contact with previous victims. This makes 26 in a report to the Board of Health. Dr. Clegg, of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, expresses the opinion that the disease was brought to Honolulu from the Orient by what are known as "chronic bacilli carriers," not necessarily suffering from cholera. His slow development apparently precludes the theory of origin from infected water or food.

### Loeb Men After Smugglers.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Collector of the Port William Loeb, Jr., has determined to have a clean sweep kept on the influx of dressmakers and milliners with Spring styles from Paris. In accordance with his order, 560 trunks the property of 19 tradeswomen who

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