

# MESSAGE TO BE ON TAX AND ROADS

## Governor, However, Refuses to Give Any Intimation.

# POLITICIANS ARE BUSY

## Predictions Made That More Than One Candidate Will Run for Governor—Session Chance.

**SALLEM, Dec. 10.—(Special).—**Although Governor Olcott has refused to give any intimation as to the matters discussed in his message to the forthcoming special session it became known here today that he will confine his recommendations to his referring to the people of Oregon the question of authorizing a tax levy for the support of the world's exposition to be held in Portland in 1925, and legislation having for its purpose the regulation of trucks and automobile stage lines. In passing any other legislation his friends probably will have to assume full responsibility.

Politicians who are looking forward to election activities next year, have not been at all backward in predicting that more than one candidate for gubernatorial honors will be groomed for the race during the special legislative session, included among the prospective aspirants for the executive chair of the state are a number of men who will take an important part in the legislative deliberations.

**Charles Hall Chairman.**  
Charles Hall of Marshfield, who has frequently been mentioned as a prospective aspirant for the governor's chair, is chairman of the roads committee of the senate, and in this capacity will have an opportunity to meet prominent men from all sections of the state during the special session. Should it appear to Senator Hall that his chances of election are favorable, his friends say he likely would make the race.

**L. J. Patterson, senator from Polk and Yamhill counties,** is another man who has been mentioned as a candidate for the voters for several months. Senator Patterson is chairman of the ways and means committee of the senate, but it is not believed that his work in this capacity will be of any great importance during the special session. Senator Patterson is a good mixer, however, and the calling together of representatives and senators from all parts of the state will find him in a position to judge his political chances.

**One Is Louis E. Bean.**  
In the house of representatives will be found two men who are said to be receptive to gubernatorial honors. One of these men is Louis E. Bean of Lane county. Mr. Bean is speaker of the house and in this capacity through committee appointments and special legislative assignments. The special session will afford Speaker Bean an excellent opportunity to sound out his colleagues and to measure his chances of success in a large field of prospective candidates.

**Speaker Bean, on a recent visit to Salem,** informed close political friends that he had not yet announced his candidacy, "but that if he finally entered the race he would be the next governor of Oregon."

Exception has been taken to this statement on the part of Speaker Bean by J. D. Lee, representative from Multnomah county. Mr. Lee has let it be known that he will be a candidate for governor at the republican primary election in May, and it is not unlikely that he will use the special session of legislature to strengthen political fences.

**Mayor Baker Mentioned.**  
Information received at the capitol also indicates that Governor Olcott is a prospective candidate to succeed himself. Seymour Jones, ex-speaker of the house of representatives, and George Kelly will have their quota of political boosters in the state house rotunda during the special session.

The results of the political maneuvering during the special session are a matter of speculation at this time, but persons experienced in governmental affairs declared today that no time would be lost in making formal announcements at the close of the assembly.

There are a number of legislators who believe that by innocently injecting political maneuvering into the legislative session, the work of the two houses will not be retarded and adjournment will not be taken until after the first of the year.

Still others are of the opinion that a legislative jam will be precipitated purposely in order that the anti-Olcott faction may place the governor in a hole. It is known here that the governor so timed his call as to avoid a lengthy session, and this is said to have caused considerable dissatisfaction in certain quarters. Whether these disgruntled legislators will dare to rattle and cause the session to continue until after Christmas, probably will not be known until the work of the assembly is well under way.

**Brief Session Favored.**  
Although the great majority of legislators apparently favor a brief, snappy session, indications point to a flood of bills similar to that which marked the special legislative assembly in 1920.

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will have not less than two bills for consideration. From Astoria word has been received that fish legislation is badly needed and that a number of measures affecting that industry will be submitted for consideration. There also will be a number of so-called income tax measures bills to enlarge the state highway map, legislation to correct the 1921 budget law, a bill to relieve the flax growers of the Willamette valley and other measures hitting at widely scattered subjects. In view of this information, the legislative program may get away from the conservative element, and the harvest of new laws may be even greater than produced at any previous special session of the lawmakers held in this state.

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**Dr. Lloyd W. Brooke.**

Appointment of Dr. Lloyd W. Brooke as federal physician and surgeon has been announced by United States Marshal Hotchkiss. The new appointee will assume his duties on January 1, taking the place of Dr. J. W. Wood.

Dr. Brooke was born in California, Marion county, O., June 19, 1882, in a house owned by Dr. Harding, father of President Harding. He came to Oregon early in life and completed his education here. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon medical school.

Dr. Brooke entered the service of the army in 1911 and went to France with the 1st division, serving with that organization during its engagements at the front. Following the armistice he was discharged overseas and served with the Red Cross in Albania. Later he was with the Balkan commission. He returned to Portland in April, 1920.

Of many legislators, practically all county judges of Oregon, together with hundreds of taxpayers have sent letters to the state officials urging that everything possible be done to curb the work of the session to the measures recommended by Governor Olcott.

Most of these letters indicate that the taxpayers are not in a mood to accept frivolous legislation, but will be content to see the highway laws strengthened and the exposition measure referred to the voters.

# OLCOTT TO LEAD BALL

**Governor and Wife Promise to Aid in Veterans' Benefit.**

The grand march at the charity ball of the Rotary club to be held at the Multnomah hotel on Thursday evening, December 23, will be led by Governor Olcott. He has notified George G. Mason, chairman of the committee, that he and Mrs. Olcott will attend the ball. The object of the ball is to provide a Christmas dinner for disabled soldiers.

Winthrop Hammond, the chairman of the dinner committee, has arranged through Rotary club members to take each veteran able to leave the hospital to the Benson hotel at noon on Monday, December 28, and there serve them with a dinner and provide an entertainment. Frank McGettigan, who has charge of the entertainment, has received word that Eddie Fox, who will be at the Oregonian that week, will appear before the disabled veterans and with his company put on an act. There will also be musical numbers. Christmas cheer will be carried to all the soldiers unable to leave the hospital, as a special committee of Rotary club members will visit each institution and carry gifts and good things to eat to the bed-ridden sufferers.

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# SENATOR GOODING REPLIES TO CRITICS

## Home Paper Attacks Membership in Senate "Bloc."

# VIGOROUS DEFENSE MADE

## Organization Declared to Be for Purpose of Protecting Agricultural and Livestock Interests.

**BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 10.—(Special).—**Frank R. Gooding, junior republican United States senator from Idaho, made a flying trip to Boise and Idaho during the congressional recess in order to answer critics who have been objecting to his activity in the agricultural and tariff bloc in the senate, to review the financial situation and to attend to private business.

The attack on Senator Gooding came from the Statesman, republican state paper, which said in part:

"Senator Frank Gooding, back among his constituents, is proud to say that he is head of a 'bloc.' He infers that it is a good 'bloc,' its members actuated by high ideals, it aims the most praiseworthy. But it is a 'bloc' nevertheless and Senator Gooding should know that 'bloc' is a most pernicious legislative expedient. Morally, Senator Gooding violates his oath of office when he signs one.

"When a 'bloc' is rampant, any member not in it may as well stay at home. The 'bloc' claims the power to dictate what bills shall pass and what shall not pass. It can go so far as to defeat all bills unless the few it champions are swallowed up by the opposition without argument, without amendment, word for word. Nothing more vicious can be devised. Nothing more productive of rotten legislation is conceivable. The formation of one 'bloc' leads naturally to the formation of others. Then the voice of the people ceases to be heard. Everything must be done through the 'bloc' and read with another and combining with a third to defeat a fourth. Orderly consideration of measures becomes obsolete. Legislation becomes a mere legislative branch of the government suffers an utter breakdown."

**Senator Replies to Attack.**  
In reply, Senator Gooding made the following statement:

"I think that Idaho has passed the financial crisis safely. Through the Idaho committee of the war finance corporation loans of more than a half million have been passed up. They are being placed just as fast as inspections can be made. Through the board not only the livestock will be taken care of, but the agricultural interests will be materially helped through their banks. The darkest hour for Idaho has passed. Further recovery cannot be expected to be immediate, but I am confident that we are coming back. There is going to be general improvement. Many of our people have a hard fight to make,

but have the courage, and will survive the situation.

"The emergency tariff bill has been re-enacted which gives the agricultural and livestock interests the highest protection that has ever been given to those industries, and, with the organization of western and eastern senators, they will see that agricultural and livestock interests are properly protected in the new tariff bill.

**Farmer's Interest Protected.**  
"The much talked-of agricultural 'bloc' in the senate is composed of republican and democratic senators. I have the honor to belong to that 'bloc,' if it can be called a 'bloc.' The organization, of which I am chairman, is composed entirely of republicans. It is commonly known as the tariff 'bloc.' The executive committee of this organization is composed of, besides myself, Senators Johnson, McNary, Capper, Nicholson. The balance of the members of the committee are: Senators Phipps, Norbeck, Jones, Finkbeiner, Standley, Shortridge, Oddie, Laad, Bursum, Cameron, Kenyon, Warren, Spencer, Williams, Harold, New, Weller, Keyes and Townsend.

"We have been working with the national organizations representing agriculture and livestock, consisting of the National Grange, National Farm Bureau, National Dairy Association, National Poultry Association, American Woolgrowers' Association and the American National Livestock Association, together with the southern protective tariff league which represents the agricultural and livestock interests of the south.

**Organization is Defended.**  
"Republican senators who belong to this organization do not call themselves a 'bloc,' but are organized for the purpose of giving to the agricultural and livestock interests proper protection regardless of what section of the country they are in.

"With the increases asked for the agricultural and livestock interests of the country will not be receiving so high a protective duty as is given to the manufacturers' interests today under the democratic tariff bill. Many of the manufacturing industries of this country have protection as high as 140 per cent, while the agricultural interests under the Underwood bill are practically on the free list.

"I cannot agree with those who say that I violated my oath of office in belonging to this 'bloc.' I am willing to do most anything but violate my oath of office to save the agricultural and livestock interests of this country. For years the manufacturers' interests of the east have been protected whether under democratic or republican administration, and they have been thoroughly organized to protect their interests.

"We are not blocking other legislation. We realize that the manufacturers must have protection. We are going to help them to get it, but the agricultural interests of this country have never been properly protected even by the republican tariff bills in the past. It is the purpose of this organization to see that they are protected in the future."

**Community Yule Tree Planned.**  
CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special).—To 600 citizens will hold a community Christmas tree. President Wells of the community club having appointed a committee to have the arrangements in charge. Mrs. D. S. Farris is chairman of the committee, other members including Mrs. Lawrence Omer, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Kline, Mrs. E. S. Layton, Mr. Barney, Ernest Wicklund, Mrs. Henry Hopp and Thomas Gray.

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