

EXTRA LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS REMOTE

Governor Davis Disapproves Appeal for Tax Relief.

ONE COUNTY CONCERNED

Executive Says He Will Not Act Unless Definite Programme Has Statewide Support.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Should the Idaho legislature be convened in session extraordinary to give relief to those overburdened with taxes?

That is the question now in the minds of many of the leading men of the state, and while the prospects of an extra session are remote the taxation issue is ever present and pressing.

The matter was put squarely before Governor Davis, who positively declined to take steps to convene the session in extra session until there is presented at least some definite programme on which the legislature could act, and which has been presented to justify the issuance of a call for a session extraordinary.

One County Makes Appeal. The only appeal that has been laid before the governor for convening of the legislature in extra session, came from the county of Blaine.

The attitude of Governor Davis is clearly outlined in the reply he made to the petition of the commissioners of Blaine county, who asked for the special session.

Constructive Programme Lacking. The reply was as follows: "It does not seem wise nor possible to call a special session of the legislature at this time. The first bill that a special session would pass would be a new appropriation measure to cover the expenses of the session and unless there is some constructive programme suggested, or worked out, by which the people of the state might be bettered, it would not feel it possible to call a special session."

"It would be a pleasure to me to carefully consider any suggestion that your board of county commissioners might make as to the reasons and wisdom of calling a special session. But without a concrete plan of merit from them it does not seem possible for me to grant their request."

Taxpayers Protest Levies. The taxpayers of Blaine county called a mass meeting to protest against the high taxes. They met with the county commissioners in an effort to find some solution by which the tax burden might be lifted.

The commissioners justified the levies in the following manner: "The tax on the county is about \$85,000. The population of the county is about 6,000. The taxpayers there are about 1,500. The tax is being levied on the basis of the value of the property, and it is the only way in which the county can be maintained."

Special Sessions Failure. Special sessions of the legislature in this state have not a record to their credit of enacting legislation of benefit. In a special session was called by James H. Hawley, governor. The tax problem was the issue, then as it is now. The special session was called by Governor Hawley and ruled that all property in the state should be assessed at its full cash value, as the law provides, whereas property was being assessed at but 40 per cent of its full cash value.

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ICE MERGER COMPLETED

Two Companies Organize New Concern at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—In a merger consummated here Friday and effective January 1, the ice departments of the North Coast Products company, Aberdeen, and the Hogium Ice and Cold Storage company consolidated to form the Ice Delivery company, which will be the ice distributing agency for Aberdeen, Hogium and Cosmopolis. The merger was completed at the Hogium plant, which will be the manufacturing plant. Elmer Hemrich will be superintendent of manufacture while R. G. Wood will be manager of deliveries and distribution.

ROCKPILE MEN ON STRIKE

Spokane Prisoners Say Food Unfit and Quantity Insufficient.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 31.—Prisoners at the city jail refused to work on the rockpile Friday, declaring that food served them was unfit for human consumption and that the quantity was insufficient for men doing hard work. They said they would face any disciplinary measures rather than go to work.

The food was declared wholesome by officials of the health department. It is understood that a further investigation will be made by city officials.

DEATH MOURNED BY DOG

Scotch Collie Refuses to Leave Scene of Automobile Accident.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Scarcely noticed by the pass-

erby who halted to look at the wreck of the car, which resulted in the death of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Winston of Montesano at Lakeview Wednesday afternoon, when their automobile was hit by a Northern Pacific train, Scotch collie today was an unnamed, but sincere mourner. Despite every effort of the relatives to get the collie to leave the scene of the accident, it remained there.

The dog went to the Pierce county sanitarium, less than a quarter of a mile away, where it was fed. Efforts to catch him failed, however, and he returned to the place where his master and mistress were instantly killed.

The dog miraculously escaped death in the machine in which he was riding.

3 FACE ASSAULT CHARGE

GRAND JURY INDICTS TRIO WHO POSED AS DRY AGENTS.

Carl Martin, Accused of Robbery of F. W. Vogler in Garage June 30, Must Stand Trial.

Oscar Lund, Claude (Blacks) Dudley and H. Barton were jointly indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury yesterday on a charge of assault, being armed with dangerous weapons. They are said to have threatened Mrs. Anna Cohen November 23, when they entered her home and endeavored to obtain liquor by posing as prohibition agents.

Carl Martin, local boxer, was indicted for the hold-up and robbery of F. W. Vogler in the latter's garage on June 30. Jewelry valued at \$2500 was taken.

In the final report of the grand jury Sheriff Hurlburt's office was commended for excellent work in capturing the Liberty theater robbers and other criminals and the police department also was praised. The jurors found that the authorities spent most of their time catching criminals who were "repeaters" and had recently been paroled.

Other indictments were: Benjamin F. Lacer, stealing electric current; Irene Miller White, larceny; Robert Hill, forgery; Andrew Hilsonteger, larceny of an automobile; T. B. Clincy, larceny by bailor; John Donlin, receiving stolen property; Arthur Holmoe, larceny; Howard Flaxner, larceny of an automobile; Joe Dale, burglary; and Bramlet Janders, drawing a check with insufficient funds in the bank.

COW'S YIELD IS LARGE

10,000 Pounds of Milk Produced From Test Animal.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—More than 10,000 pounds of milk and 700 pounds of marketable butter in 105 days, under official test of the American Jersey Cattle club, is the record of Baby Buff, a Delaware cow owned by C. A. Phipps of Spanaway, near Tacoma.

According to Mr. Phipps, the object of the test was to show what can be done under ordinary farming conditions, with economy of production the main point under consideration.

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WASHINGTON ROW BREWS

Party Faction Opposed to Return of Incumbent Senator Would Draft Bourbon for Race.

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MR. BEAN BLAMES PROMOTERS OF FAIR

Gasoline Tax Declared as Bad as Property Tax.

INCOME LEVY FAVORED

Speaker of House Says Assessment on Motor Fuel Would Let Big Interests Out.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The action of the proponents of the Portland exposition in trying to force upon the people of the state a direct property tax and then a gasoline tax to finance the exposition has caused a breach between Portland and the up-state counties that will take many years to heal, said E. Bean, speaker of the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature, in an interview today.

"Portland in itself is not to blame," continued Mr. Bean. "The whole responsibility is placed upon a few people who are endeavoring to force the people of Oregon to pay for a fair to be held in Portland and from which Portland would gain material benefit. The gasoline tax as proposed, is considered more sinister than the direct property tax, for the reason that many large corporations such as the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, which would reap a great benefit from the exposition, would finance the fair under a direct property tax, but would not pay a dollar under the gasoline tax."

Direct Property Tax Opposed. Mr. Bean said he would oppose a direct property tax to finance the exposition from the time it was proposed, and that he was against carrying that assessment to the legislature, declaring that there was no need for it and no emergency.

He said that he anticipated that the proponents would be unable to obtain a majority in the legislature for a direct property tax and he went to work on a state income tax measure. He employed the services of Jack Littell, chief deputy in the internal revenue office in Portland for seven years, to gather data and upon the data he drew his income tax bill.

The bill provided a tax on incomes in the same manner as levied by the government under its income tax law, with the same exemptions and same deductions, being changed only so far to make it fit the state machinery. Mr. Bean said he felt that since Portland had voted by such a large majority to tax itself for the exposition it would be just that the state should contribute in some manner. If a tax of any nature should be imposed, Mr. Bean said, he felt that it should be levied so that it would put the burden of financing the fair squarely upon the ability to pay.

Machinery Provided in Bill. Mr. Bean said his bill practically followed the plan of the tax voted by Portland, eliminated the private subscriptions of \$1,000,000 and further provided for financing the fair to an amount of \$6,000,000 on a basis of \$2,000,000 a year for three years.

The bill provided for machinery for collecting the state income tax the state tax commission, giving it authority to make rules and regulations for the collection of the tax. The money so collected, according to the bill, would be expended for the purposes of the exposition.

All claims in connection with the bill, under the provisions of the bill, would be paid upon vouchers as other state claims are paid and when the fair books were closed and the property of the fair disposed of, all funds, if there were any left, would be turned into the general fund of the state and the tax commission would reduce the fair to an amount of \$6,000,000 on a basis of \$2,000,000 a year for three years.

Mr. Bean said that the proponents of the fair in and out of the legislature openly declared at Salem during the special session that they would rather have no fair than to finance it by an income tax.

Postmaster Tests Are Set. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Vacancies are expected shortly in the positions of postmaster at Vader and Onalaska. A civil service examination has been announced to be held in this city January 14, when eligible lists for both the places named will be established.

Hunter Kills Three Wildcats. MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—William Hartman of Aberdeen proved the most successful hunter of the Christmas season. Today he collected the bounty for three wildcats. Charley Clark of Oakville collected the bounty for one wildcat.

Chehalis Man Gets Farm. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—R. C. Riley of Chehalis has

purchase the James Lollas farm at Littell, four miles west of this city. The price was \$4500. Mr. Lollas will move to Raymond to make his home, having acquired a residence in that city in the deal that has just been closed.

Washington Alumni Banquet. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—More than 60 University of Washington students and alumni attended the banquet at the Lafayette last night in honor of University Glee club, which appeared in concert at the Grand theater later. Coach Enoch

Barshaw of the university was the chief speaker at the banquet.

Moonshiner, Penalized, Appeals. MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A. Piant of Aberdeen was found guilty of manufacturing liquor in Judge Lewis E. Rignold's court yesterday and sentenced to pay \$500 and serve 90 days. Notice of appeal was given and his bond was fixed at \$1000. Piant maintained that the mash found in his house by the raiding officers had been left there by a former owner, Judge Rignold held that the mash was too fresh to substantiate this story.

OLD SWEETHEARTS WED. Aberdeen Man Marries Woman He Wooded 40 Years Ago in Finland.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Forty years after their sweetheart days in a little Finnish schoolhouse, John Heinkaman, 52, and Anna Koussamen, 52, were married by Justice of the Peace Baumert last night. Until the Russian uprising, Mrs. Heinkaman was rated as wealthy. Her husband was the owner of Heinkamsen property valued at several hundred thousand dollars. When the soviet came, they drove the family from their home, persecuted her husband and put her out to do manual labor. Her husband died in an asylum for the insane.

When Mr. Heinkaman, an Alaskan gold-rush veteran and bachelor, heard of her husband's death he proposed marriage, in a letter. She accepted his wooing, reaching Aberdeen a short time ago.

Tax Rolls Completed. MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Nine of the assessment or tax rolls for the county which were held up by the litigation over a levy for school district 44 have been completed and will be turned over to the county auditor by January 1, Assessor O. A. Wiley said. These books were soon to the county treasurer's office, where the 1921 tax statements will be prepared. Mrs. Olive Dunning, county treasurer, hopes to have the statements in the mail by the first Monday in February despite the delay.

Diking Tax Roll Accepted. KELOSO, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The assessment roll of diking dis-

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Building Owner Loses High Court Affirms Damage Award to Woman Who Fell Down Stairs.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—B. L. Smith, owner of the L. C. Smith building in Seattle, lost his case today in the superior court following the judgment of the King county superior court awarding \$4000 and costs to Jane H. Johnson for injuries sustained when she fell down a flight of stairs leading into the basement of the building.

The respondent in her complaint alleged that the defendant negligently and carelessly allowed the plaintiff's injuries were serious.

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