

SPECIAL SESSION

Taxpayers' League Will Petition Governor.

MUCH WORK IN SIGHT

Important Subjects Need Speedy and Special Attention From Legislature.

SALEM Or., Oct. 21.—Governor Geer was today asked by The Journal what action he would take should the Taxpayers' League of Portland petition for an extra session of the Legislature in a considerable number. In response he said: "I can only say that the Taxpayers' League of Multnomah County consists of a number of the most substantial and representative men of the City of Portland, and any request they might make, asking for a special session of the Legislature, would have great weight in arriving at a final determination of the question."

It is very possible that an extra session of the Legislature will be called to consider two subjects which seem of such weight as to entitle them to settlement in advance of the regular assembling of the state law-making body this winter. These subjects are the exact status of the initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution, and the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair.

An important meeting of the executive committee of the Taxpayers' League was held yesterday afternoon. All the members of the committee were present as follows: A. L. Mills, W. M. Ladd, J. W. Cook, Leo Friede, J. C. Ainsworth, J. Thorburn Ross and J. N. Teal. The principal subject considered was the advisability of recommending to the members of the league and citizens generally that the Governor be petitioned to call an extra session of the Legislature. After discussing the matter it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that it would be to the state's interest to have a special session and the sooner it was called the better. It was determined to have a petition circulated to be signed by those concurring in the committee's views.

ACTION WILL BE INDORSED.
The action of the committee is not binding upon other members of the league, nor does the committee undertake in this instance to speak officially for the association. At the same time from expressions secured from other members it is believed there will be practical unanimity on the question.

A member of the committee said today: "There are several questions of great interest to the state at large which ought to be gotten out of the way of the regular session at which in addition to the usual legislation a Senator is to be elected. 'Whatever laws are necessary to put the initiative and referendum in effect should be passed at once. The appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair is a state matter, not local, and whatever appropriation is to be made should be determined on now. This should not become involved with any extraneous questions or its merits affected by other matters. The Board of Directors should know as soon as possible if there is to be an appropriation and the amount. Then, too, the new charter, although local in application, is general in its effect, and if a session is to be called could be passed. While a special session will cost probably \$25,000, it is the belief of those who have given the matter much thought, that the money will be saved many times over."

BUYING PUBLIC SUPPLIES.
It was reported to the committee that the law relating to the purchase of public supplies on bids after being duly advertised was not being followed. This will be thoroughly investigated as one of the most fruitful causes for criticism in the past has been the buying of supplies without an opportunity being given to all who desired to bid. The last Legislature passed two laws covering this point. This was one of the League's measures and they believe in its efficiency and that it should be observed.

CONSOLIDATION EFFECTS SAVING.
The first returns from the operation of the consolidated offices of Clerk of the Court, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Recorder was very gratifying as it showed a net saving in the first quarter of \$3,000.

PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION.
The attorney for the league reported the following laws, which the league desires introduced at the next session of the Legislature, as ready:
Amending the Fee Bill.
Amending the act creating the office of County Auditor so as to provide that on the refusal of the Auditor to allow a bill, no warrant can be issued for the payment of the same; and further providing that the Auditor's report shall set out in detail under the headings of the different offices and subjects the amount of income and expenditure for each particular purpose.

Amending the bill regarding the advertisement for county supplies, so as to permit purchases to the extent of one hundred dollars (\$100) without advertising therefor.
A new law relating to the taxation of personal property, under which stocks of goods and property of a like nature which are brought into the county after the 1st of March, shall be assessed.
Amending the law relating to the compensation of the County Commissioners,

limiting their pay to a per diem when actually employed on county business.

NEW LAWS IN PREPARATION.

The following laws are being prepared and will be ready soon:
A law limiting the amount of the county's expenditures to a fixed millage.
A law relating to the taxation of corporations, that will provide for the payment to the state of some compensation upon the organization of the corporation.
A law to compel foreign corporations of every kind to appoint a resident agent in the State of Oregon.
A law to make the County Treasurer the tax collector for the county.
A law providing for an inheritance tax on estates.

WITHOUT RAILS.

Train Passed Over Bridge on Ties Alone, but Wrecked.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—Ten are injured, one fatally, in a wreck on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, near Elmwood this morning. Miss Blake, of Hamilton, is the one who will die. The flyer threw a bridge in open switch and careened over a bridge in safety running on the ties alone. On the other side of the bridge a switch engine was struck and wreck and chaos reigned.

TWO ARE KILLED.

FORT WORTH, Oct. 21.—Two men met death and it is possible that others have also been killed and not yet found, in a collision near Hearne's this morning. A passenger train on the International Great Northern was run into by a freight train which had been lost control of by its crew. Eight men were seriously injured. The wreck has not yet been cleared away, and there is a possibility that other deaths may be ascertained as the work progresses.

MINE IS ON FIRE

Four Miners Die Near Glasgow, Scotland.

TRY TO DROWN IT

Output From the Shaft Has Been Large and the Property Valuable.

GLASGOW, Scotland, Oct. 21.—Four miners have been burned to death and hundreds of others are fighting interior fires in the tunnels and shafts of the United Colliery, of Fauldhouse. There is great excitement among the miners and the owners have ordered all work suspended and the battle against the flames taken up by all employees of the mine. It is impossible at this hour to tell to what extent the total damage will climb before the fire can be quenched.

TRY TO DROWN FIRE.

Hundreds of thousands of gallons of water are hourly being dumped down the shafts of the mine in the hope of drowning the blaze which is supposed to have originated from gases ignited by the flame from a miner's lamp.

The coal output from this mine has been large for the past few months and the fire, if it continues, may have considerable effect upon the local market. It will hardly be felt in labor circles because of the men being required to continue work as fire fighters. It is not considered possible that the mine will be abandoned as it is a very valuable property, and there is known to be still much coal beneath the surface.

STOLEN MARE RECOVERED.

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, Oct. 21.—W. O. Tribe, superintendent of the Fair grounds, who last week lost a valuable pairing mare from his barn, has recovered the animal. The mare was found east of Silverton, in the hills where the thief had apparently turned her loose. It is generally believed that the mare was taken by Fred Reese, the reform school charge who escaped from that institution on the night the mare disappeared, and it is thought that the boy rode the animal into the hills, near to the place where his grandfather lives, and turned her arid.

CLOTHING THIEVES SENTENCED

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, Oct. 21.—W. H. King and Larry O'Hearn, the two fellows who were arrested early Sunday morning charged with stealing clothing from several places in this city, were arraigned in the City Recorder's Court last evening and both men pleaded guilty to larceny and each was given 90 days in the county jail.

MRS. STEVENS AGAIN.

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 21.—Mrs. Lillian N. Stevens, National President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, was re-elected today almost unanimously.

WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—Wheat—\$1.28 1/2.
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Wheat—72 1/2 c.

COAL STRIKE ENDED AT 12 O'CLOCK TODAY

Not a Dissenting Voice When Vote Was Called on Report of Committee on Resolutions, Which Said Return to Work Thursday—Mitchell Would Not Permit "Railroading" of Motion.

President of Mineworkers Declared All Should Have Opportunity to Speak on the Question, and Vote Did Not Come Until Clamored For By Convention—President Roosevelt Gets Copy of Resolutions.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 21.—The coal strike was settled at 12 o'clock, noon, today. There was no dissenting voice when President Mitchell called for a vote on the resolution presented by the special committee which reported this morning. This unanimity of opinion is more than even the most sanguine had hoped, and there will be a resumption of operations by the workmen on Thursday in accordance with the committee report. President Mitchell patiently listened to the remarks of all delegates who cared to address the convention, declaring there would be no action taken and no vote permitted until each had been given opportunity to speak. An effort to force the issue shortly after the committee report had been read was balked by Mitchell, who declared he would stand for fair play, and would not let anyone take the conducting of the campaign upon himself to the detriment of others who might choose to be heard.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 21.—Prior to action by the convention on the resolution, its import was fully explained by President Mitchell, whose remarks were translated into Lithuanian, Polish and Slavish. At the conclusion of his address Mitchell announced that he had received word from President Roosevelt assuring him that the Board of Arbitration would meet immediately following the adoption of the resolution. It was his opinion that the commission would report within a month. This is considered good time and the miners will undoubtedly await the decision peacefully.

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left entirely in the hands of the district leaders. Father Curran was given an ovation when he rose to speak. President Mitchell announced through

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HILL TELLS NOTHING.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 21.—J. J. Hill was cross-examined today in the merger hearing by Richards, but Hill told nothing of general interest to the east was brought out.

NEW CRUISER

Armored Warship Is Named for State of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—On November 3 bids will be advertised for the construction of the new armored cruiser Washington, named for the most north-westerly state in the Union. It is thought here she will be built on the Pacific Coast. Her speed will probably reach 22 knots and she will be almost as heavily armored as a battleship.

All of the new armored cruisers now being planned will be slower than their sister ships in the British navy, as a result of a conference just concluded. However, the batteries of these vessels will be much more powerful than those of foreign fighters of the same class.

Rear Admiral Henry Glass will succeed Casey in command of the Pacific station. The latter is now protecting American interests at the scene of the Colombian revolutionary movements on the Isthmus.

MADE RICH HAUL.

Spanish Express Was Robbed of \$400,000 Last Night.

IRUN, Spain, Oct. 21.—Robbers entered the mail car of the Spanish express last night, mortally wounded one clerk and secured checks, money orders and cash amounting to at least \$400,000. The robbers escaped. This is one of the most daring robberies ever chronicled in the history of this country.

MORGAN IS OUT

Yerkes Controls London Traction Situation.

NO CAUSE IS GIVEN

The Fight Between Traction Kings Seems to Have Ended Very Atryply.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Indications point strongly to Charles T. Yerkes, the American traction magnate, having won his fight against the Morgan interests for control of the London underground railways. At a meeting of the House of Commons committee of tube railways this morning it was announced that Morgan had withdrawn his bill. No reasons for this action were given. The Yerkes bill was given trading yesterday.

This other and unexpected action is taken this leaves Yerkes in control and little opposition is expected to his bill. The fight between the two magnates has been hanging on before the committee for some time and is one of the most important matters before the English transportation world today. Great surprise was occasioned here by the announcement of Morgan's withdrawal.

A FEASIBLE ROUTE

Successful Survey for Salt Lake and Coos Bay Road.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 21.—Engineers Lindsey and Moody, of the Great Central Railway Co., have returned with a report of a "feasible" route over the Cascade Mountains east of here for the Salt Lake-Coos Bay railroad. They reported this route as an entirely feasible one for a railroad. The engineers went out by way of Peet to the summit of the mountains near Diamond Lake. As a result of their examinations they favor a route away from the North Umpqua River where low passes through the mountains are found available. The exact location of this route cannot be stated until the engineers make a definite survey next spring. However, the line will very likely pass over the summit a few miles north of Diamond Lake. This pass reaches a gradual elevation of 5,400 feet, and presents no serious engineering difficulties.

NOTED PRELATES ATTEND.

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 21.—The anniversary of the elevation of Bishop McFall to be the second Bishop of Trenton was observed with impressive ceremonies in the cathedral. Bishop O'Connor of Newark celebrated mass and many noted prelates and priests were in attendance. Thursday next Bishop McFall's silver jubilee will be celebrated in an elaborate scale.

AMERICANS STARVE.

HAVANA, Oct. 21.—The distressed condition of many Americans in Cuba has caused Minister Squires to call a meeting tomorrow of all Americans in Havana to provide ways and means for the transportation of these sufferers to the states. A number of cases of Americans starving to death have been recorded this summer.

FINAL BATTLE

Action Is Anticipated at Once.

MOVE TO OPEN TOWN

The Enforcement League Being Investigated—Lord Is Confident.

Interesting and sensational developments in the reform war are about to be made public. For the past few days the movement has been void of results. The three-cornered war of tongues has been waged in an inspiring manner. The initiators have not been slow in expressing their opinions of Mr. Lord and his Law Enforcement League. Mr. Lord has expressed some sentiments that galled the heads of the churches. The battle of words has now expended its force, as both sides have completed their delivery of "hot-air."

SLOT MACHINES TO RUN.

The slot machines will again be placed upon the counters. When this move is made, it is expected that matters will be brought to a show down. Attorney Humes states that he will instruct a number of his clients to bring out their slot machines and operate them. One of his clients, Jeff Nye, of the Hoffman saloon, has never removed his machines. It is not thought by those on the inside that the peace officers of the city will try to enforce the laws on the issue. If they refuse Mr. Lord will step in and see whether it is possible to make them do their duty.

LEAGUE INVESTIGATED.

Some of those who are skeptical as to the sincerity and personnel of the League are making an investigation of its members. It is said that the tax records show that its president, Mr. Kliner, pays taxes to the extent of \$5 a year on some Montavilla property. An effort is also being made to learn something about others who are identified with the move.

LORD RESTING EASY.

Mr. Lord when interviewed this morning stated: "I am satisfied with the present outlook, and will make whatever move circumstances may require. The fight of the reform faction, that is fighting the reform of the League, is playing into the hands of the law breakers. I understand that in view of the expression of the representatives of the church and the administration, who have given out in no unambiguous terms that they are in favor of laws being violated that they move is afoot to throw the town wide open, and the slot machine men and a number of gambling houses have already opened."

SUPREME COURT.

Decisions Handed Down in Several Important Cases.

(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Oct. 21.—The Supreme Court yesterday handed down decisions in several appeal cases recently heard. They are:

Newt Hoover, appellant, vs. Alice L. Bartlett and G. W. Bartlett, respondents; appeal from Harney County, Hon. M. D. Clifford, Judge, affirmed. Opinion by Chief Justice, F. A. Moore.

J. Thorburn Ross, trustee, appellant, vs. The City of Portland, respondent; appeal from Multnomah County, Hon. Alfred F. Sears, Jr., Hon. John B. Cleland, and Hon. M. C. George, sitting en banc, Judges; affirmed. Opinion by Associate Justice C. E. Wolverson.

J. Leve, et al., appellants, vs. Wm. Frazer, Sheriff, respondent; appeal from Multnomah County, Hon. A. L. Frazer, Judge; affirmed. Opinion by Associate Justice R. S. Bean.

Minor orders were made in cases pending as follows:
John Quiri, respondent, vs. Wm. Frazer, Sheriff, appellant; ordered on stipulation that this case be dismissed.

Laura Deane Cox, respondent, vs. The Royal Tribe of Joseph, appellant; ordered on stipulation that respondent's time to serve and file her brief be extended to November 1, 1902.

G. B. Penold, appellant, vs. C. F. Candian, et al., respondents; ordered on stipulation that respondents' time to serve and file their brief be extended to December 20, 1902.

The appeal case of the Pacific Coast Bitumit Company, appellant, vs. G. A. Dugger, respondent, an appeal from Lincoln County, was argued and submitted by A. C. Cannon for appellant, and J. J. Whitney and W. K. Dwyer for respondent.

WARSHIPS ARE SENT.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 21.—British war vessels have been ordered to the Yangtze River. It is reported they will force the Chinese to bring to justice the murderers of Lewis and Bruce, British missionaries.

MRS. NATION MOVED.

HOUSTON, Oct. 21.—Carrie Nation was forcibly ejected from three saloons last night and finally arrested and ordered to leave town. She argued, was escorted to the depot and put on the train for Pitt Bluff.