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Interstate Commission Appeals to All Citizens to Free Congressmen to Vote Money Absolutely Necessary in a Crisis.

he immediate causes for alarm on part of the commission over the fo

tried at St. Paul, as well as the same high valuations by roads in southwestern cattle cases.

The commission proposes to ask the president and congress to grant the needed appropriation at a special session. The commission believes it already has authority to make such valuations but it lacks sufficient funds to do it properly. Not less than \$1,000,000 is same to be asked for, and perhaps the total by will be several millions before the valuations.

asked for, one or the first things will be to accept in part the results of the valuations of the northern roads made, by the engineer of the Washington state railway commission, which has been submitted here in previous rate cases tried before the commission.

Appeal is made to the husiness men of the Pacific coast and all other sec-tions, that they urge upon all members from their states that they support the commission's request at this session. It is asked that persistent demands be made upon members from this time for-ward until the desired result has been achieved.

MICHIGAN SENATOR FIFTY YEARS OLD

Washington, May 12—Senator Smith—William Alden Smith of Michigan—was 50 years old today. He will nave occasion to remember the anniversary for he was kept busy during a good part of the day receiving congratulations and good wishes from his calleagues in the senate and numerous other friends in official life.

Senator Smith's 50 years cover a notable and highly creditable career. He

OSWALD WEST ON TAX AMENDMENTS

Ralifoad Commissioner Oswald West was requested to address the grainge may provide for the ascertainment, demanded to address the grainge may provide for the ascertainment, demanded to the present to deliver his talk age rate of levy and taxation upon property. Taxas for state purposes will perform the subject of the hands of a state body, such as our tax commission, with the state of the state demands and property, levied by the state by virtue of its solvereding that it may be enabled to carry into effort the support of government and fave and receives them from the subject and receives them from the subject apply if the property and applying the state over all maxation within its jurisdiction that it may be enabled to carry into effort from this property the perform demanded in order that by means thereof, is add purposes the bountles will not be insert form the endoyment of the state government and taxes by the secured in the endoyment of the state government and taxes by instituted over each and every county in may provide for the ascertaining the state of the state demands and property, and applying the state would discontinue to the support of government and for state purposes, and if the state is purposed in the endoyment of the state government and taxes by leading the property the perform demanded in order that by means thereof, and the endoyment of the state government and taxes by list the property within the valuation of an average rate, or such an average rate, or such an average rate, or such an applying to the state will be state. The taxes so collected may be enabled to carry into effort the such south of the state government and taxes levy or agencial property of the state government and the endoyment of the state government, and taxes levy or agencial property of the state government and the endoyment of the state government and the endoyment of the state government and taxes levy or agencial property of the state will approper to the support of the state government and the endoyment of the s

clent money to enable the commission to make valuations of all railroad properties at the earliest possible date. This move is prompted by the conviction that the entire program of the regulation of rates and practices in danger of complete failure under existing conditions and that unless the commission is permitfed to establish valuations of properties, all cases now pending and to come before that body will fail and the roads will win.

The reason for this conclusion is the excessively high valuation which the power of tax is sentially legislative in its nature and the vested in the legislature of every state by a general grant of legislative power, whether specifically enumerated in the legislature of every state by a general grant of legislative power, whether specifically enumerated in the excessive by the legislature of every state by a general grant of legislative power, whether specifically enumerated in the excessive by the legislature of every state by a general grant of legislative power. Whether specifically equivalent is excepted in the legislature of every state by a general grant of legislative must be accounted in the legislature of every state by a general grant of legislative must be accounted in the legislature of every state by a general grant of legislative must be accounted in the legislature of every state by a general grant of legislature of every state by a general grant of legislature of every state by a general grant of legislature of every state by a general grant of legislature of every state by a general grant of legislature of every state by a general grant of legislature of every state by a general grant of legislat

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to be asked for, and perhaps the total will be several millions before the valuation work is completed.

At the best thing the commission can do under existing conditions, it has employed State Engineer Thompson of the Texas railroad commission to do the work in connection with the southwestern cases, he having made a valuation for the properties affected by these of the legislative and uniform and that the logislative and uniform and that the legislative and t cure a just valuation for taxation of all property, both real and personal, excepting such only for municipal, edu-cational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, as may be specially exempted by law

Times Have Changed.

the state the countles until such time is insufficient to eaver the expenses of the state, the countles until such time as it does may be called upon to make aptive deficience, but if the revenue collected is more than enough to cover the state expenses the surpliss may be distributed among the several countles, and to that extent will lighten the local burdens.

The provision that the legislative power may provide for the apportioning.

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Professor E. G. Young, in a bulleting on Tax Reform, published by the Unitersity of Gregon, fully explains the representation of government, and we believe that this development of home rule in taxation.

There is now a certain kind of local proposed system would be consists in the continuous counters. The remedy proposed is, in our opinion, then then the make time and bon, the only effective remedy. On the other counters and up to eat the proposed system would give the people of the counter would fix its own rate of taxation. Each community could its attained to pay an undue share of state taxation. Furthermore, each locally could adopt subject to the constitutional requirement of uniformity, and the first taxation and personal property tax when the taxes collected by the counters are constitutional requirement of uniformity.

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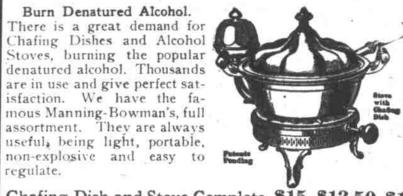
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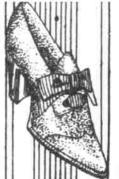
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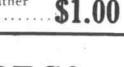


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