

COST OF RUNNING STATE SETS WEST TO INVESTIGATING

Per Capita Expense Doubles in Ten Years Although Population Is Much Greater and Assessment Sextupled.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Oct. 16.—Delving into taxation figures in this state for the last 20 years, Governor West has pointed out the stupendous increase in the assessed valuation of the state and the increase in the cost of running the state government shown in the last 10 years in comparison with the figures for the preceding 10 years.

Twenty years ago the state tax amounted to \$2.26 per capita. Ten years ago the state tax was practically the same per capita. The last state tax was about \$4.70 per capita, or just twice as much as it was 10 years ago.

The assessed valuation of the state 20 years ago was, in round numbers, \$151,000,000. It was practically the same 10 years ago. The last assessment shows it had jumped to \$900,000,000. Twenty years ago the population of the state was 312,000 and the last census placed it at near 675,000.

From \$740,000 to \$3,000,000. The state's expenses, including all appropriations, for the year 20 years ago were \$740,000. Ten years ago they were \$2,000,000. This year they were \$3,000,000, and the total appropriation for the present biennial period was, in round numbers, \$3,500,000.

In connection with these figures, Governor West has given out a statement showing how this grand total of \$3,500,000 is divided among the state institutions and branches of the state government. He asserts that it will be well for those who are interested in knowing where the people's taxes are being expended to preserve these figures for future reference, as he intends to take them up, a little later on, one by one, and dissect them for the information of the public. The appropriations were segregated as follows:

How the Expense Is Divided.	
State institutions	\$1,554,500
Educational institutions	1,550,700
Supreme court and library	34,800
Circuit courts	178,220
Apprehension, prosecution and transportation of criminals	143,800
Boards and commissions	142,500
State printing office	148,900
Other state offices (governor's secretary, state treasurer's attorney general and superintendent of public instruction)	123,000
Legislature	102,500
Capitol building expenses	50,920
O. N. G. naval militia and new armories	241,000
State and county jails	112,500
Experiment stations and institutes	49,000
Inspection on the coast	30,000
Additional land and buildings at capitol	180,000
Account canal and locks at Oregon City	100,000
In aid of charity	74,600
Special appropriations	100,000
Total	\$3,500,000

OREGON PACIFIC TO BE PART OF O. & S. E. RY

(Salem to The Journal.)

Cottage Grove, Or., Oct. 15.—With capital stock of \$1,000,000, the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railway company, which has just filed articles of incorporation, proposes to start early in the spring construction work on its projected line from Cottage Grove to this coast. It is not expected the line will get further than LaGrange next year, although its completion to Winchester Bay is predicted by the time of the opening of the Panama canal.

In the articles of incorporation the immediate object of the incorporation is stated to be the building of the road already referred to, but many other functions, such as the owning and operating of power plants, telegraph lines, mines, mining lands, timber lands, etc., are provided for.

Head office of the new company are to be at Cottage Grove. The names of the incorporators are A. B. Wood, J. R. Protzman and Herbert Eakin. They are manager and auditor of the O. & S. E. Railway and president of the First National bank, respectively.

The new road would be a part of the present O. & S. E. Railway, now operating between Cottage Grove and Disston.

Taxpayers' Ticket at Woodburn.

(Salem to The Journal.)

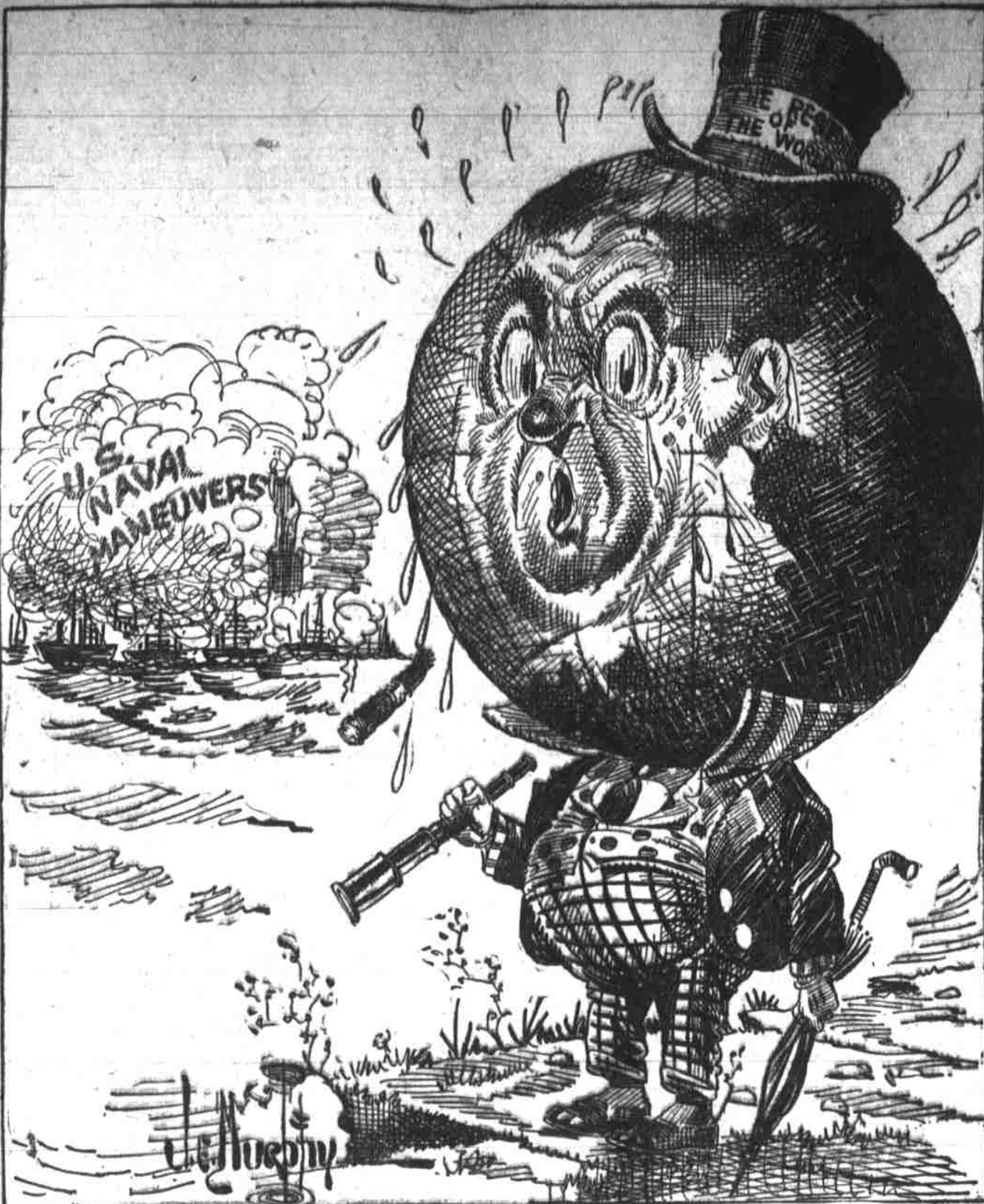
Woodburn, Or., Oct. 16.—At a mass meeting held at the Armory at the following candidates were nominated for city offices to be voted on at the annual city election November 5: Colonel John M. Poorman for mayor, W. A. Roberts and C. C. Goodale for councilmen, G. H. Beebe for recorder, and George Landon for treasurer. The ticket is termed the taxpayers' ticket and is put in the field in opposition to the present administration and reelection of those officers whose terms expire next month. Colonel Poorman is cashier of the Bank of Woodburn, W. A. Roberts is senior member of the firm of W. A. Roberts & Son, lumber merchants; C. C. Goodale is a leading grocer, G. H. Beebe is a retired merchant, and George A. Landon is proprietor of the principal furniture store in the city, which makes the ticket composed entirely of business men.

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REVIEWING THE FLEET!



BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT CONDON, OR.

Tri-County Fair Will Be Seen—Railroad Men Are Going, Too.

Forty of Portland's business men and railroad officials who for the past year have been interested in the plan of intensive farming in Sherman, Morrow and Gilliam counties, will leave on a special train for Condon at 8 o'clock this evening. Tomorrow they will see the tri-county fair and the exposition of the products and resources of the country. From points where formerly all the butter, eggs and chickens the people consumed were brought from outside, exhibits of these things will be made in competition for prizes. Where formerly wheat was produced crops of 50 to 65 bushels of wheat, progress along many other lines will be shown as a way to indicate how much more important that Portland tributary area of 4300 square miles is becoming. The tri-county fair has been staged by the Condon Business Men's association. The organization secured and made large appropriations for the purpose. Assistance has been rendered by the Oregon and Tri-County Development leagues and by the state conservation commission, because the task of invigorating production and stimulating home building in the formerly retrogressive area was believed important enough to claim the aid of all who were interested in the development and settlement of Oregon. The organizing of the excursion to the Condon fair tonight has been carried out jointly by C. C. Chapman, development manager of the Commercial club and J. D. Farrell, president of the O. W. R. & N. company. The train will not arrive in Condon until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning as it is desired that the members of the excursion see the country between the Columbia river and the county seat of Gilliam. The special will leave Condon tomorrow night at 11 o'clock for the return to Portland, arriving in the city at 7 o'clock Friday morning.

Maupin, Or., Bootlegger Caught.

(Salem to The Journal.) The Dalles, Or., Oct. 16.—George Birdsell of Maupin, was convicted in the justice court here Monday morning, when he was fined \$300. Birdsell had been conducting a restaurant in the town of Maupin since last July, and incidentally, it is charged, had been selling a considerable amount of liquor, but until very recently he had been so cautious that the authorities could not catch him. Last week Sheriff Christian sent a deputy to Maupin, and two days the deputy got into the confidence of Birdsell and bought two bottles of whiskey.

Must Make Concession.

In this language is laid down the law that a railroad cannot connect with a water terminal and benefit by its traffic, without conceding fact and practice, as well as theory and law that it is a common terminal which all parts of the public must enjoy on equal terms. This law as thus expressed also covers the necessary access to the harbor over local switching lines, switching charges being prohibited by the decision.

COMMON POINT RIGHTS OF PEOPLE UPHELD BY COURT

Decision of Supreme Court Is Cited in Relation to Harbor Issues and Terminals; Why Can't Portland-Benefit?

Portland, Oct. 16.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The decision of the United States supreme court, as expressed by Justice Hughes in the case quoted, the most recent one involving the question directly, confirms the full title of the public to navigable waters up to ordinary highwater mark. The question of equal or common use rights has also been brought down to date in a decision made by the interstate commerce commission in the Mobile case as late as last May. Mobile is an important port, having public and private docks, some of which are owned and operated by the Southern and the Mobile & Ohio railways. These railways publish tariffs to Mobile absorbing local charges of switching and transshipment over their own docks. Only vessels owned by these railways or their allied lines are allowed to use these docks, and if trans-shipped at other docks to independent lines, this terminal charges of switching, dock and landing, besides being absorbed into the regular tariff over these lines to be paid in any case, must be paid again.

This constitutes a differential in favor of these lines and makes of the railroad docks an absolutely private property administered to discriminate against independent shipping and the public docks.

It is an evasion, by which the railroads carry their monopolistic powers beyond their private holdings on land, upon the public territory of navigable waters. Commissioner Lane, in writing this decision says:

"A railroad has a right to reserve where it uses the use and the use of such water carriers as it prefers, provided it affords to the public access, equal facilities elsewhere at equal rates. Where a rail carrier authorizes its agents to issue bills of lading for water lines, it must extend such practice to all water lines." (without discriminative charges).

Why can't Portland benefit by these laws, interpreted by these modern decisions, as well as our neighbors in the east, our mayor and council and railroad attorneys to the contrary notwithstanding?

And this doctrine is true, and applies as well as to water terminals, to any land terminal where a number of competing or connecting lines meet. Every terminal city is best served by a common terminal, precluding obnoxious charges and constructing for greatest freedom, celerity and economy of interchange.

J. R. ZIEGLER.

SERIES OF DEBATES ON TAX MEASURES

W. S. U'Ren Accepts Terms Made by Chas. H. Shields, Secretary.

W. S. U'Ren has accepted the terms offered by Charles H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation league, for a series of debates on the graduated single tax amendment.

In a letter sent by Mr. U'Ren to Mr. Shields it is suggested that the debates be held in as many different towns as possible, and Mr. Shields has agreed to this proposal. Further arrangements for the debates will be made during the week.

In his letter to Mr. Shields, under date of October 14, Mr. U'Ren says:

"Your acceptance of my proposal to debate the graduated single tax amendment gives me the very great pleasure, I certainly shall not offer any objection to your talking about the Henry George theory, the Fels fund, the election of Taft or anything else that pleases you during the debate."

"I desire to have this debate in as many towns as possible, and suggest Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Albany, Corvallis, Salem, McMinnville, Oregon City, Portland, Hood River and The Dalles, beginning Monday, the 21st inst., at any town that pleases you. As it will be a series, I suggest that we take turns for the opening and closing."

"The fact that you have spoken in many of these towns need not deter you, because the debate will attract at least 10 times as many voters as come out to hear you alone. For instance, you had 66 voters present in Oregon City, but a debate will bring at least 10 times that many."

Mason's Letter. In a letter sent by Mr. Shields to A. I. Mason, chairman of the committee at Liberty Home Orchard, Hood River, Mr. Shields charges Mason with misrepresentation and untruths in a letter sent by Mason for publication in The Journal, in which Mason said that Shields had "fallen down" on an agreement to meet U'Ren in debate as arranged for at Pine Grove. Mr. Shields states in his letter that Mason is entirely responsible for the fact that Shields and U'Ren have not met in debate at Pine Grove.

Mr. Shields says that Mason failed to take the matter up and have it arranged as he had been asked by Mr. Shields to do.

Saloon Proposal Hard Fought.

Hood River, Or., Oct. 16.—A mass meeting of the citizens of Hood River was held at the First Christian church Sunday afternoon to consider the petition for saloons in Hood River that has been filed with the county clerk, asking an election in November. Several clergymen and citizens recommended drastic measures to defeat the issue, and it was suggested that the names of the petitioners be printed and posted throughout the city.

Smallpox Case at Capitol. (Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Oct. 16.—Smallpox has again appeared at the state capitol, the victim this time being A. C. Barber, assistant insurance commissioner. His office was fumigated last night and is open again.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

GREAT LAND SUIT FOR 50,000 ACRES PLANNED BY WEST

Hyde and Benson Operations Called to His Attention by Denial of an Application for Lieu Land Selection.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Oct. 16.—A breeze from the past, when land fraud operators were enjoying their palmiest days, came to the governor's office today in the form of a letter from the commissioner of the general land office, notifying Governor West that the application of Don S. Sprague for a lieu land selection was denied because of fraud. Sprague is alleged to be one of the dummies in the Hyde and Benson operations, which involved about 50,000 acres. Governor

West is now of the opinion that all this land can be recovered for the state, and he stated his intention of putting the matter before the next meeting of the state land board, which undoubtedly will instruct the attorney general to bring suits to recover it.

Back in those land fraud days, the plan was for the operators to buy from the state great bodies of land, which, according to their inside information, were to be included in a new forest reserve. Then the law permitted owners of land in forest reserves to exchange it, acre for acre, for any government land they might select outside of the reserve. In this way the operators would buy land of no value and then get to exchange it for some of the most valuable land in the state. The law restricted each purchaser to 320 acres, so these operators hired dummy entrymen to buy for them. This was where the fraud came in.

According to the findings of the general land office, Don S. Sprague was one of the dummy entrymen used by F. A. Hyde. He applied for his lieu land selection on August 18, 1899.

"Said selection was fraudulent and illegal in that the land offered as base for said selection was produced through fraudulent and corrupt practices from the state of Oregon and in violation of the statutes regulating the sale of said lands," says the letter from the commissioner of the general land office.

"Now," explained Governor West, "if

the land office refuses these applications on the ground that the original purchasers of land from the state were fraudulent, I see no reason why the state should not use the same evidence procured by the land office in proving fraud against the state, and thus recover all these lands for the state."

It will be on this theory that Governor West will put the matter up to the land board at its next meeting.

PRESS CLUB PLANS A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT

Members of the Portland Press club are looking forward with pleasure to the first of a series of winter entertainments for members and their ladies which will be given at the club rooms, second floor of the Elks' building, Seventh and Stark streets, tomorrow night. Five hundred will be played. Three prizes and a booty will be awarded. There will be vaudeville entertainment. Refreshments will be served. The affair will be informal.

Autumn leaves will be a feature of the decorations. The woods are now being scoured for the choicest boughs.

While the United States is rich in peat, less than 55,000 short tons of it were taken from the ground last year and more than 53,000 tons of this were used in the fertilizer industry.

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