

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE MAY BE ASKED BY COUNCIL

New Tax Law Declared by Mayor to Be Unjust; May Bring Matter Up.

As there are several provisions of the new tax law which he deems are unjust and will tend to abuse, Mayor Albion says that he will bring the matter up with the members of the city council to consider the advisability of having Governor West convene the Oregon legislature in a special session to correct the alleged defects.

The new tax law was passed by the legislature in its regular session. City Attorney L. A. Roche at the request of the mayor has made a special report covering the features which the mayor says are objectionable. According to the mayor the situation is serious enough to warrant a special meeting of the legislature without delay.

The new law does away with the rebate system which has been in effect under the old law. Taxes had to be paid before the first Monday in April, but if they were paid before March 15, a rebate of 3 per cent was allowed.

Under the new law taxes are payable in two installments, half to be paid April 1 instead of the first Monday in April as under the old law and the other half to be paid September 1 instead of being payable on the first Monday in October under the old law.

The new measure allows a penalty of 10 per cent to be fixed on all taxes delinquent after September 1 and interest at the rate of 12 per cent a year from the date the delinquency occurs. There is no rebate allowed if the taxes are paid before April 1.

The old law provided for delinquency certificates bearing interest at the rate of 15 per cent a year to be issued at the expiration of six months after the date of delinquency while under the new law the certificates bearing the same interest shall be issued within one month after the date of delinquency.

The mayor objects to the provision allowing those who purchase delinquent tax lots the right to charge 15 per cent interest a year after one month following the date of delinquency. The other provisions as to the changing of the delinquency date from the first Monday in October to September 1 are also objectionable, says the mayor.

The matter will probably be called to the attention of the other members of the council at the regular meeting on Wednesday, although the mayor said this morning he did not know whether he could call all of the facts in hand by that time.

The new tax law will delay the city getting its apportionment of the tax money until after April 1, whereas heretofore a large portion of the tax money was available for the city's use long before that date.

Governor Says "No Chance."
Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—"What are the chances for a special session of the legislature?" Governor West was asked today.

"A special session would be far worse than martial law at Copperfield," he replied.

There has been much evidence lately of a desire to fix the legislature at Portland for a special session of the legislature. A few weeks ago Speaker C. N. McArthur, in a published interview, urged the necessity of a special session to fix the legislature at laws. When the emergency board met a few days later, McArthur and Senator T. L. Perkins and Representative J. D. Abbott strongly urged a special session to provide funds for giving employment to the jobless men in the state.

Mayor Albion's desire for a special session may have no connection with the expressed desire of others, but the effect will probably be the same upon the governor. He says there will be no special session.

EX-OFFICIALS ARE ARRESTED IN ROW AT COPPERFIELD
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terday, which is waiting shipment under guard.

Latest reports from Huntington say there are 12 militiamen coming to Copperfield, on this afternoon's train, and that the "posse" from Baker consists of but one deputy.

Sunday No Day of Rest.
Copperfield smashed the Sabbath to smithereens all day yesterday handling liquor. It was not the first time, but today every bottle of the various liquors classified as "booze" is bottled up, waiting shipment to Baker by this afternoon's train.

More than 100 cases, containing everything from anise to beer, overflowing the dismantled box car that is Copperfield's freight warehouse, and testify to the fact that the city of this city has known in its six lively years of existence, Lieutenant Colonel Lawson and his "army" were up early, and while the army stood guard, the citizens' committee appointed by Colonel and Special Agents F. H. Snodgrass and John Abbott got busy dismantling the four saloons that line Independence avenue in this city of 44 souls.

They started at Stewart & Warner's, the property of deceased Mayor H. A. Stewart and deceased Councilman Tony Warner, and which had been provided employment in the capacity of "swampers" to deceased Councilman Charles Juntz, and as general factotum to United States Jackson, specially deputized by wire, deputy sheriff

to serve injunction papers on Colonel Lawson and his militia.

Tony Warner, who dismally on the faro lookout's platform and watched the new element in control of Copperfield sorting out dead soldiers, while extremely few ones stood guard sawing, hammering and packing away, what, until the coming of one Fern Hobbs, with a commission from the governor, and a desire to show that a girl wasn't afraid of a frontier town, had been a very lucrative retail liquor business.

When all that was left of Stewart & Warner's was a couple of bottles of grape juice, the reform committee turned its attention to the Oxbow, the refreshment parlors conducted by William Weiland, deceased councilman, with the assistance of William Woodbury, deceased councilman. Weiland, who is the financial octopus of Copperfield, owning, in addition to the saloon, a gentlemen's furnishing business in rear and five or six city houses and lots, retired to the comparative peace of his "gent's" furnishings while his model bar was despoiled of its treasures amounting to some 100 cases of bottled goods and five barrels of whiskey, unfurling militiamen thumping their Winchester on the walk in front occasionally, lest the recent owner think he was still moving.

Owl Comes Next.
From Weiland's the committee, headed by Acting Mayor Grim, who usually was in Sunday school at that hour, turned to the Owl, which was relatively small stock of liquors, but the searchers were more than recompensed for that by gathering in a roulette wheel and 21 tables, relics of Copperfield's gaming mills.

The fourth bar, conducted by Martin Knesewich, had packed up its own intoxicants under the eye of Colonel Lawson, and by the time the liquor in the town had been turned over to Agent T. E. McMeans, of the Oregon Short Line, billed to the state of Oregon, Baker.

Yesterday afternoon the Copperfield Sunday school broke all records for attendance. People, long terrorized by the threats of murder, and fearful lest, in their absence, their homes be burned in the fiercest fight that split the town, went to the meeting feeling secure, so long as the militia were in charge. "They don't dare to think what may happen if the soldiers are withdrawn," they said, "so they will not come."

More Soldiers En Route.
Lieutenant Colonel Lawson may leave this afternoon for Baker, and the militia will be left here. Ten more men reached Huntington from Salem this morning, and probably will be held there for orders. There is no immediate prospect of this, however.

Copperfield struggles down a hillside in the Snake river canyon, made where Pine Creek cuts through the high wall of mountains, that line the Snake, and below the famous Oxbow, in the Snake river. There is one street, christened Independence avenue, which is lined with a row of unpainted frame shacks, most of which were saloons, dance halls, or disorderly houses. The tunnels through the Oxbow, driven by the railroad and the Idaho & Oregon Power company, employed several hundred men, which, augmented by prospectors from Pine Creek and the Seven Devils and Cornucopia districts, made Copperfield as lively a town as there was.

Activities Were Stopped.
Construction of the railroad stopped, and the power company got into financial trouble, throwing its men out. This left Copperfield with an over-supply of saloons, tents and cusswords. If the boom times had kept up, no one would have heard of her quarrels. When they did not, little things developed into big ones, and the county officials were called in.

John Rand, the big attorney of Baker, was attorney for one element. His brother, Ed Rand, is sheriff, and has been accused of not acting to protect the same crowd from arson and murder threats. District Attorney Godwin, of Baker, has been accused of refusing to prosecute the law violators, while his former partner, James Nichols, is attorney for another element.

This was the gordian knot that Miss Hobbs cut Friday, and Colonel Lawson and his men are now trying to keep it from being patched together again.

WANTS TITLE TO LOCKS HASTENED
(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Jan. 5.—Congressman Howell has protested against further delay in securing title to the Williamette locks at Oregon City.

Holding Senator Chamberlain it would vote against Bourne's good roads bill or any bill like it.

Secretary of the treasury suggested to Senator Chamberlain that relief be afforded Astoria by removing the customs offices from second story building to rented quarters.

Spanish war veterans of Portland recommended the appointment of Dr. C. I. Hyde as pension examiner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Chamberlain. Chamberlain left Mrs. Plummer resigned before he died. Dr. Chester S. Moore being appointed to the vacancy.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT FAVORED BY DAILY IN HIS REPORT

City Commissioner Says One of Important Achievements Is Clearing Front Street.

That Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, favors the establishment of a municipal lighting plant is shown by his annual report partially completed today.

One of the most important steps taken by the department of public utilities, according to the report, has been to eradicate poles obstructing traffic on North Front street and action toward the city will be ultimately taken by the department for switching purposes to use only one track.

If these expectations are realized, Front street will be opened from one end to the other, and a highway thus reclaimed capable of handling the shipping certain to develop upon the opening of the Panama canal, says the report.

Commissioner Daly also lays stress on passage of his six-for-a-quarter street fare ordinance. He is confident that the city will be ultimately sustained in the legal battle involving the measure.

Mr. Daly also considers the construction of interurban railroads of great value to the growth of the city and tells of the granting of the franchises to interurban companies.

According to the report, 131 are lights have been installed since July 1, making a total of 3141 in service at present. It is pointed out that the saving on the lighting contract now in effect amounts to approximately \$20,000 a year.

NEW CARLINE IS TIED UP
Referendum Measure Filed Will Delay Road to Oregon City.

As the result of the referendum being invoked on the franchise granted to the Portland & Oregon City Electric company for the use of East Seventeenth street, construction work on the line within the city will probably be delayed until after June, 1915. Referendum petitions containing 3993 signatures have been filed with City Auditor Barbur and the petitioners ask that the franchise ordinance be referred to the people at the regular city election, June 1, 1915.

Whether these referendum questions as to whether referendum measures can be voted on at other than a regular city election, attempts are to be made, it is said, to have the referendum submitted at a special election to be held in conjunction with the state primary election. If it cannot be referred to the people at a special city election the franchise ordinance will be held up for nearly two years.

The Southeast Traffic league and the Western Automobile Improvement society have been instrumental in getting signatures for the petitions.

Stephen Carver, head of the company, said this morning that the filing of the referendum petitions was a great disappointment to him for it would put a stop to the company's plans for a time at least.

The invoking of the referendum, said Carver, "is through malice and I think if the truth was known, one would find that there is some one with considerable power and money who is endeavoring to keep us off of East Seventeenth street."

Bond Bids Opened.
The Southwest Surety Insurance company has submitted the lowest bid on bonds for the various city employees. The company offers to bond employees at a premium of 17 1/2 cents each. The bid will be reported at the meeting Wednesday of the city council.

MYERS WILL SUIT IS AGAIN BEFORE COURT
The suit of Frances B. Stevens to break the will of her father, the late George T. Myers, a canneryman, began before Circuit Judge Morrow this morning. Mrs. Stevens seeks to secure a half interest in the estate, which is valued at between \$500,000 and \$750,000. She was left but \$20,000 by her father's will, the remainder being left to George T. Myers, Jr., her brother.

Mrs. Stevens alleges that prior to the death of her mother wills were made by both of her parents which provided that in case either died the survivor should divide the property evenly between the two children. She contends that her father should have performed his part of the agreement but that instead, upon the death of her mother in 1902, her father took possession of the property and bequeathed it without consideration of the agreement with her mother.

A former suit to break the will on the ground that Mr. Myers was incompetent was decided against Mrs. Stevens by the supreme court, which reversed the former county court and the circuit court.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL AID UNEMPLOYED
San Francisco, Jan. 5.—The citizens' committee formed to plan relief for San Francisco's unemployed, met today to consider ways and means, and impute the blame for the unemployment to the state lines. It was suggested that the committee should attempt to secure a law which would allow the state to take over the unemployed.

The committee decided to raise \$50,000 to meet the situation. Ex-Mayor James D. Phelan headed the list with a \$500 subscription.

BRITISH SOLDIER HURT IN HOOD RIVER CRASH
Hood River, Or., Jan. 5.—Twenty Brothers' work train crashed into a house early this morning in the Hood River yards and seriously injured H. A. Harris, a regular in the English army, who is now at the local hospital. Fred Dungan and three Greeks were also badly shaken up. Several cars were derailed and damaged.

Body Not Jewell's.
New York, Jan. 5.—The headless body of a man that was found near here yesterday is not that of Robert Jewell, the missing aviator. The corpse was viewed at the morgue today by Mrs. Jewell. She declared it was not that of her husband.

Will Hang March 24.
Lloyd H. Wilkins was sentenced to hang March 24 by Judge Morrow for the murder of Lou L. Winters last October. Wilkins is allowed 15 days to file bill of exceptions.

DISTRICT ENGINEER TAKES UP NEW DUTIES

Colonel McKinstry Says Work Not Words His Policy; No Comment.

In undertaking his new duties here today as United States district engineer in charge of the Columbia river harbor and bar improvements, Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. McKinstry, S. A. E. It is known that his policy will be "work and few words."

The successor to Major James F. McIndoe arrived in Portland yesterday from Los Angeles, and bright and early this morning appeared at his office in the custom house and plunged into work.

"I am not in position to make any statements at the present time," said the colonel today. "While I am not a stranger to the work of this district, particularly in connection with the Columbia river bar, still I do not wish to commit myself to any definite policy for deepening the bar channel."

Asked whether he would recommend dredging at the bar as one of the means of deepening the channel to 40 feet, he was noncommittal. "It is too early to make any statements at the present time," he repeated.

GARIBALDI DOCK IS SWEEPED AWAY BY SEAS

(Special to The Journal.)
Bay City, Or., Jan. 5.—The seas are running high, and the magnificent fury by a 60 mile wind. Skiffs at the hospitals have been blown out and the dock and warehouse at Garibaldi have been swept away. Train service is tied up until Wednesday at least. The tide is still rising, and further damage seems imminent.

All telephone lines and telegraph lines have been cut, and telephone wires were out of service the greater part of the morning. Local schools are closed.

OREGON CITY YOUTHS CAUGHT AT ASTORIA

Astoria, Or., Jan. 5.—Three girls 15 years old and one boy 18, who ran away from Oregon City last week were arrested in this city and taken into custody by Sheriff Burns this county Sunday afternoon. Officers from Oregon City will arrive in Astoria to take them home. Since arriving in Astoria the girls have been employed in a local restaurant. The names of the quartet are Margaret Curtis, Ethel Forsythe, Volant Moughan and Jack Davis.

SEATTLE'S RIGHT IS SUSTAINED BY COURT

Washington, Jan. 5.—The right of the city of Seattle to assess taxes on improvements to leasehold title lands was affirmed today by the United States supreme court. The court of Washington had held that the city could tax buildings, although they were erected on leased land. Dissatisfied taxpayers had appealed from the decision, but the appeal was dismissed today by the supreme court.

STATE LINES TO RULE IN THE RESERVE BANKS

New York, Jan. 5.—The first hearing of the government's reserve bank committee was held here today, attended by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston.

McAdoo announced that the committee, in dividing the country into districts, intended to be governed by the state lines. He suggested that regional banks be established in the most important cities.

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UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM IS FULLY DISCUSSED

Ways and means of meeting the situation of having a body of unemployed and discontented men on the city's hands were discussed at a luncheon of the Municipal league at the Commercial club today. Thirty-two men, including city and county officials, representatives of the ministry and others from the commercial world were present.

That the emergency employment by the city of these inexperienced men in its construction work means 25 per cent less efficiency was the statement of R. G. Dieck, commissioner of public works. The same per cent of men employed in this way, Dieck said, had been removed because they considered it a holiday.

Commissioner Will H. Daly told of the arrangements for housing these men at the Gypsy Smith auditorium. Seven hundred and fourteen were present one night last week, he said. A conservative estimate, he declared, is that fully three times that many are in the city who have not applied for this relief. Most of the men are local men, he said, but those who in normal times are employed in logging camps and generally on this coast.

CITY FILES ANSWER TO GRIFFITH'S AFFIDAVIT

Deputy City Attorney Latourette filed an affidavit today in the United States district court in answer to the affidavit made last Monday by Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, covering certain errors as to the company's net earnings having been made in the original answer of that company to the six-tickets-for-a-quarter ordinance. The answer of the city attorney's office was handed to Judge R. S. Bean too late Saturday night for filing on that date.

The error referred to is clerical, according to the city's affidavit, the company's net earnings having been \$1,279,008.44 instead of \$2,183,693.34, as stated in the affidavit of President Griffith. Accompanying the answer of the deputy city attorney was a brief covering the main points in the case.

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FORMER PORTLAND MAN SHOT BY POLICEMAN

W. C. Gibson, a former resident of Portland, was shot in a revolver duel with Police Officer J. C. Baker in San Francisco at his headquarters. In 1905 he was arrested in Spokane on the charge of assaulting a man. In 1907 he ran a print shop in Portland