

VOTERS OF COUNTIES PROVED BUMP N ROAD OF THE STEAM ROLLER

Well-Oiled Legislative Machine Ran Over Governor's Vetoes but Not Electors.

SALARY INCREASES HIT

Clackamas, Wheeler and Hood River Invoked the Referendum.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., May 6.—The attempt of the 1913 legislature to foist salary increases on the counties of Clackamas, Hood River and Wheeler met with dismal failure. It was easy enough for the well-oiled machine to run over the governor's veto, when he placed his disapproval upon a score of measures increasing the tax burden of various counties by raising the salaries of county officials, but when the measures were bumped into the referendum in these three counties the voters promptly turned them down.

At this time, with another election coming off, members of the late legislative machine and others who helped supply the power that kept it in motion, would rather not discuss the features of the last session.

Governor West vetoed a score of bills raising salaries of various county officials. The legislature passed them all over his veto. Before the legislature met Governor West drafted a measure adjusting the salaries of nearly all the county officials on a basis of the area, population and assessed valuation of each county. This bill, embodying this plan for uniform salaries throughout the state, was introduced in the house by Representative E. M. Gill with the salaries left blank. The governor did not fix or indicate what salary should be paid a single county official under the provisions of the bill.

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The legislature passed house bill 184, which increased the salary of the county school superintendent from \$1000 a year to \$1600. The bill also provided for \$300 traveling expenses and authorized the employment of a stenographer at \$50 a month. The governor vetoed the bill. Then voters in Clackamas invoked the referendum against it, as their last resort, and placed their veto on it along with the governor's. The legislature did not have another chance at it so the people's veto remained supreme.

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In Wheeler county the referendum was invoked against two bills, one raising the salary of the county clerk from \$1200 to \$1600 a year, and the other raising the salary of the county school superintendent an additional \$200 a year. Both of these bills were passed over the governor's veto, but the voters of Wheeler invoked the governor's veto by turning down the salary increases.

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