

TEACHERS TO ASK LEGISLATURE FOR NEW MILLAGE TAX

Pedagogues Framing Bill That Will Give Them Higher Salaries to Be Offered Legislature

The school teachers of Oregon are going to be heard from at the coming special session of the legislature through a bill, now being framed in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction at Salem, providing for a continuing annual millage appropriation, fixed by statute for the use of the common schools of the state. This is in accordance with the recommendations made at the recent convention of the State Teachers' association, which went on record as approving the proposal to ask for a statutory millage tax law of 2 mills on the assessed valuation of the state.

A measure to be tentatively framed by Superintendent Churchill and his assistant Professor Carleton, is to be introduced when the legislature convenes as the basis for definite action by the assembly.

When the state teachers' convention met in Portland recently two proposals were submitted to it for consideration. One was the millage tax idea, which could be enacted into law by the legislature should it so desire, and without submission to the people. The other was the proposal either to repeal the 6 per cent tax limitation clause of the state constitution or to amend it so as to exempt the public school system of the state from its operation.

REMODEL CONSTITUTION

The first proposal was championed by the upstate teachers. The second was put forward by representatives of the teachers of Portland, who contended that the constitutional provisions of California exempted its educational institutions from the tax limitation in effect in that state and argued that the Oregon constitution should be remedied after the plan in force in California.

After more or less contention the convention stood behind the millage tax plan, though there is still some talk of the attempt to persuade the legislature to submit a repealing, or at least a modifying amendment to the six per cent limitation clause has not been entirely abandoned by those who have been standing sponsor for it.

It is that as it may the state teachers' organization looks upon the millage tax bill as the official request of that body and will urge its enactment into law.

The details of the distribution of this sum within the various counties and school districts of the state is the big problem confronting State Superintendent Churchill and those who are associated with him in framing the proposed bill. It has not yet been finally determined whether it would be more equitable to base the distribution on county and district population in general; on the relative ratio of school population; or on the ratio of property valuations as shown by the assessment rolls of the different counties and school districts forming their subdivisions.

TEED MORE PAY

Educators of the state feel that the schools of the state must have additional, and definite, financial assistance, particularly in the matter of salaries for the teachers. They feel also that they are in position to go before the people of the state, should the millage tax bill be submitted to the electorate for their approval as they desire, and demonstrate not only the justice but the wisdom of their appeal. They contend that such a millage tax would equalize the tax burden imposed on the voters in the maintenance of the schools, throwing it more equitably upon all property and all taxpayers of the state, and, by that, reducing the present necessity of special levies for school purposes now prevailing in practically every county and district throughout the state.

From what can be now learned the proposal to tamper with the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment does not meet with the indorsement of the conservative educational leaders of the state. They feel that they have a fair and concrete proposal to make to the voters in the millage tax bill, but fear that they would not meet a friendly audience should they ask for any change in the constitutional limitation.

It is anticipated that the millage tax measure will be one of the "big measures" of the coming session.

Rich War Slacker's Home Raided
Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—(U. N. S.)—One of the wealthy Bergdoll brothers who have been sought on charges of evading the army draft for nearly two years, was arrested here today, when detectives raided their home.

SMILE HARD! GARDEN SEED COST TO FALL

VEGETABLE seed will be cheaper this year, according to the market editor, and there is rejoicing among the home gardeners.

Grass and pasture seed supplies of the United States are so scarce at this time that sharp advances are being forced in the price. Red clover is up 1 cent for the day, while alsike has advanced 5c a pound within the last week.

This higher price and scarcity of offerings is due to the great demand for all grass seeds from France and other portions of Europe.

As a rule France sells much clover seed to this country but the trade is now reversed.

NEW BILL OFFERED TO OUST INCOMPETENTS

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cab company maintains that all applicants should be required to pass a test. "There are some people who never learn to drive," he remarks, "and yet there are others that were apparently born at the wheel of an automobile. It would take only five minutes to test a driver, and all should be required to pass it. Licenses should not be issued until the driver can really drive. Otherwise, you look like the barn after the horse is stolen."

SHOULD TEACH BYERS

A. L. Smith, sales manager of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver company, declares that dealers should be compelled to teach their customers to drive, and after proper instruction, they should be taken to a city examiner to demonstrate their ability to drive with safety.

"If the dealers gave proper instruction and then turned the drivers over to a city examiner, the public would be assured that they know what they are permitted on the streets," Smith points out.

Frank Houghton of the C. H. S. company favors a sworn statement to his competency by the applicant.

"When they apply for licenses, let them swear they are capable of driving both in congested districts and out. When they drive they are not competent, revoke the license. Where would you test their ability—in the congested district or outside? You certainly will not take a man down town to see whether he can drive."

"I think a driver should be made to demonstrate his ability before a certificate is issued," comments Will J. Lester, president of the Garage and Repairers' association. "If a man is given a license when his application is signed by another, John could sign my application and I could sign his. Examine them, then you know whether or not they can pilot a car. Otherwise the harm will be done before the license is revoked."

The bill will be submitted to the Automobile Dealers' association and the garagemen before introducing in the legislature.

Appeal Planned in Fight to Deport Japanese "Sailor"

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—(U. N. S.)—A petition by Federal Judge Frank H. Rudkin, deciding that Hitoshi Watanabe, a Japanese sailor, was not subject to deportation under the federal immigration laws, provided he could support himself and would not become a public charge, was deemed so important today that an appeal is to be made by the United States attorney.

The Japanese deserted his ship, coming directly from Japan, on March 10, 1916. Since that time he has resided in this country continuously. He was arrested a short time ago and ordered deported on the ground that he entered the country unlawfully. The government's contention was that Watanabe never intended to follow the life of a seaman, but used this means as a substitute to obtain entry into this country.

Marriage Licenses
Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 7.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples: Louis P. Larsen, 31, and Mary A. Hunter, 26, Portland; Henry Hatten, 50, and Pauline Johnson, 21, and Violet E. Miller, 19, Maupin, Or.; Viktor Emil Koskila, 34, and Snoma Daavida Brander, 26, Astoria; Joseph Kilthorn, 26, and Lena Hoskins, 27, Portland; Richard H. Knapp, 38, and Mrs. Anna Henderson, 35, Portland; Alva Sutton, 41, and Julia Sutton, 36, Ridgfield.

VANCOUVER TRIAL OF ALLEGED I. W. W. IS HALTED BY DEFENSE

Testimony of Portland Man for Two Defendants Ruled Out By Court.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 7.—The trial of Leo Brookshier and Robert McAdams, alleged violators of the criminal syndicalism law, was brought to a temporary halt Tuesday afternoon when two important witnesses for the defense failed to appear.

Evidence for the state came to a close earlier in the day and the defense began with a man named Anderson of Portland on the stand. He professed to be a student of economy, labor, and social conditions in the United States. He stated that he was not a member of the I. W. W. organization and did not know the defendants, but had talked to a number of the members of the organization recently.

He testified that it is his belief the organization of the I. W. W. does not advocate radicalism, etc. His testimony was objected to and the objection was sustained.

Brookshier was put on the stand and said he was born in Missouri. His father resides in Nampa, Idaho, on a farm. Brookshier is alleged to have joined the I. W. W. in Pendleton July 1, 1919, he said, came to Portland, then to Vancouver, where he was arrested. An attempt was made to show that he did not know the character of the organization before he joined, but this was objected to and the objection sustained.

McAdams testified his parents reside in Twin Falls, Idaho. He is 21 years of age and June 26, 1917, joined the United States army and served in France five months. Since returning, he said, he joined the I. W. W. in Seattle. His education, he said, is limited to the eighth grade, from which he graduated when 17 years of age.

Attorney Emigh read portions from I. W. W. literature in an effort to show that the organization is justified.

LODGE BALKS AT OFFER ON ARTICLE TEN

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port of everybody but Senators Hitchcock, Underwood and Reed. But, it was declared, the true situation is that nobody today can say exactly how many there would vote for the Kendrick-McKellar plan.

Bryan may spill beans
Another difficulty, it was declared, is that William J. Bryan is understood to have aided in preparing and is sponsoring the reservation. Bryan has five friends among senate Democrats, and his share in authorship of the reservation would not help them either in the senate or at the White House, senators said.

It was further argued that even if 44 Democrats should support these reservations and 12 Republican mild reservationists voted for them that would give a total of 56 votes, whereas 64 are needed.

SENATORS MAY STAND PAT
The other eight would have to come from supporters of Lodge reservations. These senators, it is generally agreed, will not desert Lodge's leadership and they will accept a plan, they will accept his judgment.

Mild reservationists, after showing the Democratic reservations to Lodge, decided to hold a conference to decide what is necessary. After the resolution is completed, the reservationists will be returned to the Democrats with instructions to find out beyond doubt how many votes they can command. When they do, they will report to Lodge and await his verdict.

UNDERWOOD PLAN IN BACKGROUND
If President Wilson does not completely alter the situation and if negotiations show there is a least resort to another set of reservations, today tried to get Senator Lodge to support his program. King has so far failed to enlist either Democrat or Republican reservationists in his behalf.

British and Italian Officials Go to Paris

Paris, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—British and Italian officials, who are now conferring in London, will arrive here Thursday night. It was stated semi-officially tonight. The general conference of allied leaders probably will begin Friday, it was said.

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Here's Picture That Caused Row City Censor Says It's Naughty

This is the scene in "The Thirteenth Commandment," that Mrs. E. R. Colwell says is improper and for running of which C. M. Hill has been arrested. He will be tried in municipal court next Tuesday.



By The Stroller
Here it is, or, better perhaps, here they are.

What? What the censor board ordered eliminated from "The Thirteenth Commandment" the order resulting in a picture that will be aired in the municipal court next Tuesday afternoon, when C. M. Hill, manager of the local branch of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, will appear to answer before a jury, charges filed by Mrs. E. R. Colwell, secretary of the Portland board of censors, that the eliminations were not properly made and that "The Thirteenth Commandment" was subsequently run for public consumption without the necessary permit.

IS THERE SENSE IN CENSORS?
So far as I am competent to judge they are perfectly proper. We all see things like them every day in the big store ads, in the shop windows—and, within the last two months, too, we've seen whole flocks of 'em on living models on the spoken stage, and no one tried to throw them out.

Hill, who resigned from the board of censors, where he represented the showmen, because he disagreed with other members on eliminations required, says he is going to see the thing through.

Mrs. Colwell maintains that the board has not done its duty.
So the question now is to go up to a jury: "Is there any sense in a board of censors?"

Mail Order Wooing Sours Mabel Through With Men

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 7.—When Mabel Lewandowski, whose trip to Vancouver shortly before Christmas in search of a husband attracted considerable attention, returned to her home in Detroit, Mich., she found awaiting her two letters from John Sullivan, one of her mail order suitors. Inclosed in one of the letters was a lock of hair shorn from the head of the beautiful John and a touching appeal for her to return to Vancouver.

Sullivan's letter was evidently written after the disillusionment took place. The two letters and one from Mabel reached Chief of Police Garford with a request that Sullivan's letters be given publicity.

"I will never answer the best man's letters again," Mabel writes, "but if it was more than a disgrace," she adds. "It said (speaking of accounts of the affair in Detroit papers) I was arrested and I had four men out in Vancouver. I do not like her, only to be a touching appeal for her to return to Vancouver."

"I went through enough. Men like those I met, Sullivan and Decker, were only foolish, as they ought to know that I never will win me, as I am maybe never or good looking just like God brought me into this world, but those men will never have forgiven from God what disgrace they brought such an innocent girl like me."

"I am a true girl," she closes.
In a postscript she adds, "Sullivan wanted a lock of my hair for Christmas. Ha, ha! He wouldn't get a chance to see my hair. I do not send no hair for Christmas."

"That are 7 girls to one man here, and lots of them are out of work as the big fruit canneries is closed for the winter and lots of them have no money," Sullivan wrote in part in one letter. "I fell sorry for them. Now don't get mad, deary. Here is a nice girl that is stopping to the hotel where I am stopping, and I took her to a shoe last night as she has no friends here."

New Projects Are Not to Be Included
Washington, Jan. 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Chas. Kennedy of the house committee on rivers and harbors has informed McArthur it is practically decided not to include new projects in the bill this year and the appropriation for Umpqua harbor improvement will have to wait.

STAGE ALL READY FOR FINAL ACTS OF WORLD PEACE

Internationalization of Fiume and "Hands Off" Policy for Russia, Predicted as Finals.

By Floyd MacGriff
London, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—The inter-allied conferences that will open in Paris on Friday will be the final discussions and are aimed to clear up every peace question that remains unsettled, it was stated today by Sir William Sutherland, confidential parliamentary secretary to Premier Lloyd-George.

"When Premier Lloyd-George, A. Bonar Law, Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary; Premier Nitti of Italy and Signor Scialoja, the Italian foreign minister, go to Paris Thursday they will start a conference during which it is planned to clear every question that is outstanding," Sir William said.

"Great Britain is tired of the interminable delays. The general lines of the whole Turkish treaty were settled, the Fiume problem will be solved and the general form of the note demanding the extradition of the ex-kaiser will be agreed upon.

"Fiume probably will be internationalized. Great Britain will not agree to any solution that is not in accord with the views of the United States and the other allies.

"Nothing is likely to be done regarding Russia unless overtures are made by the Bolsheviks, giving the allies reason to believe that a constituent assembly and a responsible government will be formed. It is simply a case of 'hands off with Russia.'"

The conference between the British and Italian officials in this city was resumed in Downing street today.

"The meeting here is simply for pour parlers," said Premier Nitti. "Definite decisions will be taken at Paris.

"By the application of self-determination, Fiume belongs to Italy. We wish most ardently to facilitate peace, but in return we expect support along this line on this all-important matter."

The following prediction as to the results of the Paris meeting was made by the Daily News:

"Fiume will probably be settled as an independent city, with the hinterland and Istria annexed to Italy. In addition Italy probably will get several islands of the Dalmatian group. Zara may be made an independent city, but Spalato will probably be a Jugoslav port.

"A compromise between the French and British is likely so as to allow the Sultan to retain the caliphate at Constantinople. The caliphate would be similar to the vatican at Rome. It will be probable that the seat of Turkish power would be transferred to Broussa, in Asia Minor. This solution was suggested by the British. The Bosphorus, the Dardanelles and Constantinople are expected to be internationalized under a League of Nations mandate, and will probably be administered by France, Italy and Great Britain jointly.

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in Atlanta, \$681.53 in Boston, \$728.19 in Dallas, \$650.24 in New York.

The committee, which is composed of Mason, George W. Kendall, Charles E. Walters, R. L. Sabin and A. H. Averill, also recommended the organization of a campaign to ally industrial unrest through daily and weekly newspapers, religious and fraternal organizations, streetcar notices, moving picture theaters, handbills and talks at meetings of

EMPLOYERS. THE COMMITTEE ENUMERATED THESE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:

"The three partners of industry are the public, which creates the demand; the employer, who provides the capital and executive force necessary to its satisfaction, and the employe, who completes the job.

"In all discussions relative to an increase in wages or a decrease in working hours the public must be represented.

"Every man is entitled to an opportunity to earn a living, to fair wages, to reasonable working hours and proper working conditions.

"Diligence, initiative and efficiency should be encouraged and adequately rewarded; indolence, indifference and restriction of production should be discontinued.

"The right to organize belongs to the three partners in industry, and this right necessarily implies the right of such organizations to function within the law.

"Collective bargaining, being a function of the labor union which may be carried on legally, is proper so long as it remains within the law and does not abridge a corresponding right of individual bargaining."

Astoria, Jan. 7.—Waino Ripka, a Finn, is in jail here charged with violation of the immigration laws and being a bigamist. Ripka, who is not a citizen, admits that he is a radical socialist, that he has no special hatred for the I. W. W. and that he thinks "the boys are right." He will be taken to Portland and probably deported. Ripka said he would be glad to get back to his "own land."

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 7.—An Oregon woman, Miss Margaret Garrison, graduate of Willamette university of 1918, won the national oratorical contest at the Intercollegiate Prohibition association convention here, the first woman to attain the distinction.

Salem, Jan. 7.—The conduct of rural dance halls in the vicinity of Salem was severely scored in the report of the Marion county grand jury made public Tuesday, the jury declaring the institutions not in the interest of good morals or good citizenship. Evidence presented to the jury is said to have shown that many of the patrons of these halls are young girls, considerably under age, who live in Salem.

POLICE IDENTIFY SAFECRACKER; IS AGAIN ARRESTED

Nearly All of Property Stolen From the Perkins & Sevier Auto Company Recovered.

Identification of Jack Doerfer, arrested Saturday by Inspectors Van Deusen, Horack and Russell on a charge of burglary, as the same man who was recently indicted by the grand jury on a charge of safe cracking, was announced by Van Dusen Tuesday.

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