

BITTER FIGHT ON BONDS TAXATION TO BE RESUMED

State House, Salem, Feb. 21.—The bitter fight which has raged throughout the session over taxation of bonds of other states and foreign countries, is due to be revived through the introduction of a resolution which will leave the question to a vote of the people at the special election next June.

The agitation for such a law originated with Yamhill county bankers and farmers, its provisions being included in a bill introduced by Senators Vinton and Ryan. The bill received the unanimous endorsement of the committee on assessment and taxation, and no doubt would have passed both houses had it not been for the early appearance of the biggest opposition lobby of the session, which has been constantly in the committee, and twice has been before the senate for final passage, but each time it has failed to pass by one vote. Intense feeling has developed and charges that improper methods have been used to secure its defeat are freely made.

Delegations of business men and farmers from up state counties declare that these securities are now taxable but assessors fail to place them on the roll and bond houses falsely advertise them as free from taxation. They demand a penalty for those who seek to evade taxation on such property and argue that if it was taxed then land taxes would be much lighter.

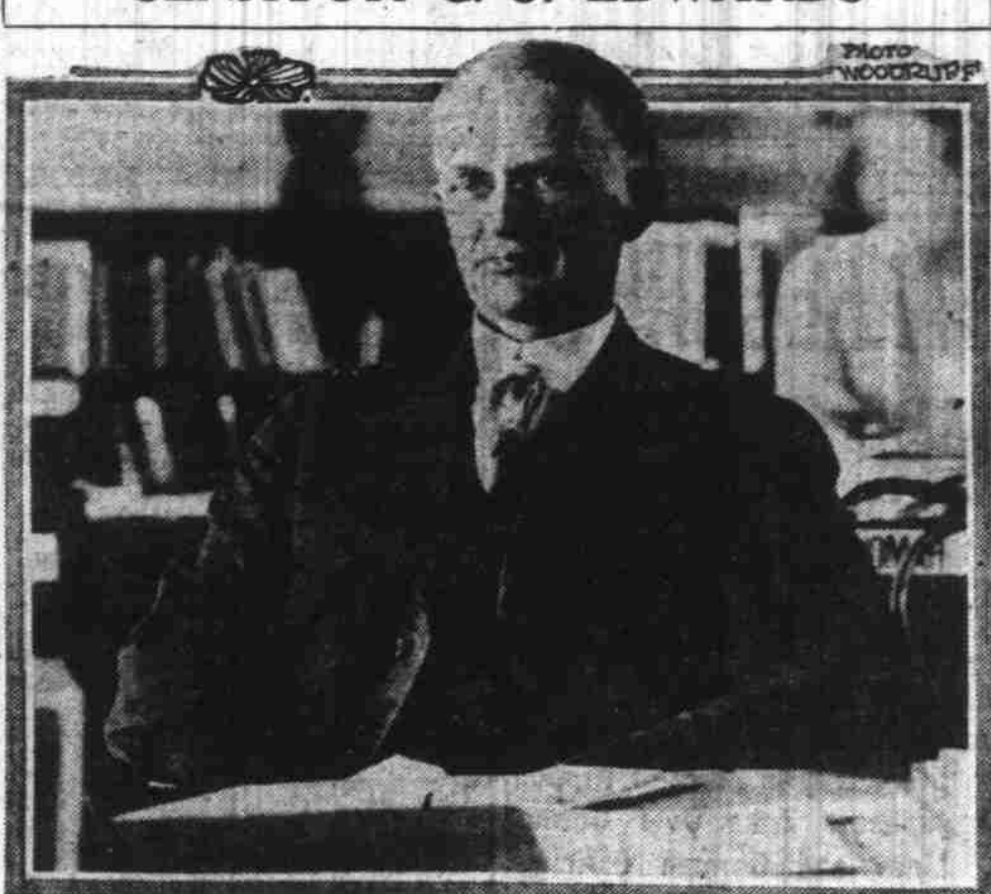
Business Men of Coos and Curry Criticize Portland

Request of merchants and business men of Coos and Curry counties to trade with "markets to the south (California) until such time as this section of the state shall become linked to Portland by a system of adequate highways," is embodied in a series of resolutions adopted by the Gold Beach chamber of commerce which further censures "members of the Portland press and the Oregonian in particular," for their adverse attitude on the Roosevelt highway.

O. A. C. Co-Eds Hold Their Annual Ball

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 21.—Part of the campus frolic Saturday afternoon in their annual costume ball. The coeds were divided into two groups, one of which had the privilege of dressing up to represent male partners for the younger freshman women.

SENATOR C. J. EDWARDS



Senator Edwards represents the counties of Lincoln, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill in the state senate.

TENURE PROTEST ENTERS JOURNAL

State House, Salem, Feb. 21.—In spite of the objection of Senators Banks and Moser, upheld by a substantial majority of the upper house, a protest against the legality of the procedure by which house bill 349—the teachers' tenure bill—was passed by the legislature, was entered in the senate journal this morning by Senators Hume and Thomas.

MEETS OPPOSITION

To this protest Senator Banks objected on the ground that there was no provision for spreading such a protest on the records of the senate. Replying to this point of order, Hume read senate rule 34, referring to protests and the manner of entering the same on the senate records.

ASK FOR ROLL CALL

When President Ritter ruled that consent of the senate was necessary to enter the protest on the journal over the objections raised Hume moved that the senate give its consent thereto. Only 11 members stood by Hume and Thomas, while 18 were opposed.

Telephone Company Will Not Cut Its Help Before March

Salem, Feb. 21.—Replying to the request of the public service commission that no action be taken toward a reduction of their working force before March 1, by which time it is expected that the new rate order will have been handed down, the Pacific Telephone company, in a letter received by the commission this morning, gives assurance that the wishes of the commission in this matter will be respected and that no final disposition of its forces will be made until before February 28.

OVERTURF RAIL BILL IS PASSED BY LOWER HOUSE

State House, Salem, Feb. 21.—Physical connection of existing and competing lines of railroads, their construction, or the prevention of their construction by the public service commission under certificates of public necessity and convenience, was indorsed by the house this morning when it passed the Overturf bill placing this subject under the jurisdiction of that commission.

The passage of the bill was opposed by Korell, Richards and Davey, who contended that the bill placed unwarranted and dangerous power in the hands of the commission. Korell insisted that such a law would defeat the purpose intended for roads could not be forced to make large investments of capital when the returns would not justify.

Speaker Bean asked Korell if it was not a fact that had the law been in force the two lines up the Deschutes would never have been built but that both lines could have been constructed under order of the commission. Over 200,000,000 during the past year \$1,300,000 freight on lumber had been paid on shipments out of Bend alone. He said that one line up the Deschutes had cost \$1,000,000, the other \$1,500,000, and that because of this vast expenditure the companies, as soon as they emerged from bankruptcy, had entered into common track agreements, and would not now make needed extensions, while the entire Central Oregon country went without transportation.

HOUSTON PASSES 'BUCK' TO M'ADOO

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Full responsibility for loans, credits and advances made by the treasury department to European governments was placed on former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo by Secretary of the Treasury David F. Houston, today when he reappeared before the senate judiciary committee.

REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN IS AGREED ON

State House, Salem, Feb. 21.—Legislative reapportionment in a form which Senator Jay Upton characterizes as "the puny result of a magnificent plan," will probably go through the houses without much squabbling, if the warring factions come out of a noon conference today with tempers unruined.

WHY DID U. S. PAY?

"Why did the United States pay France's debts after the fighting had ceased?" Senator Reed questioned, opening a controversy with Kelley and deLima today in the senate. Kelley also stated the United States had financed return of Czechoslovak troops from Siberia. A million dollars had been set aside, he said, to pay the shipping board for the return of invalid Czech troops, but had not been paid as the Czech government and the shipping board had not been able to agree on their accounts.

HOUSTON SAYS NO LOANS TO FOREIGNERS PLANNED

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—David F. Houston, secretary of the treasury, in his answer today to the suit filed by William Randolph Hearst to prevent further loans of money by the United States to foreign governments, declares that there exists no reason for an injunction against establishment of further credits, as there has been no intention to grant them. Secretary Houston also indicated that the purpose in his report submitted to congress last December.

Bill to Aid Traders in China Called Up

Washington, Feb. 21.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The Dyer bill, to authorize incorporation of companies in the China trade, was called up in the house today. Its purpose is to place American firms upon an equality with others operating in China and relieve them from the excess profits tax. Passage by the house is expected.

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Judge Bean to Hear Argument on Suits Against Ship Board

Should Federal Judge R. S. Bean take the same stand this morning as Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton did last Monday, four suits against the Emergency Fleet corporation will be dismissed. One suit is brought by the Pacific Marine Iron works and three by Supple-Ballin Shipbuilding corporation. Last Monday Judge Wolverton held that the fleet corporation was an arm of the government, and therefore, could not be sued for more than \$10,000 in the regular courts. Claims exceeding \$10,000 must be presented in the court of claims, he said. Following Judge Wolverton's decision effort was made to bring up one of the cases before Judge Bean, but he would not hear it. The attorney later procured special permission from Judge Bean to be heard Monday morning.

Mrs. Peete Asserts She Will Not Put Up Insanity Claim

Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Louise Peete, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Jacob C. Denton, maintained her much-discussed stoical poise in the courtroom during her nerve-wracking trial because she was indignant at "gross lies" told by prosecution witnesses, according to her own statement today.

Mrs. Peete was quoted as asserting she will not permit an insanity plea to be made in her behalf in event she is given a new trial by the district court of appeals. She said she was against the insanity plea principally because it would admit she killed Denton.

HARDING IN FAVOR PAYNE TARIFF BILL

Washington, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Virtual reenactment of the Payne-Aldrich law as an emergency tariff early in the coming special session of congress has been approved tentatively by President-elect Harding. Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee said today on his return from a conference at St. Augustine.

"President-elect Harding was in perfect accord with the program I suggested," said Fordney. Other points in the program which Fordney said Harding tentatively approved are:

Revision of revenue laws following enactment of the emergency tariff and then framing of a permanent tariff. The plan is to have the emergency tariff on the statute books by May 15, a little more than a month after the special session of congress is scheduled to begin.

Agreement between the Republican senate and house conferees on the Fordney bill, providing for acceptance of senate amendments by the house, was reached today.

This means that the bill probably will be expedited and sent to the president in a few days. The agreement will be submitted to the full membership of the conference committee, including the Democrats, late today and Senator Penrose predicted that it would be finally adopted.

New Reductions in Prices of Crude Oil Are Just Announced

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The Joseph Steep Purchasing agency announced further crude oil price reductions today. Pennsylvania is cut 50 cents to \$2.25. The following three grades are cut 25 cents, the new prices being: Cabell, \$1.96; Somerset heavy, \$1.76; Somerset light, \$2. Ragland is cut 15 cents to \$1. New prices are in effect immediately.

CENSORSHIP BILL DIES IN SENATE

State House, Salem, Feb. 21.—Patrons of movie houses in Oregon will continue to receive their entertainment straight without any dilution administered by a board of censors. The senate this morning indefinitely postponed house bill 173 by Childs and Fletcher, which would have created a board of movie censors, with only six senators—Eberhard, Gill, Hall, Jones, Nickelsen and Upton—protesting against the summary execution of the measure.

The bill came into the senate on an committee. Senator Eddy, chairman of the adverse report by the revision of laws committee, explained that the bill as drafted was not workable, although several members of the committee approved of the general principles embodied in the measure. No one spoke in defense of the bill.

WASHINGTON WILL BE PAID HONORS

Washington's birthday anniversary will be celebrated in Portland Tuesday as a legal holiday, the banks and government offices being closed for the day.

Schools will hold no regular class work, but in accordance with the state law which provides that an hour and one-half shall be devoted to some patriotic observance of the day, programs will be held in all schools from 9 to 10:30 a. m., dealing with the life of George Washington. These programs have been planned by the respective principals and consist of appropriate songs, plays and recitations. At Beaverton school, walnuts will be planted that have descended from the original Mount Vernon walnut tree.

There will be no postal deliveries except for perishable parcel post matter. One parcel post window in the central and main postoffices will be open from 8 a. m. until noon. The regular holiday collections will be made only from 9 to 9:30 p. m.

Portland council No. 678, Knights of Columbus, will hold a Washington program in their assembly hall at 364 Taylor street, Tuesday night. Hall S. Lusk, assistant United States attorney, will be the principal speaker, and Charles J. Lair will preside. The Knights of Columbus band, the Cecilian Women's quartet, Miss Douglas O'Donnell, soprano, and Edward Moschofsky, harpist, will furnish music. No admission will be charged.

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