

NEW STATE BODY WILL FACE MANY LARGE PROBLEMS

Governor-Elect Pierce and Legislator to Convene January 8 for a Fight on Lower Taxes.

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that will revolve around its consideration, will stand, in public regard at least, as the major subject for legislative consideration.

OTHER MAJOR ISSUES

But close at its heels will come state highway legislation; the question of the reform and readjustment of governmental machinery; the problem of irrigation; the impending organized onslaught upon the industrial accident commission; and fish, that ancient controversy handed down from the dim ages when the Indian tribes fought for vantage points along the streams. And added to these will be the usual festoon and tinsel of all legislatures, the little and needless bills that serve to clutter the calendars and clog the wheels of every session.

Governor-elect Pierce has announced that he will insist upon the enactment of an income tax law, graduated in rates and so pitched in return that it will yield one half of the total amount annually raised by taxation for state purposes. He contemplates in his coming recommendation on this subject that the state shall require the taxpayer to pay to the state a defined percentage of what he pays to the federal government in income tax, at the same time and upon blank duplicate in general form. This is for the purpose of simplifying administrative machinery and curtailing the cost of administration.

STRONG ENEMIES

That this recommendation or any income tax proposal that might be suggested for that matter, will meet with opposition, goes without saying. Powerful influences in the state are aligned against any income tax. Others, tenders of the large pocket-books, insist upon a flat rate if there is to be an income tax at all. There is little doubt but that the income tax bill will be one around which bitter controversy will be waged.

Around the severance tax, another revenue raising proposal of the incoming administration, more contention may be expected to revolve. There are indications that those opposed to the severance tax on government-owned timber, as contended for by Mr. Pierce, are planning to start a backfire by having a bill slipped into the legislature providing for a severance tax on all timber cut in the state, both that from government reserves and that from privately owned lands. What a lobby and a pressure this would bring upon the legislature may well be imagined.

To the problems of taxation the leg-

islative nightmare of state appropriations of necessity clings as a corollary. Mr. Pierce has intimated that he will be able to show untaxed or partially untaxed sources of wealth that will raise the total assessed valuation of the state by some \$200,000,000 or more, or approximately one-fifth of the present total. Such a find would, of course, run down the tax levy in proportion and ease the aching shoulders of the rural taxpayers to some extent. This expected discovery, however, has led the governor-elect to the theory that the state educational institutions should, for the coming two years at least, live within their millage incomes and not come to the legislature for special appropriations.

SCHOOLS HELD CLOSE

The University of Oregon expects to do this. Facing a reduction in income for the next year of approximately \$22,000, due to shrunken assessments, the regents of that institution have been holding down the increase in attendance and planning to do so. The University of Oregon medical school has shaved its budget to about \$54,000 less than that of two years ago, and its enlarged operations require additional revenue.

There is a thought expressed here and there, however, which does not meet with enthusiastic reception by university and college authorities, to the effect that the cost of maintaining the medical school should be absorbed in the millage appropriation of the university, while it is also argued that the medical school should be taken care of from the millage funds of the Agricultural college. An attempt to do this will doubtless be made, and opposed by the authorities of those institutions.

COAST TO PUBE ROAD

The future administration of the state highway department seems destined to bring long hours of consideration and more or less heated discussion before it is determined. Governor Pierce has set himself to fight for a paid highway commission, appointed by him. This proposal will meet opposition in the house and still more of it in the senate. There are not many who predict success for the plan.

The highway construction, maintenance and financing promises to be one of the danger points in the session. Word comes down that the sponsors for the Roosevelt highway intend to press for an amendment to the road map making that highway a prior construction project to be given first and immediate attention by the highway department. The department has approximately \$4,179,000 of bond money yet remaining to be spent and will have, in all probability, about an equal amount of federal funds. The Roosevelt highway, to complete, would cost more than all of that, so it can readily be seen that there are more grounds for controversy in the highway situation than the character of the commission, or the question of future financing, which in itself is a power.

REGROUPING PLAN

Whether the state government shall be moulded into cabinet form will be another thing provocative of oratory and argument. For a long time they have been talking about consolidations and abolition of boards and commissions without result. It may be that way this time. To effect a straight out cabinet government would require

extensive amendments of the constitution. There are those who would go part way, leave the governor, secretary of state and treasurer elected, and reorganize the machinery of the state about them. This would necessitate such amendments of the constitution and, all things considered, is a most difficult task during a 40-day session. But the whole question will serve to keep contented alive and busy the members of the legislature.

SPACE FOR CONTROL

When it comes to irrigation legislation, no one knows what is going to happen. It is rumored that the governor-elect would like to see the irrigation committees of the senate and house sit jointly from the commencement of the session and be charged with the express duty of making an exhaustive investigation into the organization and financing of projects now in the state, and concerning which there has been so much discussion and rumor of unfairness and unreasonableness.

Outside the legislature, powerful financial interests are lining up to secure control of the irrigation situation in the state. This is complaint of the certification and guarantee amendments covering irrigation districts financing and taking up the state's obligations under these amendments if it may be done. It would not be at all surprising to see the irrigation question become one of the chief sources of strife before the end of the 40 days.

29-PAGE REVISION

The bill to revamp the industrial accident commission act has already been introduced in the house. In the days since it has been made upon this commission and its law, but they have come in the main from casualty insurance companies and have uniformly fallen short of any accomplishment. But this time an organized attack is planned upon the law. The pine mill men of Eastern and Southern Oregon, linked directly or through community of interest with the casualty companies, are out to jab big holes in the statute.

The tentative draft of the bill they have drawn covers 29 pages of single-

space legal cap in its typewritten form, so that it is easy to see their intention to remodel the law "from soup to nuts."

They seek a waiting period of seven days; the abandonment of the rehabilitation work of the commission; the limitation of the administrative cost of the commission. They would have compulsory insurance but would give the employer the option of coming under the state department, or carrying his own insurance, or handling it through mutual associations of his employees or taking it with casualty companies. They would give casualty companies free and open competition with the state, and would throw all public employment under the act, including the national guard. They would, it is strongly suspected, put the industrial accident commission on the bum should they get their bill through the legislature, and the governor's office.

DO YOU CAN'T

And then the fish. There is a move on foot to close the Columbia below the mouth of the Sandy river, which is some little distance up stream. Then the purse seiners and the trollers are girding their loins for the repeal of the Norblad law of 1921. And no one knows what may float up from the Rogue river where peace never reigns.

And all this does not take into consideration the hidden ambitions of potential governors, congressmen, United States senators and what not. As Joe Singer says in his inimitable way:

"Can you beat it? I ask you, can you beat it? And it is the answer, you ain't got it."

BANKRUPTCY ALLEGED

New York, Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the federal district court here today against the Richelieu Motor Car corporation. Liabilities and assets are not mentioned.

White House Will Have No Reception To Start New Year

Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—The advent of the new year will be observed quietly at the White House this year.

Contrary to previous custom, there will be no New Year's reception at the executive mansion. The ceremony, which in the past has drawn thousands

to grasp the hand of the president and his wife, is to be omitted.

President Harding plans to lay aside entirely the cares and worries of his office and spend the day quietly with Mrs. Harding, truly thankful for her miraculous recovery from the illness which began last September and for a while threatened to end in death.

No formalities have been planned for the day. As on Thanksgiving and Christmas, the president and Mrs. Harding will dine together downstairs, probably receiving a very few close friends.

The new year finds Mrs. Harding still very weak, but steadily and surely

returning to at least a substantial semblance of her former health. She will soon be able to walk about the house and possibly within another month she may be able to resume some of her duties as the first lady of the land.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEABLE

Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Absolute prohibition is enforceable on American ships as well as on foreign

ships entering American ports and waters, the government contends in a brief filed today in the United States supreme court by Solicitor General James L. Beck and other department of justice lawyers.

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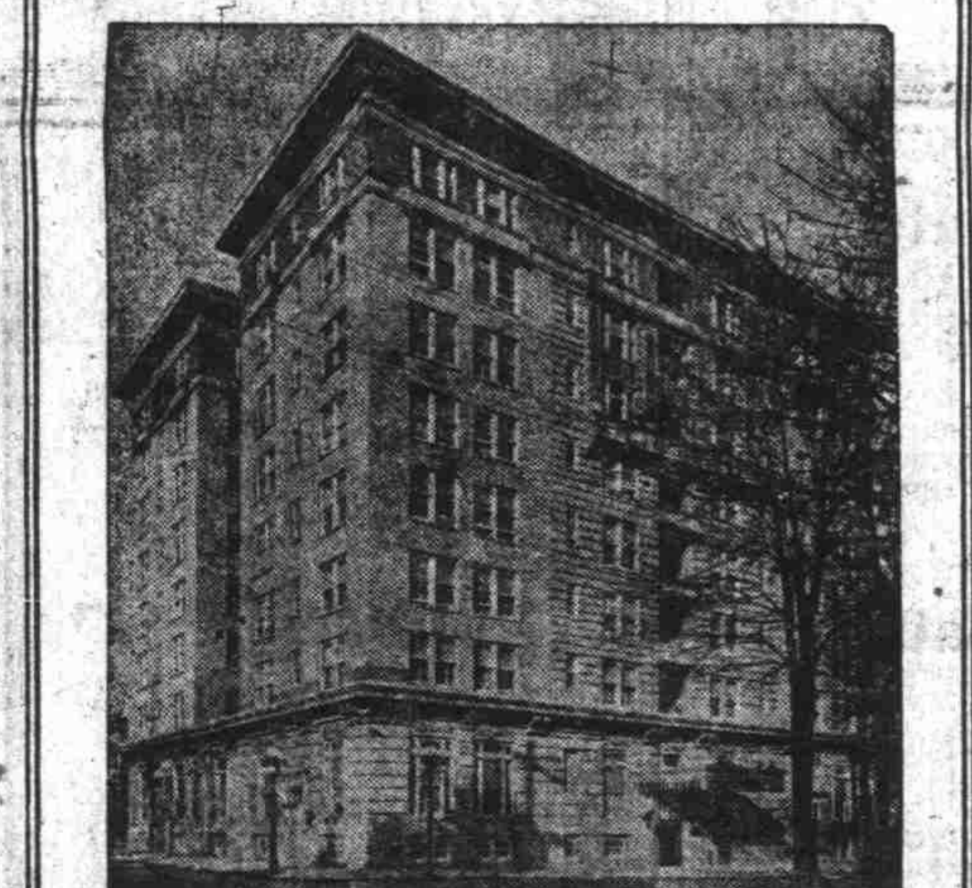
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