

### SENATORS YET PUZZLED OVER ROAD PROGRAM

Lawmakers at Washington Uniformed as to Plans of President

### LEGISLATION HANGING

Some Probability Remains That First of Coming Year May See Shift

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The bill embodying permanent legislation to meet the situation with the return of the railroads to private control, continued today before the senate but with senators admittedly still in the dark as to the time President Wilson plans to turn back the roads.

Director General Hines has sent to the president new recommendations as to ending government operation, but he would not discuss them to day and white house officials professed to have no information.

Return waits on legislation. Many senators and some administration officers still hold to the opinion that the president will not carry out his notice to congress of last May, that government control will be ended by January 1.

Plans for the return of the roads by the first of the year are going forward at the railroad administration however. Administration office contracts contain a 30-day release clause so that they may be abrogated at any time without great loss to the government.

Night Session Held. In its effort to speed up permanent legislation, the senate held another night session, but there was

little prospects of final congressional action until after the holidays. Sharp opposition to some of the provisions of the Cummins bill under discussion was expressed in the debate today and tonight. Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington, attacked the proposal which the interstate commerce commission would be authorized in special cases to permit a lower charge for long hauls than for a short haul.

### PROPERTY VALUATION OF UTILITIES SHOWN

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School District

- 1—\$94,937.
- 2—None.
- 3—\$6,196.
- 4—\$86,335.
- 5—\$162.
- 6—\$340.
- 7—\$1,249.
- 8—\$6,828.
- 9—\$49,097.
- 10—\$2,156.
- 11—\$51,552.
- 12—\$117.
- 13—\$88,756.
- 14—\$127,580.
- 15—\$127,287.
- 16—\$112.
- 17—None.
- 18—\$67,823.
- 19—\$24,274.
- 20—\$191,841.
- 21—\$22,601.
- 22—\$92,202.
- 23—\$85,361.
- 24—\$1,320,109.
- 25—\$84.
- 26—\$64.
- 27—\$3,136.
- 28—\$2,453.
- 29—\$149.
- 30—\$133.
- 31—\$88,198.
- 32—\$865.
- 33—\$8,375.
- 34—\$15,592.
- 35—\$80.
- 36—\$118.
- 37—\$43,606.
- 38—\$106,663.
- 39—\$34,409.
- 40—\$26,803.
- 41—\$159.
- 42—\$78.
- 43—\$91,551.
- 44—\$4,703.
- 45—\$17,115.
- 46—\$47,075.
- 49—None.
- 50—\$25,429.
- 51—\$56.
- 54—\$168.
- 56—\$11,820.
- 57—\$82,993.
- 58—\$191,806.
- 59—\$94,940.
- 60—\$36,118.
- 61—\$30,590.
- 62—\$5,004.
- 63—\$171.
- 67—\$721.
- 68—\$107.
- 69—\$18,910.
- 70—\$7,248.
- 71—\$1,398.
- 72—\$31,404.
- 73—\$161.
- 74—\$348.
- 75—\$898.
- 76—\$146,798.
- 77—\$5,413.
- 78—\$177.
- 79—\$154,444.
- 80—\$32,522.
- 81—194.
- 82—\$122.
- 83—\$117.
- 84—\$201.
- 85—\$194.
- 86—\$354.
- 87—\$57.
- 88—\$125,964.
- 89—\$94,391.
- 90—\$36.
- 91—\$62,555.
- 92—\$556.
- 93—None.
- 94—\$67.
- 95—\$884.
- 96—\$2,473.
- 97—None.
- 98—\$704.
- 99—\$103,592.
- 100—\$123.
- 102—\$709,219.
- 103—\$142,919.
- 104—\$17,112.
- 105—None.
- 106—None.
- 107—\$590.
- 108—\$73,662.
- 109—\$121.
- 112—\$145.
- 113—\$101.
- 114—None.
- 115—None.
- 116—None.
- 117—\$31,100.
- 118—\$26,445.
- 119—\$33.
- 120—\$99,456.
- 121—\$19,028.
- 122—\$193.
- 123—\$26,177.
- 124—\$265.
- 125—\$28,165.
- 126—\$16,756.
- 127—\$369.
- 128—\$13,196.
- 129—\$27,615.
- 130—\$58,427.
- 131—\$20,541.
- 132—None.
- 133—None.
- 134—\$88,183.
- 135—\$56,551.
- 136—\$8,977.
- 137—None.
- 138—\$38,642.
- 139—None.
- 140—None.
- 141—\$4,062.
- 142—None.
- Total—\$5,117,783.

- 19—\$9,634.
- 10—\$41,584.
- 11—\$747.
- 12—None.
- 13—\$18,029.
- 14—\$14,924.
- 15—\$19,969.
- 16—\$2831.
- 17—\$1,601.
- 18—\$224,463.
- 19—\$311.
- 20—\$107,497.
- 21—\$5,507.
- 22—\$5,219.
- 23—\$366.
- 24—\$24,674.
- 25—\$292.
- 26—\$567.
- 27—\$27,135.
- 28—\$32,960.
- 29—\$18,921.
- 30—\$3,384.
- 31—\$3,697.
- 32—\$192,695.
- 33—\$74,247.
- 34—\$84,737.
- 35—\$214,226.
- 36—\$1,378.
- 37—\$921.
- 38—\$1,367.
- 39—None.
- 40—\$95,767.
- 41—\$105,628.
- 42—\$77,207.
- 43—\$224.
- 44—\$158,141.
- 45—\$27,678.
- 46—\$3,648.
- 47—\$67,304.
- 48—None.
- 49—\$37,695.
- 50—\$104,182.
- 51—\$27,443.
- 52—None.
- 53—\$37,774.
- 54—\$147,001.
- 55—\$750.
- 56—\$7,075.
- 57—\$293.
- 58—\$32,546.
- 59—\$73,845.
- 60—\$15,852.
- 61—None.
- 62—\$16,306.
- 63—\$893.
- 64—\$29,669.
- 65—\$120.
- 66—\$90,811.
- 67—\$94,635.
- 68—\$100,106.
- 69—\$98,281.
- 70—\$46,253.
- 71—None.
- 72—\$155.
- 73—\$23,265.
- 74—\$335.
- 75—\$39,652.
- 76—\$39,795.
- 77—None.
- Total—\$3,349,940.

Incorporated Cities

Aumsville—\$18,352.

Aurora—\$33,408.

Donald—\$19,580.

Gervais—\$44,367.

Hubbard—\$51,928.

Jefferson—\$63,971.

Mount Angel—\$30,237.

Salem—\$1,210,410.

Scotts Mills—\$42,942.

Silverton—\$4,968.

Stayton—\$80.

St. Paul—\$80.

Sublimity—\$248.

Turner—\$59,374.

West Woodburn—\$49,582.

Woodburn—\$137,896.

Total—\$1,767,843.

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R. C. PAULUS ELECTED COMMERCIAL CLUB HEAD  
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Japanese labor in this section of the state. He said that a large potato growing firm of California is buying up 100,000 acres of land in Oregon and that the land will probably be worked by Japanese labor. He also cited the fact that the potato king of California, a Japanese, has secured control of 14,000 acres of land in Oregon and will use Japanese labor in developing it.

Following the report of Mr. Paulus, T. E. McCroskey manager of the club, submitted his report in which he told of its growth in the year.

Following the reading of reports and the election officers, P. M. Blinkensop of Willamette university was introduced and sang several solos. The meeting then adjourned to the billiard room for lunch.

Mr. Paulus report in full follows: "This meeting marks the passing of another milestone in the career of the Salem Commercial club. The year just past has witnessed an attempt to readjustment against the abnormal and artificial conditions brought on by the European war. Humanity has struggled as individuals but no concerted action has been accomplished against conditions which are the result of inflated ideas of right and wrong, and of values of raw materials, wages and profits, which have chased themselves around in a circle, each operation adding its share to the cost and making it necessary to collect it back from the original operator, so that no one is much ahead by the circle of rising costs and raising prices, unless it is the speculator and profiteer, who to a certain extent are the same.

Hope Prevails Through Struggle.

"There is in every business a plan for legitimate middlemen and these middlemen are a part of the scheme of distribution, which lessen the ultimate cost of getting the goods from the producer to the consumer, regardless of whether it is the raw products from the soil or the manufactured product ready for distribution. But the speculator in food products or other products of human necessity, and this includes the profiteer who adds an undue profit when he knows he can get away with it, has no place in the legitimate scheme of things and like every other parasite he adds a burden without any corresponding service or benefit. The struggle against these conditions is most intense, but through all the burden there is an obstinate feeling of hope which has impelled men to continue at their tasks and attempt to solve their problems, and it is this spirit which has prevailed and brought the Salem Commercial club to the position of being the second strongest organization of its kind in the state and in spirit and real 'pep' probably the strongest.

Obstacles As Overcome.

"After the exigencies brought on to the club by the war, when the present board of directors took charge, it found the club (after straightening out any amount of disputed back accounts and bills pending) considerably worse off than nothing, with about one hundred fifty active members bringing in a revenue of \$2,000.00 to \$250.00 per month and about \$750 to \$1000 per month expenses, including the general overhead of salaries, rent, light, heat, water, telephone, telegraph, stationery, magazines and other expenses, and the expenses of the various departments as well. The board of directors immediately sold the Liberty bonds, which had been purchased with money, which luckily for the club had accumulated in bygone prosperous years and it paid up the back indebtedness and former disputed accounts with the exception of \$1500 which is still owing, but which we had expected to clean up but was prevented from so doing by being unable to finish our drive for additional memberships, which was started during the fair.

Growth is Marked.

"The club has grown from about one hundred fifty members to its present membership of 521 full memberships, 68 agricultural and non-resident members and 8 associate members. The club is now on a paying basis and although it has gone up against rising costs in every department, it is being run as economically as in previous times although this has been accomplished by holding down considerably on some of the club have shown by their attendance at meetings and interests their approval of the efforts of the directors. Our board meetings have been informal and every member has been unselfish in his devotion to his particular part of the work.

"It has been the aim of the board of directors to make the club as democratic in its nature as possible so that everyone could have a chance to voice his ideas for the betterment of the community and no one would receive any preference.

"If at any time we have failed by word or deed to convey the impression we hope you will give us credit for our good intentions and forgive any oversight, no matter how large or small.

"If any of you have felt that you have been discriminated against in not being appointed on committees, especially the membership committees, don't 'holier,' your chance is coming.

McCroskey Given Tribute.

"Before concluding I want to mention probably the most important thing the club did last year. It was successful in securing the services of Mr. McCroskey, 'Mac' as we call him don't you say? about what he is going to do. He goes and does it first. His efforts, we believe, have brought about a closer co-operation of all the former disunited sections of this county, to the extent that the antagonism of one district toward another has disappeared in the big brotherhood of communities, which consider jointly and unselfishly the interest of each and all alike.

"This has been considered an impossible task but 'Mac' has been responsible for its accomplishment and the feeling in the other districts of the county toward Salem is more kindly and co-operative than in half a century past.

"This accomplishment of itself, were it all instead of only a part of what Mr. McCroskey has done, would be sufficient to justify his presence in this Commercial club as manager. But that is not all that comes to a close. 'Mac' can tell you himself of some of the club's activities during the past year and prospects for the future."

SESSION MAY BE SWAMPED WITH BILLS  
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clause for the present: biennium tax-pium appropriation for the state fair. For each year the state fair board has only \$20,000 to distribute in premiums to all departments at the fair. The state legislature of 1919 appropriated \$25,000 a year in premiums for livestock alone at the Pacific International Livestock exposition at Portland. This is looked upon by some people as discrimination against the state fair and causes a danger that the livestock exhibit will be lost entirely to the state fair and taken over by the Portland show. It is said that more money must be available for livestock premiums if the state fair is to compete in that department with other fair associations of the west.

Banks Outgrow Statute.

Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, hopes to have a bill introduced to allow the number of bank examiners to be increased at the discretion of the banking board, declaring the business of the department has outgrown the present limitation of three. He is seeking the sanction of the board to have such a bill drawn which makes it problematical whether the bill actually will be introduced. Governor Olcott is a member of the banking board, and since he is interested in holding the special session down to as few bills as possible and confining it to a few days as possible, he may succeed in having the effort quashed until the regular session in 1921.

A few salary bills may be looked for relative to those offices whose incumbents were disappointed at the 1919 session. W. A. Dalziel, deputy state scaler of weights and measures,

Road Districts

- 1—\$121,805.
- 2—\$190,773.
- 3—\$122,745.
- 4—\$979.
- 5—\$5,138.
- 6—\$129.
- 7—\$182,243.
- 8—\$72,067.
- 9—\$110,359.

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Golden Wedding Celebrated by Couple at Silvertown  
SILVERTOWN, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special to The Statesman)—A few friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Larsen on Second street to celebrate their golden wedding Friday. They gathered about 11:30 bringing with them a chicken dinner. After the dinner had been served the afternoon was spent in conversation. Mrs. Larsen showed her guests a picture of her father and mother taken at their golden wedding. Her father was 96 and her mother was 91. Mrs. Larsen is now 73 and Mrs. Larsen is 75.

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Legislation is looked for relative to the high cost of living. Some who do not consider the criminal syndicalism act passed at the 1919 session all-inclusive enough may attempt to secure further laws directed at the operation of "reds." Anti-Japanese legislation is sure to emanate from the Hood River section, and in the Willamette valley there is talk of a bill providing for uniform system of contracts between fruit growers and packers.

Should efforts be made to secure further appropriations for state institutions to meet expected deficiencies before the end of the biennium Governor Olcott, as a member of the state board of control, will doubtless work against these holdings that the state has the machinery to meet these conditions when they arise.

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