

COMMITTEES WIN AND LOSE

Assessment and Taxation Bills Meet Varied Luck; House Not Particular.

Figured in baseball terminology, the state tax investigation commission and the joint committee on assessment and taxation batted only .500 per cent in the special order series which opened Monday night and closed late yesterday afternoon in the house of representatives.

Six assessment and taxation bills were on the special order backed by the joint committee and drawn by the committee of which I. N. Day was chairman.

Of these three were passed and three defeated. A bill by Representative Gordon, giving the majority of tax supervision and conservation commissions control of the action of the commissions, which might logically be considered part of the action of the program, was also passed.

Commission Created
The house passed the bill creating a state finance commission to have authority over the issuance of bonded indebtedness, the bill extending the tax supervisory and conservation commissions to all counties, a bill permitting the classification and taxation as bare deforested land certain land intended to be reforested and Representative Gordon's bill relating to power of tax supervising commissions.

The house defeated the bill to extend the powers of the state tax commission in its relations to county tax assessors, a bill to provide that the true consideration be included in all deeds and conveyances and a bill to place the proceeds from inheritance taxes in the irreducible house bill 167, creating a state finance commission, passed by the house at Monday night's session, was made by Representative Woodward at the opening of the session yesterday morning, but was voted down.

Many Said Opposed
Woodward, supported by Representative Cowgill and Hurlburt, argued that the bill would place sweeping power in the hands of the majority of the commission which could override the wishes of the people of municipal corporations, school districts, drainage districts and the like.

Representative McMahan of Linn, was one of the principal opponents of the true consideration in deeds bill, arguing that if an individual wishes to keep his business affairs secret he should be permitted to do so and that this law would increase fraud and law violation. This led Representative Wheeler, supporting the bill, to suggest that McMahan would probably advocate the repeal of the murder laws or the prohibition code, since a large body of people were opposed to them.

Budget Said Farce
After a thorough string of county finances and the operations of budget committees throughout the state, the bill to extend the tax supervision, and conservation commissions to all counties of the state, was passed with 29 affirmative votes.

In support of the bill Representative Carkin told the members that they could do more at home to cut taxes than they could at the legislature since the greater part of the heavy taxes originate in the road, school district and county budget meetings. "We must get an outside viewpoint," said Carkin. "As long as we leave this power in the hands of the county commissioners, for example, who cannot see beyond the confines of their courthouse, the taxes will stay up to the limit."

Carkin also told the house that the operation of the budget law is a farce since the interested parties are always brought in to advise the tax-laying boards, and thus a favorable vote is assured.

NEW CORPORATIONS

The Southern Oregon Clay Products company of Medford, capitalized at \$100,000 filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department. The incorporators are C. W. Van Horn, F. H. Dressler and P. M. Janney. Other corporations filing articles were:

Currins for Drugs, Inc., Portland; \$50,000; C. C. Currin, Zula Currin and L. L. Hendricks. The Benevolent Actors and Actresses of America, Portland; \$1,000; Fay L. Ingram, E. J. Bush and L. Ray Weeks.

Scott Rating company, Portland; \$25,000; J. C. Flora, J. C. Vesie and L. V. Kraft. Park Manufacturing company, Portland; \$50,000; I. W. Park, J. A. Eastman and Henry E. Collier.

Rowell Brown & Co., Portland; \$10,000; Earnest M. Brown, H. M. Rowell and Margaret Brown. Certificates showing increases in capital stock were filed as follows: Odd Fellows building as-

sociation of Portland, \$175,000 to \$250,000; Astoria Shupe Brick Building Material company, \$5,000 to \$125,000; Fithian-Barker Shoe company, Portland, \$300,000 to \$400,000; Pacific Coast Elevator company, Portland, \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

MOSER FAILS TO SAVE BILL CURBING INITIATIVE

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intended to preserve that privilege as the man who originated it intended that it should be. It was not intended that the initiative and the referendum should be instruments for levying blackmail or hiring crooks to obtain names at 10 cents a name. They even copy names out of directories and swear that they have been legally obtained. It is a shame and a disgrace."

Senator Moser never was friendly to the initiative and the referendum," he shouted Senator Joseph. "He is trying to hamstring it or murder it. There never has been a legislative session at which I have been present that I didn't have to stand up and defend the initiative and referendum against the onslaughts of this senator. Those who have been embarrassed by it have always found a tool in the round senator. He has to be watched all the time. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

"It is commonly rumored," retorted Moser "that you are here only to care for the interests of the Meier & Frank department store, but it now appears that you have two great responsibilities."

Senator Toose opposed the bill. On the question of indefinite postponement, Senator Farrell asked for a roll call and the vote was:

Ayes—Brown, Clark, Corbett, Dennis, Eddy, Edwards, Ellis, Fiek, Garland, Hall, Joseph, Klepper, La Follett, Maglady, Nickelson, Staples, Strayer, Taylor, Toose Zimmerman, Upton. Noes—Dunn, Farrell, Hare, Johnson, Kinney, Ritner, Smith. Absent—Robertson.

BANK BANDITS LEAVE NO CLUE

Robbers Escape With Much Registered Mail—Police Find No Trail.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—With but meager descriptions of the three bandits who early today shot down a messenger of the First National bank of this city, held up two guards, and escaped with about 100 pieces of registered mail, police and postoffice inspectors were working under difficulties in their attempts to apprehend the men.

The exact amount taken by the bandits will not be known for several days, according to bank officials, owing to the necessary delay in tracing the various shipments. Officials are of the opinion that the loss will be small.

Sam McGee, the messenger who was driving the car carrying L. L. Callan and O. Blizard, guards, and the registered mail, reached to the floor of the car when the bandits were first sighted, according to his companions. Just as he did so, one of the bandits without warning, fired a shotgun from another car, the guards said. The charge hit McGee in the head and he died on the way to the receiving hospital.

One of the other bandits opened fire with a pistol, according to witnesses after the bank car had run into the curb, while the third man stayed at the wheel of the car. A stray bullet crashed through the plate glass window of a store, hitting Grover Mellus in the leg. After compelling the two guards to hold up their hands, the bandits took the bag containing the registered mail and fled in their automobile.

OREGON GROWERS GETS DECISION

Member of Association Has No Right to Allow Berries Sold Elsewhere.

The Oregon Growers Cooperative association is upheld in an opinion of the supreme court yesterday in the case of the association vs. August Lentz, et al, appellants, the court affirming Judge Bingham of the lower court for Marion county. The opinion was written by Justice Rand. Lentz was a member of the association and had contracted his loganberries to the association. He sub-let the vineyard to his son, and the son refused to deal with the association. The association

FRENCH TANKS AT DORTMUND—STINNES' WORKS IN BACKGROUND.



This is among the first news pictures to reach the United States from the Ruhr Valley showing how French troops began their occupation in a nice and gentle way with tanks. It shows the French tank corps in Dortmund drawn up in front of one of Hugo Stinnes' many factories that stud the valley.

through suit and was upheld in both courts.

Other opinions handed down today were:

Read vs. National Hospital association, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; Judge W. N. Gatens affirmed; opinion by Justice Brown.

Shaughnessy, appellant, vs. Kimball; appeal from Klamath county; Judge D. V. Kuykendall affirmed; opinion by Justice Bean. Steinmetz vs. Grennon, appellant; appeal from Klamath county; Judge D. V. Kuykendall reversed; opinion by Justice Harris.

Motion to modify denied in Garber vs. Bradbury.

James T. McDonald of Baker was permanently admitted to the practice of law in Oregon. George Herbert Jackson of Grants Pass was admitted on probation on a certificate of the state of Michigan. James B. Eldridge of Boise was admitted on probation on a certificate of the state of Idaho.

Yesterday in Legislature

Under the provisions of a joint resolution introduced by Mrs. Simmons, the governor would be authorized to appoint a committee of from five to seven members interested in social welfare work to investigate and report to the governor by January 1, 1924, on the methods of handling the welfare problems now delegated to the county courts of the state.

A bill, which its sponsors say, will produce \$1,000,000 a year through the levying of a tax on the incomes from all motion picture films, secret processes, patents, royalties and formulas used, rented, leased or sold in the state, is ready for introduction. The tax would be at the rate of 15 per cent on the income from these sources and paid into the state tax commission.

It took the house about two minutes to indefinitely postpone Senator Johnson's concurrent resolution to make a 10 per cent cut in all salaries of state officers, clerks and employes whose salaries are not fixed by law, after somebody said it was aimed at the low salaried men and women instead of the high salaried ones.

Busick Stores to Be Consolidated, Report

The two J. L. Busick & Sons stores in Salem are to be consolidated into one big store as soon as the remodeling of the Gale & Co. store, the chosen new location can be carried out. The Gale store is to be moved into the south half of the present double store, while the Busicks take the north room, with two street exposures.

A consolidation of the wholesale and retail departments of the Busick business will be possible from the new, larger building. The Busicks have carried on their present State street store for four years, and have built up a flattering trade. The company has stores at Albany and Woodburn, besides the two here in Salem.

Salvation Army Meets Said to Be Well Attended

In spite of the inclement weather the special meetings at

WOMEN'S HOME IS GIVEN AXE

Ways and Means Committee Refuses to appropriate for the Cedars.

The ways and means committee last night voted unanimously not to make an appropriation for state aid to The Cedars, a home for venerably diseased women which for some years has been maintained jointly by the state and the city of Portland. An appropriation of \$55,000 was asked for the institution.

Few cuts from other requests were made last night. To the request of the state school for feeble-minded \$12,000 was added for the purpose of building a railway spur track.

The committee approved house bill 190, which appropriated \$25,000 for the W. C. T. U. children's home in Benton county, of which \$20,000 is for building and \$5,000 for purchase of land.

Allowances made last night were:

Institution for feeble-minded, \$490,000.

State tuberculosis hospital, \$184,760.

Florence Crittendon Refugium, \$11,000.

Orphans and Foundlings home, \$197,730.

Fulton Home for the Friendless, \$12,000.

Home for Wayward Girls, \$56,125.

Capitol and supreme court building and grounds, \$92,070.

Veterans' burial plot in Mt. Scott cemetery, \$15,000.

Oregon Humane society, \$2,000.

Industrial Welfare Commission, \$7,087; requested \$8,500.

Champoeg Memorial park, \$1500; requested \$500.

State board of forestry, \$85,000.

O. A. C. for destruction of rodents, \$7,500.

Transportation of aliens, \$10,000; requested \$12,000.

Transportation of convicts, \$9,000.

Fish commission, \$36,000.

Publication of proclamations, \$500.

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MOVIE GOSSIP

OREGON
Bebe Daniels in "The World's Applause."

LIBERTY
Jane Novak in "The Snowshoe Trail."

Strong, virile, wholesome drama such as the screen needs in this fast and furious era of jazz and flappers is the outstanding feature of Jane Novak's latest big drama, "The Snowshoe Trail" which opened yesterday at the Liberty theatre.

Founded on a memorable novel by Edison Marshall and depicting in vividly dramatic sequence the story of a beautiful society girl who goes adventuring amid frozen, silent spaces of the North in search of her missing fiancé, "The Snowshoe Trail" possesses all those elements of entertainment so dear to the hearts of movie audiences.

Appearing in the featured woman's role in "The World's Applause," Bebe Daniels, dainty star, will be seen at the Oregon theatre, starting today, in one of the strongest roles of her screen career, that of an actress whose head is turned by her passion for publicity. The picture is filled with thrilling situations. Lewis Stone, a well-known stage and screen player, is featured with her in this production.

Mary Pickford's highly diverting re-creation of "Tess of the Storm Country," the first production of which she brought to the screen eight years ago, and now the new production of which is coming to the Oregon theatre next Saturday, offers a most interesting contrast in the lights and shades of life as symbolized by dramatic feeling visualized before realistic settings of the two widely different classes, squalid and luxurious.

Miss Pickford, as the heroine, "Tess of the Storm Country,"

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MARY PICKFORD in "TESS OF THE STORM COUNTRY"

CLARK FLAYS SENATORS FOR PERSONAL PERSIFFAGE

Senator Clark, rising on personal privilege yesterday, exonerated members of the senate for engaging in what he termed persiffage, and wasting the time of the senate while the consolidation and taxation measures are still pending.

"When in the name of Heaven are we going to get down to business?" asked Clark. "Isn't it time we were doing something to uphold the hands of the governor, who has all this business to take care of after we adjourn."

This aroused Senator Eddy, who declared: "Do you know, Senator Clark, that we have been waiting since 8 o'clock this morning for the governor to sign a statement agreeing to one point in the consolidation bill, and if he agrees to it I think we will then have harmony on the consolidation program."

Father—Why do you leave the table? We are not through.
Son—I can't sit down so long.
Father—You sit down, now, or I'll send you away from the table.—Life.

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"The WORLD'S APPLAUSE"

WITH BEBE DANIELS and LEWIS STONE

A Paramount Picture

NOTE—You do not often enjoy a snow storm. Join the fun—get some real roses on your cheeks by facing the cold and you'll find a good picture and warmth awaiting you here.

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subscription, the resolution provides.

Representative Kay argued that he did not believe the people of the state would support such a measure if submitted to them and said that the plan of admitting the state to the program through the linking up of the state officials with the program was objectionable to him.

There was no dissenting vote on the adoption of the resolution, but a roll-call was not taken.



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