

VOTE ASSURED ON SALES TAX

Preliminary Petitions May Appear Any Day; Hard Fight Predicted

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avoring an initiative act which would draw the truck law to suit their demands. Such an initiative petition would require the signatures of 15,000 bona fide voters.

The state tax commission within the next few days will enter upon the task of working out a system for the collection of the sales tax.

Elimination of fraction of cent collections is one of the big jobs confronting the tax commission.

The law provides that the "state tax commission is authorized to make, promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations relating to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the act as may be deemed expedient. Such rules and regulations may embody schedules or methods of eliminating the computation of the tax on sales falling below certain maximum prices or of eliminating fraction of one cent in applying the tax to sales falling within certain prices."

The senate amended the bill to take out the stamp tax provision, leaving that matter optional with the commission.

Charles V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission, declared that he had not yet worked out a system but probably would accept many of the rules adopted in Mississippi and Illinois. In those states many of the smaller items were eliminated and offset in charges on larger sales.

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The Call Board...

ELSONORE Today—Joan Crawford in "Dancing Lady."

Wednesday—Richard Dix in "No Marriage Ties" and finale of McKesson opportunity contest.

Friday—Cecil B. DeMille's "This Day and Age."

GRAND Today—Clara Bow in "Hoopla."

Thursday—MacDowell club concert of 60 voices under direction of Lena Belle Tartar.

Friday—Double bill, Buck Jones in "The Thrill Hunter" and Wallace Ford in "East of 5th Ave."

CAPITOL Today—Ricardo Cortez in "Big Executive."

Thursday—Robert Young in "Saturday's Millions," football epic.

STATE Today—Vilma Banky in "The Rebel," first run. Also "Three Little Pigs."

Thursday—Lewis Carroll's story, "Alice in Wonderland," first run.

Saturday—Tom Tyler in "Partners of the Trail."

HOLLYWOOD Today—Elissa Landi in "The Warrior's Husband."

Wednesday—Helen Hayes in "Another Language."

Friday—Buck Jones in "Treason."

Saturday—Midnight matinee, Preston Foster in "The Man Who Dared."

"Three Little Pigs," sensational short subject by Walt Disney, has been held over at the State theatre for two more days. This colorful comic based on the nursery rhyme is synopsized throughout and features the song "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf," carried for the most part by the two foolish little pigs, one of which plays a fiddle and the other a fiddle.

On the same bill today and Wednesday is Vilma Banky in "The Rebel," a Universal picture filmed in the Alps. Gorgeous scenery and a fast-moving plot make it an outstanding attraction.

The Hollywood has an unusually good picture on today for the last time. Elissa Landi, who has formerly appeared in dignified roles only, breaks away and turns tomboy in the Amazon heroine of "The Warrior's Husband." David Manners plays opposite her in the hilarious comedy of strong, silent women and helpless men. Good entertainment.

Anderson Pleased at Results Gained

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at which time it may be necessary to take some action one way or another," he declared. The legal staff of our organization will be in a position to get each member operator started off in the right class of operation under the amended law.

Although Anderson expressed disappointment at the failure he and attorneys for the organization met in their attempt to get general reduction in all taxation, he said he hoped all members of the association he represents would be ready to comply with the new law in a minimum length of time.

MISSION ARRANGES CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party with a tree and a toy for every child, to say nothing of a professional magician who will donate his services in a full program of magic, illusions and variety, is planned by the women's council of the Open Door mission for Saturday afternoon, December 23.

Names of children who otherwise would be neglected at Christmas are asked of the general public and may be turned in to Earl J. Schriest, superintendent of the mission, or to any pastor or Sunday school superintendent of the cooperating churches.

Not only are recipients sought, but gifts as well. The Future Craftsmen's club and Home Economics club at Salem high school have willingly offered their services in the rejuvenation of toys so worn or broken playthings will be acceptable.

AIRLINE TEAMS WIN AIRLIE, Dec. 11.—Friday evening Airline's first game of league basketball was played here against Grand Route. It was a doubleheader. Score was 13-10 in favor of Airline boys and the high school girls beat grade girls, 15 to 14.

SEVEN DEAD IN SEVERE FLOOD

Water Receding Monday and Blocked Roads Reopened in Most Sections

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also out of its banks, with further rise expected. Further north, Bellingham reported heavy rains, but no floods.

South of Tacoma, the Pacific highway to Olympia was reopened with one-way traffic permitted, and below Olympia the road was passable, although under water at Tenino.

A railroad trestle was washed out at Orilla, near here, and passengers transferred from one train to another and the trains reversed. School children in that district were given a holiday, being unable to reach their classes.

One group of youngsters got out fishing poles and attempted to hook a large salmon seen swimming down the main street.

At Longview tonight the highway bridge on the Pacific highway leading into town was closed, after flood waters had undermined the approaches and the approach on one side had dropped about two feet. The nearby railway bridge had been damaged somewhat, but less severely.

One hundred men were rushed at 8 p. m., to work on a dike along the Cowlitz river east of Longview, where a section 100 feet long was also being undermined because a jetty in the river had been washed away. Among them were CCG workers and Legionnaires. Twenty-five trucks were used.

TUMULT, SHOUTING END; ISSUES ALIVE

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the peculiar section of the state constitution which gives to cities "exclusive power to license, control and regulate" sale of liquor. It is not for this clause, a general state law, passed in the exercise of its police power, would be paramount to any city ordinance or charter. The state supreme court has repeatedly held that the home rule provision of the state constitution only empowers cities to legislate on matters germane to the city's own affairs and in no instance empowered the city by charter or ordinance to set up a power precedent and superior to the commonwealth which vested this city with so-called "home rule."

However, the home-rule liquor clause is printed in the constitution and while it is agreed that it was superseded by the prohibition amendments to the state constitution, legalists are divided on the point of its restoration by abolition of state constitutional prohibition. The legislature did its best to clarify the matter. It said that it was the policy of the state—in the Upton and the Francisco enactments—not to restore any old law or constitutional amendment, when the statute or amendment which repealed said law or amendment, was itself repealed.

Another Argument

Home rule proponents argue that such enactments will be binding in the future but contend that home rule was effective the day prohibition was killed, that is last November when citizens of Oregon voted out the prohibition articles in the state constitution. Other-side legalists say the position is untenable; they contend the supreme court must follow the director of the legislature when the moot question of home rule comes before it. The law will be effective then and it follows the court must follow it.

It seems sure the state liquor commission will want to know its exact authority and will not oppose a test suit. It is equally certain that it will assume, unless court injunctions issue, that it represents the commonwealth and is empowered by legislative authority to control liquor for every acre of the state.

Governor Meier is considering a number of appointees; uniformly the test applied is first, integrity; second, ability; third, specific effectiveness in the liquor control job. The Knox commission was appointed by the governor; he took its recommendations and pressed for their legislative adoption. He is shrewd enough not to weaken the commission's effectiveness by political appointments. Indicative of that fact is his own desire—which the conference legislative committee followed—that the commission serve without pay, thus following the tradition for public service which has surrounded the state highway commission.

The personnel of the commission is subject to much speculation, its membership is virtually

FLIVVER NEEDS FINS

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1. Selection of the administrator.
2. Determination of rules for sale of liquor.
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4. Tentative determination of cities to have liquor stores and cities to be licensed by agents.
5. Formulation of policy regarding selection of managers and sites for stores.
6. Exploration of financial situation of commission; need of funds for working capital, for equipment of stores, for stocks.

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The liquor control matter will be immediately tied in with relief for Oregon's unemployed. All the net revenue, from license fees, from taxes on beer and wine, from net profits of the stores, will be dumped into the state relief fund which in turn will go to the federal government.

All the other relief measures passed by the session are speculative in the results they will actually accomplish. Least so are the coast bridges which probably will be approved for they are farthest advanced at PWA headquarters and a tacit promise of their construction lies in the requirements PWA has laid down and which the legislature and the highway commission must follow.

The other big relief works—the Salem and Portland building program, the five-point program of the higher educational institutions, are most indefinite. Invariably they must be financed by leases made by Oregon or by deeds of trust. None will be secured by general obligations or revenue bonds. PWA is known to have a corps of bond attorneys on its staff. Invariably these attorneys are looking for soundness and eventual repayment of the 70 per cent loan provision of the 30-70 match program. Moreover, these attorneys hold that PWA in a year or so, will begin to liquidate its holdings of securities and then will want bonds which can be sold to banks or insurance companies. Lease-income bonds from the state, involving appropriations di-

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FELIX VAN ERMAN CALLED BY DEATH

STAYTON, Dec. 11.—Felix Van Erman, died at the Stayton hospital about 1 p. m. Monday. Six weeks ago he underwent an operation there, but his condition was such that medical skill was of no avail.

He was born April 12, 1871, at Humboldt, Wis. In 1898 in company with his brother, Frank, he came to Oregon, living for a time in eastern Oregon and later at Sublimity. They came to Stayton about 30 years ago. On July 2, 1912, he was married to Amelia, widow of Frank, who survives him. Other survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Philippine Van Don Bush, Mrs. Thessa Huffman and Mrs. Mary De Bant, all of Green Bay, Wis., and a brother, William, of Milwaukee, Wis. He is survived by the following cousins in Oregon: John Van Handel, Stayton; John B. Van Handel, Jordan; Matt Van Handel, Portland; Mrs. Nettie Crump, Astoria; and William Van Handel, Sublimity, and the Kate Sens, Albany. Mrs. Van Don Bush and son have been here for two weeks.

The remains are at the Weddie chapel where recitation of the Rosary will be said each evening at 7:30. Requiem mass will be celebrated at the Catholic church here, probably on Thursday morning, but definite arrangements have not been made.

MESSANGER HURT; CAR STRIKES BIKE

Santoney Ramig, telegraph messenger living at 1138 South 16th street, suffered a broken arm as a result of a collision between his bicycle and an automobile driven by Arthur Harold, 248 Marion, at Court and Liberty streets late Monday afternoon, both men reported to city police. Harold claimed Ramig had no light on his bicycle.

Four minor accidents reported to police yesterday involved the following:

Kenneth Morgan, route six, and W. B. Hardy, 1915 Berry street, at 12th and State; Clyde Johnson, 1305 North Summer, and a motorist named McIntosh, 1610 Kansas, on Nebraska; Claude E. Burford, Gervais, and an unidentified motorist, at State and High; R. Butte, route nine, and an unidentified driver, near State and Waverly.

Harvey Johnston Funeral Slated This Afternoon

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 11.—Services will be held at the Keeney funeral home Tuesday, December 12, at 2 p. m., for Harvey Johnston, aged 75 years, who died Sunday, December 10, at the home of his sister Mrs. Fred Cox. For the past two and one-half years he had made his home with Mrs. Cox in the Highland district. Rev. K. A. Nelson will officiate and interment will be in the K. P. cemetery near Monmouth.

Mr. Johnston who was born in Iowa, July 12, 1860, spent much of his life in Durey, Mo. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Cox; a brother, Baines Johnston of Durey; seven nieces and eight nephews.

SLAYER EXECUTED HUNTSVILLE, Tex. Dec. 12. (P)—Tuesday—Pantoleon Ortis was electrocuted at the state pen-

itentiary here early today for the slaying of his sweetheart and a rival. The 34 year old refugee Mexican went to his death at 12:12 a. m., making no statement.

Homer Mills is Called; Funeral To be Wednesday

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 11.—Homer Mills, resident of this community for 32 years died in a Portland hospital yesterday. Besides his widow, Mrs. Bertha Mills, he is survived by four sons, Ed and Ray of Portland and Harold and Arthur of Independence, a sister, Mrs. Nettie Lucas of Vancouver, B. C., and brothers Sam and Ben of Independence.

He was born in Iowa, February 11, 1877, coming to Oregon at the age of 9 years where his family settled in Lebanon. Funeral services will be held from the Keeney mortuary, Wednesday, December 13, at 2 p. m., with Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore officiating. Interment will be in the I. O.