

TOBACCO AND COSMETIC TAX IS FAVORED

BILLS TO RAISE MILLION REVENUE REPORTED OUT

On the assumption that all revenue producing bills approved by the ways and means committee are passed by the legislature, the committee had, at the conclusion of its deliberations last night, \$648,683.97 left over after all appropriations and claim allowances had been footed up. But whether the revenue bills will be put across without much travail and much strenuous grappling with corporation lobbies is a question.

Revenue measures that will be embodied in bills and reported out favorably by the committee without further deliberation total, together with one or two small estimated reversions, \$1,935,000. They are as follows, the figures being the estimated proceeds for the next two years:

Contribution from fees received by various state activities, \$200,000; tax of 10 per cent on cigarettes, cigars, and all tobacco and snuff, \$1,200,000; tax of 10 per cent on cosmetic, \$100,000; repeal of quarter-mile road tax, \$255,000; tax on gross earnings of railroad and utilities, \$80,000; repeal of battleship Oregon appropriation, \$30,000; suspension of state aid for industrial accident commission, \$50,000; estimated reversion from Vale relief appropriation, \$20,000; total, \$1,935,000.

Added to the above is the state's available cash of \$5,604,981.90, which brings the grand total up to \$7,539,981.90.

Previously published appropriations and allowances totaled \$5,137,895.52. Since then other appropriations have been added in the sum of \$133,399.41, making total appropriations and allowances to date \$5,271,294.93. This subtracted from \$7,539,981.90 leaves \$2,268,686.97.

There is a question whether the repeal of the quarter-mile road tax can apply to this year as well as next. The bill as drawn covers both years. If that holds it means \$265,000 additional. It would bring the total proceeds of revenue bills up to \$2,533,686.97, the grand total of available funds up to \$7,804,981.90, and the amount left over up to \$2,533,686.97.

In spite of this seemingly happy solution some members of the ways and means committee still favor a direct tax levy of one mill by the legislature so that the normal tax base under the 6 per cent tax limitation may not be lacking next year and in the years to come.

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come. Governor Pierce appeared before the committee last night and emphatically objected to this, declaring that if the levy were made he probably would veto the bill. Those who believe in this means of raising another million—and possibly withdrawing some of the revenue bills already approved by the committee—will talk the question over with the governor today.

Then there is another consideration. Attorney General Van Winkle held that the income tax was subject to the 6 per cent limitation. Perhaps the revenue bills approved last night would be also. If so the whole financial program of the ways and means committee would be socked higher than the dome of the state house.

Yielding to the plea of the insurance men that an increase in the gross premium tax on domestic and foreign life insurance companies be increased from 2.25 to 2.5 per cent, the committee was about ready to drop it. But today a bill, drawn independently of the committee, was slated for introduction in the house providing for such an increase.

30 YEARS FOR PETTY ROBBERY

Medford, Feb. 20.—Robert Duff, Roland Eastwood and Steve J. Elak who plead guilty to robbing the Union Oil station at Ashland last month, were sentenced to long prison terms late yesterday afternoon by Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas.

Eastwood, accused of being the man behind the pistol in the hold-up, was given fifteen years; Elak, who superintended the crime, received a ten year sentence, and Duff, a boy in his early twenties, and who admitted he took the money from the station till, was sentenced to five years.

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HOUSE VOTES TO GIVE OFFICIALS INCREASED PAY

The governor's private secretary will receive \$3300 a year instead of \$2000 as at present if house bill 352, passed by the house yesterday afternoon, becomes a law. The same bill would increase the salary of the chief deputy of the secretary of state from \$3000 to \$3300 a year and the chief deputy of the state treasurer, the same amount.

The house also passed house bill 359 raising the salaries of the secretary of state from \$4500 to \$5400 a year, the state treasurer from \$4500 to \$5400, and that of the attorney general from \$4000 to \$5000. Representative Hamilton of Bend urged the passage of the measure, pointing to the heavy responsibilities.

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Representative Bennett took the floor to oppose the measure. "The financial conditions of the state do not justify the increases," he maintained. "I was elected on a pledge of economy and intend to vote 'no.'"

Representative Shelton explained that he made no such "foolish promises." "I told my constituents that I would not vote to hamper any department of the state," he declared. "The increase is still not large enough in consideration of their work and responsibilities."

Salary of the state superintendent of public instruction would be raised from \$4000 to \$4500 a year under house bill 359 passed by the house.

GOVERNOR WILL RETAIN PRISON

The ways and means committee of the house yesterday withdrew house bill 224 which would transfer control of the penitentiary from the governor to the state board of control.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL DEFEATED

The Multnomah county civil service bill was defeated in the senate yesterday. Banks, Clark, Corbett, Davis, Hall, Klepper, Miller, Staples, Upton and Moser voted for the bill. Moser changed his vote to later move for reconsideration.

Other bills passed were: S. B. 240, Brown—Enabling

governor to exchange inmates of state penitentiary and training school if reformatory is established.

S. B. 241, Davis—Temporary stock district in Malheur county.

S. B. 238, committee on judiciary—Providing for filing of statistics relating to marriage licenses and divorces with state board of health.

S. B. 199, Corbett and Banks—For civil service in Multnomah county.

S. B. 209, committee on alcoholic traffic—Increasing funds for state prohibition commissioner.

S. B. 159, Miller—Relating to bureau of mines and geology.

S. B. 237, Miller—Creating

mining and geological survey.

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