

SENATORS CUT OUT GROSS SALES TAX

Surtax Is Also Rejected, But Other Levies Will Be Substituted.

Washington.—Proposals for a 5 per cent tax on manufacturers' gross sales in many industries and for greatly increased sur-taxes on big incomes were stricken out of the war revenue bill by the senate finance committee, cutting down by many millions the total revenue provided for as the measure passed the house.

The senate finance committee decided to strike out the whole section levying \$200,000,000 by a general tariff increase of 10 per cent on an ad valorem basis.

As a substitute the committee proposes direct excise, or consumption taxes on sugar, tea, coffee and cocoa.

The administration's food survey bill, first of the food-control measures, was passed by the house without a record vote. It appropriates \$14,770,000 for an immediate investigation of the country's food resources and for measures to stimulate production.

The war revenue bill, framed to bring into the treasury \$1,800,000,000 through new taxation during the coming year, passed the house by a vote of 329 to 76 in almost the same form that it was presented by the ways and means committee.

Outstanding features of the house bill are the greatly increased income, inheritance, excess profits, liquor, cigar and tobacco taxes, virtual abolition of the present customs free list and a 10 per cent addition to existing tariffs, new taxes on manufacturers, amusements, clubs, public utilities and insurance, a far-reaching stamp tax and a greatly increased second-class mail matter rate based on the parcel post zone system.

The Oregon Trunk Railway have made the following changes in the schedule of their local freight trains, No. 308 from Portland will reach Maupin at 10:50 a. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and No. 309 from Bend will reach Maupin at 11:40 a. m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, arriving at Fallbridge 4 p. m., making close connection with the North Bank Limited for Portland.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Morrow county's prospects for the wheat crop are excellent.

Marion county has 1653 school children who are members of industrial clubs.

The city of Hubbard is constructing a water system and will pave the main streets.

Oregon is expected to produce at least 60,000 individual subscribers to the liberty loan.

Western Oregon traveling men held their annual picnic at Cottage Grove with about 150 present.

Fully 1000 people attended the annual Jackson county school picnic and field meet at Applegate.

Despite war conditions, early tourist travel indicates a heavy invasion of Oregon by tourists this year.

Continued rains, which are still keeping up, are making serious conditions for the Coos county ranchers.

The ministers of the state are urged to observe Sunday, June 3, as "prison day," in a proclamation issued by the governor.

Pendleton claims the distinction of having more automobiles in proportion to population than any city in the state.

Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, June 5, which is war census day, to be a legal holiday.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, Lane county will have this year by far the biggest acreage of beans and potatoes in its history.

Brown rot is prevalent in the prune orchards of Lane county, as a result of the wet, cold spring, and threatens serious damage to the crop.

The University of Oregon Women's league has pledged its 400 members to return to school next fall with the same dresses they now have.

Jacob Wiscarson, a member of a Canadian regiment and a son of Mrs. Mary Wiscarson, living near Eugene, was killed in battle in France May 11.

County Agriculturist Jay L. Smith has finished compiling the agricultural survey of Coos county. It has 18,000 acres in crops, out of a total of 103,000 acres.

During the past week not a single fatal accident was reported to the state industrial accident commission. There were 351 non-fatal accidents reported.

Curry county sheep raisers in the region of Flores creek are being forced to abandon this line of agricultural pursuit, owing to the advent of coyotes.

Plans have been formulated for the annual strawberry festival at Lebanon and the dates were set for June 14 and 15, by which time an abundance of strawberries is expected.

Japanese strawberry growers of the Hood river valley, numbering approximately 200, will aid the local Red Cross chapter with a donation each of a crate of extra fancy fruit.

A probable plot to dynamite the mill of the Oregon Lumber company at Baker failed by the discovery of a quantity of dynamite, caps and fuse hidden by a fence 25 feet from the mill.

That Portland will be represented in Europe by a complete unit of 20 ambulances in the American ambulance field service seems certain. Already 14 ambulances have been subscribed.

Mrs. C. H. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, has been unanimously elected chairman of the Oregon division of the women's committees of the Council of National Defense.

As a result of the food preparedness campaign in Hood river county, the first steam power threshing machine will be operated this season to harvest the largest crop of grain ever seeded in the valley.

Under an opinion by Attorney-General Brown it is held that the amount of the federal inheritance tax is not to be deducted from the appraised valuation of estates to arrive at the amount of the state tax.

Stockmen from various sections of Douglas county report that many horses have become affected with what is known as "pink eye" and that in some instances the animals are in a serious condition.

Adam Garren, 37 years old, of Hubbard, a private in Company I, Third Oregon Infantry, is in a serious condition as the result of being thrown from the trestle at Graves creek, near Leland, by a stranger whom he had accosted and was escorting off the railroad bridge.

The decision of Herbert Hoover, government food administrator, and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, placing apples on the list of food necessities, and assuring the fruit districts that cars would be supplied as soon as the crop is ready for market, saved to the Hood river valley fully \$1,500,000 this season. Growers are jubilant on account of the decision.

Bids for the construction of a library building on the Oregon Agricultural college campus were opened by a committee of the board of regents and the contract was awarded to Snook & Traver, of Salem, at \$83,300.

The Sherman county school field meet and declamatory contest at Wasco attracted over 1000 persons from the different districts of the county. The Moro school won both first and second place in athletics and in the declamatory contest.

The public service commission has ordered a reduction in the light and power rates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. On the company's present volume of business the reductions will amount to approximately \$50,000 to \$65,000 a year.

That students may be permitted to remain in the fields to harvest crops, and that the faculty may have a longer time to further the food preparedness campaign, the Oregon Agricultural college will not open for next year's work until October 8, three weeks later than the regularly scheduled date.

C. E. Coe, superintendent of the Roseburg Indian agency, has announced that a sale of Indian allotments would be held on June 19. The tracts to be sold are situated in northern California, southern Oregon and in Harney valley. Much of the land is said to be well adapted to agricultural purposes.

At a meeting of Sarah Childress Polk chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Dallas, a resolution was adopted favoring the erection of a monument on the site of the first court house in Polk county. It was located somewhere in North Dallas and a suitable marker for the spot will be secured.

Peter Zollner placed 12 sticks of dynamite under his brother's motion picture theatre at Mt. Angel and blew the side of the building out, besides breaking many windows in the neighborhood. Zollner declares he did it for revenge on his brother George, with whom he has had trouble over family property rights.

Disaffection which has arisen among some employees of state institutions because they allege that other employees doing the same work as themselves in other institutions are receiving higher wages, is presenting a problem to institution heads, who probably will ask that the state board of control standardize all wages at the various institutions.

That Kendall Bros., of Pittsburg, Pa., have abandoned all hope of constructing a railroad from Roseburg to their timber holdings in Douglas county in the near future was attested when Judge Hamilton at Roseburg was asked to dismiss all of the condemnation suits brought in the name of the city of Roseburg against owners of land situated along the proposed route of the line.

A number of timber cruisers have arrived in Roseburg and have begun preparations for resuming the cruising of the O. & C. grant lands in Douglas county. The work had extended as far as a portion of the county last fall, when the winter weather set in and the funds for the cruising were exhausted. All that portion of the lands in the southern part of the state are already classified.

In telegrams to President Wilson, members of congress and to the public service commissions of Washington, Idaho, California and Nevada, the public service commission of Oregon is urging the appointment of Clyde B. Atchison as a member of the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Atchison formerly was chairman of the Oregon commission and now is solicitor for the National Association of Railway Commissioners.

While realizing the gravity of the problem created by the shortage of farm labor, Secretary of War Baker, in response to a telegram from Governor Withycombe asking that enlistment in the rural districts be discouraged or discontinued, has written the executive that he, as secretary of war, has no right to discourage enlistment "in the face of an act of congress which attempts to create a very large part of our army by this process."

The material is now being assembled at Astoria by Contractor C. L. Houston for the construction of 64 reinforced concrete storage bins for bulk wheat, which are to be erected in connection with the port of Astoria's bulk grain elevator. The entire plant, which will have a storage capacity for 1,000,000 bushels of bulk grain, will represent an expenditure of \$319,000. In addition to the elevator and bins, the port warehouse has a capacity for storing 2,000,000 bushels of sacked grain.

Agricultural land included in the Oregon & California land grant area may be made available for settlement as soon as the tax lien can be removed by the payment of back taxes by the government to the various counties in the state in which the lands are located, according to a letter received in Eugene from the department of the interior. The payment of the back taxes is being delayed pending the disposition of legal questions which have been referred to the department of justice.

Facts About Liberty Loan.

PURPOSE—This loan is a bond issue authorized by congress to pay costs of the war against Germany, to make advances to the allies, and above all to bring about a speedy and successful end of the world conflict.

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As concerning errors in our type last week, Financial statement at the close of business, April 30, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Cash in Bank	\$ 207.56
Cash on hand	105.81
Bills Receivable	1478.91
Accounts Receivable	987.04
Mdse. (Inventory)	995.00
Handling Charges (Inventory)	1000.00
Permanent Improvements	14,208.08
Total	\$18,932.40
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Paid in	\$14,000.00
Accounts Payable	2.80
Bills Payable	2630.00
Loss and Gain for 1916-1917	2067.47
Undivided Profits balance 1915-1916	232.13
Total	\$18,932.40
Cash Receipts and Expenditures for fiscal year:	
Cash on hand May 1 1916	\$ 513.41
Cash received during fiscal year	\$57,016.14
Total	\$57,529.55
Cash paid out during fiscal year	\$57,423.74
Cash on hand April 30 1917	\$105.81
Total	\$57,529.55



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