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TO PAY BOUNTY WARRANTS

ONE-MILL TAX DECIDED UPON IN THE HOUSE.

Senate Will Likely Rush the Bill—Counties Which Have Paid Assessment to be Reimbursed.

Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—The bill for the payment of outstanding scalp bounty warrants passed the house with a rush this morning, and unless its road through the senate is encumbered by unexpected obstacles, it will be a law before Feb. 1. The promoters of the plan of validating the warrants, and providing the wherewith to cancel them, have been a trifle uncertain just how to go at it, but they finally hit upon the scheme of levying a one-mill tax for the year 1900, and to that end the bill must get through and be signed by the governor before next Friday. If this is done, holders of the warrants will have to wait a few months before they get their money; but the practical certainty that they will be paved, and the consoling fact that they meanwhile bear 6 per cent interest, will do much to make the paper negotiable at par. The 1-mill bill does not in any interfere with the proposed new scalp bounty act, which provides that the various counties shall first pay the bounties for coyotes and similar varmints killed within their borders, and that the state shall reimburse them in two-thirds the amount, from the general fund.

The 1-mill bill was a special order in the house at 10:30 this morning. The judiciary committee had framed a substitute for the Roberts bill, making some change in the provisions relative to those counties which had levied the tax and raised the fund under the present law. It was decided to make the tax general and to reimburse those counties. The house, after some parliamentary fencing, considered the measure in committee of the whole, with Smith of Marion in the chair. The committee decided on a favorable recommendation, and later the house passed the measure. Butt, Edson, Ingram, Watson and Whitney only voting nay. A complete summary follows:

Section 1 provides for a levy of a tax of one mill on the dollar upon all the taxable property within the state for the year 1900, for the purpose of creating a fund for the payment of warrants now outstanding and unpaid and drawn against the state scalp bounty fund, in pursuance of an act of the twentieth regular session of the legislative assembly of the state of Ore. on. Such tax shall be collected as other taxes are collected, and the fund arising therefrom shall be paid into the state treasury and kept separate from other funds, and shall be known as the "bounty fund." All warrants drawn against the fund known as the state scalp bounty fund and now outstanding and unpaid, shall be paid out of the fund herein provided for.

Section 2 provides for the transfer of all moneys in the state scalp bounty fund to the bounty fund provided for.

Section 3 is as follows: The state treasurer shall draw warrants upon the said bounty fund in favor of the county treasurer of the several counties for such sum as they have already paid into the state treasury.

Section 4 declares an emergency and makes the bill operative from and after its approval.

The provision that the state treasurer shall draw warrants upon himself is something new and will probably be corrected in the senate to read "secretary of state."

Senator Williamson, who is quite active in forwarding the scalp bounty measure, says the law has done much toward exterminating the enemies of sheep and stock, and he thinks it will hereafter cost the state less money.

Gold-Laden Air.

The mythical and imaginative tales of the "Blue Bucket Diggings" "Lost Lodes," "Old Channels," and

REBEL LEAEER INTERVIEWED

AGUINALDO WILL NOT TRUST THE AMERICANS.

Says Promises of Friendship Have Been Violated—Will Continue to Fight—Washington His Ideal.

New York, Jan. 26.—The World tomorrow will publish what is claimed to be a well-authenticated interview with Aguinaldo, obtained by an American, a trusted agent of Carlos Rubino, a prominent merchant in Manila. It was forwarded here through the mail. Aguinaldo was found in the Filipino company by Senor Rubino's agent.

"My letters to Aguinaldo," said the agent, "were carefully scrutinized by him. As they were from those whom he knew to be his trusted friends, he received me without restraint or hesitation. I remained there for four days, and was the recipient of his full confidence and had from him the most reserved expression of his sentiments and purposes, as well as his ideas concerning the condition of his country and the great struggle now going on there. I was astonished at his knowledge of the history of the United States and its great statesmen. The suggestion of amnesty was gone over very thoroughly. I asked him if he would accept amnesty offered by the commissioner sent out by the United States. He replied: 'No; I will not accept amnesty. I would not trust them. I have not forgotten the professions of friendship and of support given me by Dewey, Otis, and all of them, and especially Wildman. My army fought with and for them, to defeat the Spanish, and promises most solemnly given that we were to have independence were made. All these solemn promises have been repudiated by them all.'

"How about the people?" I asked. "Do you not believe the condition of your people would be improved if they accepted the amnesty now offered?"

"No," he replied. "To accept amnesty means shame, infamy, slavery, degradation. Personally it means imprisonment for me. What else am I to expect and what for my poor people but serfdom? What would your forefathers have said of George Washington had he accepted amnesty from Geo. III? He fought from 1776 to 1782, and all offers of amnesty were treated with scorn. He was right. You ask me what I want, I reply, liberty the right of the Filipinos to govern themselves—a government of our own."

"But," I said, "here are assurances—"

"Assurances and promises," he interposed with great warmth, "given only to be disregarded and repudiated. I tell you I will never trust them. Nor will my people. Never. Say to them that their amnesty will not be considered. My people would no longer respect me were I to do so."

"Then it may be war for many years," I said. "You must know that the American Government is strong powerful and rich."

"Unquestionably," he replied, "and it may be a long and terrible struggle for liberty. But until the Filipino Nation shall have a government of its own, this war will go on. I believe that if there was a change of administration we would get our freedom. We will have a republic patterned mainly after that of the United States."

READY FOR CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT

Report of Taft Commission Transmitted to the Senate.

A recent dispatch from Washington says the President has transmitted to the senate a report from the secretary of war including the report of the Taft Philippine Commission. In his message of transmittal the President says the report includes not only the report of the commission, but its acts of legislation and other important information relating to the wants of the

Philippines. Concluding the President says:

"I earnestly recommend legislation under which the government of the islands may have authority to assist in their peaceful industrial development in the directions indicated by the secretary of war."

Secretary Root's letter of transmittal, dated January 25, addressed to the President, says:

"A personal letter received by me from Judge Taft, dated Dec. 14, 1900 says:

"Since writing you, about 30,000 insurgents in Ilocos Norte have surrendered and 10,000 persons who were not well affected towards us in Panay have taken the oath of allegiance. I have already received two papers from native priests, 18 in number, and I am told that there will be a great many more native priests, tendering their allegiance to the United States and promising fidelity without mental reserve. The native priests are those who have held out longest in favor of the insurgents, and against the Americans, and I deem this action as of great importance. The Army is hitting small but hard knocks against the insurgents everywhere."

SPONNER BILL APPROVED.

"On January 2 the commission, as a body, reinforced the views contained in their report by the following dispatch from Manila:

"Root, Secretary of War, Washington: If you approve, ask transmission to proper senators and representatives of the following:

"The passage of the Spooner bill at the present session is greatly needed to secure the best results from the improving conditions. Until its passage no purely central civil government can be established no public franchise of any kind granted, and no substantial investment of private capital in internal improvements is possible. All are needed as the most important step in complete pacification. A strong peace party is organized, with the defined purpose of securing civil government under the United States, and reasonably expects civil government and relief from the inevitable but annoying restraints of military rule long before the subject can be taken up by the next congress. The time is near at hand in our opinion, when the disturbances existing can better be suppressed by the native police of a civil government, with an army as an auxiliary force, than by the continuance of complete military control. The power to make the change should be put in the hands of the President to act promptly when the time arrives to give the Filipino people an object lesson in the advantages of peace. Quasi-civil government is under way, with power most restricted and unsatisfactory. The commission is embarrassed in securing the good material for judicial and other service by the necessity of the provincial character of the military government and the uncertainty of tenure.

"The sale of public lands and allowance of mining claims is impossible under the Spooner bill. Hundreds of American miners are on the ground, awaiting the law to perfect their claims, and more are coming—a good element in pacification. We urgently recommend an amendment to the Spooner bill, so that its operation will not be postponed until the complete suppression of all insurrection, but only until, in the President's judgment, civil government may be safely established. The conditions are rapidly improving to a point where civil government, with the aid of the Army, will be more efficient to secure peace than military control."

Charles A. Johns the Baker City attorney, has been appointed a member of the Oregon Text-Book Commission, in place of Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, who declined. Mr. Johns has been spending some time in California and returned to Portland Friday Governor Geer called him up by telephone and offered him the appointment, he has accepted.

Week of Weddings.

The marriage of V. B. Staples, of Ontario, and Miss Rovia Swank, of Burns, was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cresap of this city Tuesday evening in the presence of a few relatives and friends, Rev. E. Hayes officiating. Mr. Staples is a prominent young business man of Ontario where he is connected with the large mercantile firm of the Oregon Forwarding company, while Miss Swank has heretofore held the responsible position of bookkeeper in the bank at Burns. They took their departure Wednesday for their future home at Ontario.

Wednesday evening at the spacious parlor of the Elkhorn hotel in this city occurred the marriage of Chas. Parrish, Jr., the son of Hon. C. W. Parrish, of Burns, and Miss Linnie Chambers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chambers, proprietors of the Elkhorn hotel, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. Hayes, pastor of the M. E. church. The young people are well known in Grant county, where they have resided for years, and have many friends who wish them a happy journey through life. They will make their future home in Canyon City, occupying the residence of Mr. Parrish in this city.—Canyon Eagle.

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