

NEW TAX LAW IS PUZZLE TO STATE

General Law Must Be Passed to Make Amendment Operative Before People Can Regulate Taxes. Says Attorney-General Crawford.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 23.—The state tax commission is at sea because of what now seems to be a tax muddle for the legislature, following adoption by the people of a constitutional amendment providing, as the ballot title says, for the people of each county to regulate taxation and exemptions within the county, regardless of constitutional restrictions of state statutes.

Tax commissioners say the provision within the new amendment providing that the amendment shall become operative only under a general law has developed a peculiar phase, which may possibly result in numerous restrictions on the legislature. The commissioners were not ready this afternoon to offer any decisive or final statements in regard to the new amendment, inasmuch as they were laboring under the impression for some time that it had been defeated and had not given the matter much thought, following the election.

In communications which they had received prior to the election from leading tax authorities in the United States, the amendment was practically universally condemned, as it would evidently throw the whole system of taxation into a chaotic state. One of the principal stumbling blocks seems to be found in the question as to just what extent it will restrict the power of the legislature. It is practically certain to the commissioners, from a cursory reading of the law, that there can be no general tax legislation enacted by the coming legislature and that there can be no system of taxation established by the counties until such time as a general law may make the amendment operative, and such general law probably cannot be passed until the election two years from now.

But whether this amendment will affect legislation covering collection of special revenues is also a moot point. Recommendations will be submitted to the legislature from various sources asking for amendment of the inheritance tax law. There will also probably be legislation enacted concerning the office of insurance commissioner and various other departments through which special revenue is derived. An investigation will be made to ascertain whether the hands of the legislators will be bound by the amendment to the constitution or whether the amendment will have no effect relative to this class of legislation.

OREGON TURKEYS ARE BY FOR THE BEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—In something over 400 crates and boxes the Thanksgiving turkey made his bow to the stalls and racks of the San Francisco markets and butcher shops today.

The great American bird came all the way from Oregon, the northern fowl this year, it is said by commission men, exceeding the California broiler in quality.

Although the retailers assert that the quality of the bird is up to standard some of the wholesalers have been complaining. The reason is said to be lack of rain in the northern part of the state.

Prices this year are about the same as last. The householder will pay 25 cents a pound dressed for the best grade, and from that down to 22 cents in proportion to quality. The price to the wholesalers today ranged from 27 to 30 cents per pound. Live turkeys are selling wholesale at from 22 to 25 cents.

While the California and Oregon supply is larger than last year, the demand is far above the normal and there is no indication of any drop in prices.

HIGHER COST OF LIVING FORCES WAGES UPWARD

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 23.—The higher cost of living is given as the grounds for a notice, recently served on the contractors of the city that after March 1 the wage scale will be raised from \$4 to \$4.50 for an eight hour day. A majority of the contractors have already signified their willingness to pay the increase but intimate that a proportionate raise in construction will result.

A want ad will be worth while if the want is big enough to worry about.

SPLENDID CORN CROP PRODUCED

I. A. Merriman, Near Central Point, Gets Heavy Yield by Carefully Cultivating—Uses Only Perfect Seed for Corn.

I. A. Merriman is one of the many farmers of Rogue river valley who are taking up corn breeding and the favorable results in this line is apparent in the large yields he is securing. Even this season, one of the driest ever known in southern Oregon, his yield would do credit to any of the great corn growing states, for it is much above the average for the United States, says the Rogue River Fruit Grower. From 15 acres of corn Mr. Merriman obtained an average of 41 bushels per acre, with the best acre making a yield of 47 1-2 bushels. As the average yield in the United States for the past 10 years is but 25.8 bushels per acre it will be seen that Mr. Merriman's crop was a very creditable one.

Mr. Merriman's farm is one mile southeast of Central Point and the land on which he grew the corn is a second bottom of only average fertility. No irrigation nor fertilizers were used. In favorable climatic seasons Mr. Merriman has had average yields of over 60 bushels to the acre. To carefully selecting the seed ears each year and to deep plowing and thorough cultivation is due Mr. Merriman's success as a corn grower. For a number of years Mr. Merriman has early each fall selected his seed corn, he choosing only ears that are perfect in shape and kernel and that are thoroughly matured. And he takes the further precaution to keep this seed corn in a dry place during the winter, thus insuring the vitality of the germ and a perfect stand.

By his method of selecting the seed Mr. Merriman has bred up a type of corn that has adapted itself to the growing season of this valley and is able to withstand the cool nights and with the aid of the long growing period to fully mature the ears. That corn from eastern seed will not do well here is due to the fact that most of the corn growing states the seasons are short with hot nights and hotter days that force a hot-house growth to the corn. Here in Rogue river valley the weather condition is just the reverse and a corn must be developed that can mature itself by reason of the long growing season, compensating for the retarding influence of the cool weather. The corn breeding that is being carried on by many of the farmers in the valley is developing a strain of corn that in quality and in yield will fully equal the best production of the eastern corn growing states.

INTERURBAN FARE FIGHT GOES TO SUPREME COURT

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 23.—Determined to urge the interurban fare fight into the state supreme court with all haste, the officials of the Puget Sound Electric company have obtained a stay from the Thurston county courts and cars are running today as usual. The hundreds of incensed commuters who yesterday stuck to the cars and refused to be moved have withdrawn their forces and indignation meetings were held in the small towns along the interurban lines today.

The King county courts yesterday granted an injunction against the passengers for ten days, during the period the old rate of fare will be enforced.

Attell Picks Partners.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Danny Goodman, Jimmy Carroll and Lew Fowell are the sparring partners who will assist Abe Attell in his preparation for his bout here with Pal Moore. Attell admist he must be in good shape to whip Moore, and he is bucking down to his work in earnest. The Attell camp is one of the busiest places in Gotham about work-out time each afternoon.

GRAY HAIRS BANISHED.

The old idea of using sage for darkening the hair is again coming in vogue. Our grandmothers used to have dark, glossy hair at the age of seventy-five, while our mothers have white hair before they are fifty. Our grandmothers used to make a "sage tea" and apply it to their hair. The tea made their hair soft and glossy and gradually restored the natural color. One objection to using such a preparation was the trouble of making it, especially as it had to be made every two or three days on account of it souring quickly. This objection has been overcome and by asking almost any first-class druggist for Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur the public can get a superior preparation of sage, with the addition of sulphur, another valuable remedy for hair and scalp troubles. Daily use of this preparation will not only quickly restore the color of the hair but will also stop the hair from falling out and make it grow. It is sold by all druggists for 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle, or is sent direct by the Wyeth Chemical Company, 74 Cortlandt St., New York City, upon receipt of price.

FOR SALE BY LEON B. HASKINS, MEDFORD, OR.

MUCH RIOTING ALONG BORDER

United States Troops Now in Action With Instructions to Break Up All Gatherings of Armed Men on American Side.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Nov. 23.—Two troops of the third United States cavalry arrived here today to enforce the neutrality treaty between the United States and Mexico. The soldiers have instructions from General Hoyt to break up all gatherings of armed men on the American side of the border, and, if necessary, to arrest anyone trying to cross into Mexico in violation of the neutrality law. It is reported that other troops are en route here.

Much rioting along the border during the night was reported today. Rebel forces surrounded Turrean and demanded that the town surrender and raise the flag of insurrection. The entire garrison at Fort Sam Houston is held in readiness and trains on the Southern Pacific are standing in sidings with steam up to carry the troops to the border, should the revolutionists attempt to cross over to American soil for the purpose of organizing their forces.

TELEPHONE LINE IS BEING EXTENDED

CRESCENT, Ore., Nov. 23.—With the completion of the extension of the Pioneer Telephone company's line from La Pine to Crescent, announcement is made by the company, that within a short time the line will further be extended to Silver Lake, from this point.

The Silver Lake country, which is being thickly settled, will be tributary to Crescent, a distributing point. Those who freight from Klamath Falls desire that the proposed new road from this town to Silver Lake be completed as soon as possible. The addition of telephone service, promised by the Pioneer company will serve to further increase the business with Klamath Falls.

It is understood that a large number of ranch owners along the line from Bend to Crescent will be cut off, it being the purpose of the company to cater to toll service from the various towns along the route. At present the habit of many patrons of taking down receivers to listen when long distance calls are made, has rendered the line almost useless. The line all the way to Prineville has been put in good condition and it is the hope of the company to improve the service still more, preliminary to railroad work next spring.

AT THE HOTELS.

The Nash—W. T. Chase, Portland; A. Graham, Spokane; C. D. Joselyn, Portland; J. M. Flough, W. C. Wimer, Bellingham; S. W. Samson, D. P. Lewis, Portland; Mrs. Marsh, P. Bradley, San Francisco; C. A. Bodie, Chicago; E. L. Thompson, Grants Pass; B. F. Kentzleman, Eugene; B. Newsome, Sumpter, Or.; C. W. Martin, San Francisco; C. C. Farrar, G. G. Smith, Omaha; J. C. Aitken, Woodville; H. S. McKillip, city; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brush, Madison; D. McNichols, Tompah; T. R. Davis, Ashland; A. C. Hough, Grants Pass; E. D. Arrington, St. Louis; V. T. Coke, Eugene; D. H. Hordon, Honolulu.

The Moore—Mrs. F. Pelouze, Eagle Point; C. S. Ray, Portland; G. G. Smith, Omaha; S. G. Hopperman, San Francisco; W. H. Hills, San Diego; W. W. Hall, Hornbrook; W. G. Goffe, Medford; R. W. Smith, Oakland; C. T. Loftus and wife, Dunsmuir; H. Von der Helten, Weiler; R. W. McKay, San Francisco; W. Rogan, T. Irvine, A. F. Rapp, A. H. Weber, Portland; G. O. Mills, Minneapolis; G. O. Ostrom, Portland.

ONLY ONE "BEST." Medford People Give Credit Where Credit Is Due.

People of Medford who suffer with sick kidneys and bad backs want a kidney remedy that can be depended upon. The best is Doan's Kidney Pills, a medicine for the kidneys only, made from pure roots and herbs, and the only one that is backed by cures in Medford. Here's Medford testimony: Mrs. C. H. Hoxie, Fir street, Medford, Or., says: "I publicly recommended Doan's Kidney Pills in 1907, after they had benefited me, and now I am pleased to speak in their favor again. I had kidney trouble for several years and the backache gradually grew worse as time passed. If I attempted to stoop or move quickly, sharp twinges darted through my loins and hips and sometimes I was lame for days. My health can down and I was feeling miserable at the

Splendid Fruit Land Tract

465 acres raw land, close to Medford, cheap.
640 acres wheat land in Franklin county, Washington, to exchange for Medford or country property.
160 acres near Gold Hill to exchange for city property, Medford or Ashland.
28 acres Bear Creek bottom, near Central Point, cheap and good terms.
7 acres near city limits, good house, on fine road, \$6000.
7-room, two-story house, new and strictly modern, \$2600; easy terms.
Corner lot on West Main, \$1000.
Anything in real estate at

D. H. JACKSON & COMPANY
PHONE 2722. 118 1/2 WEST MAIN ST.

Christmas Holiday Excursion TO THE CITY OF MEXICO

via the SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY LEAVING PORTLAND Dec. 11th and 12th, 1910 and SAN FRANCISCO DECEMBER 14, 1910. A MAGNIFICENT SPECIAL TRAIN Consisting of Observation Car, Pullman, vestibuled sleeping cars, smoking car and dining car, will leave Third and Townsend streets, San Francisco, via the Coast Line. The excursion is run under the auspices of the Southern Pacific, National Lines of Mexico, International and Great Northern, G. H. & S. A. and Santa Fe.

Round Trip Fare

\$104.00—FROM PORTLAND—\$104.00
Corresponding low rates from other O. R. & N. and S. P. points.
Interesting side trips on the return trip, including the Grand Canyon, may be made. Final return limit 60 days from date of sale. Equipment on this train will be limited and no more passengers will be taken than can be comfortably provided for.
For further information, details and beautifully illustrated booklet on "Mexico," call on any O. R. & N. or S. P. Agent or write to WILLIAM McMURRAY General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon

People Who Work Indoors With Their Hands



Seamstresses, watch-makers, artists, draughtsmen, and many others, cannot properly handle their tools with cold, stiff hands. Many a lost hour or two on cold winter mornings results from the delayed heat of furnace or stove.

The Perfection Oil Heater, in a few minutes gives the temperature that assures the worker warm hands and pliable muscles. The

PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATER

Absolutely smokeless and odorless

quickly gives heat, and with one filling of the font burns steadily for nine hours, without smoke or smell. Has automatic-locking flame spreader which prevents the wick from being turned high enough to smoke, and is easy to remove and drop back so the wick can be quickly cleaned.

It has a damper top and a cool handle. Indicator always shows the amount of oil in the font. The filler-cap does not need to be screwed down; it is put in like a cork in a bottle, and is attached to the font by a chain, and cannot get lost. The burner body or gallery cannot become wedged, because of a new device in construction, and consequently, it can always be easily unscrewed in an instant for reworking. The Perfection is finished in japan or nickel, is strong, durable, well-made, built for service, and yet light and ornamental.



Desires Everywhere. If sold at your store, write for descriptive circular to the nearest agency of the Standard Oil Company (Incorporated)
time I commenced taking Doan's Kid- Y., sole agents for the United States, ney Pills, procured at Haskins' drug. Remember the name—Doan's—and store. They helped me from the first, take no other, although other remedies had proven useless, and as I continued taking. The matter of accomplishing things of them, I steadily grew better until not would have no difficulties, worthy of one symptom of my trouble remain the same, if one publication of a want ed." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Haskins for health.

PLUMBING

STEAM AND HOT WATER HEATING
All Work Guaranteed Prices Reasonable
COFFEEN & PRICE
11 North D St., Medford, Ore. Phone 303

The finest Sample Rooms in the city. Single rooms or en suite also rooms with bath

Hotel Moore

Telephone in Every Room
RAU-MOHR COMPANY Proprietors.
EUROPEAN PLAN

Real Estate Loans

Can be had through us
Current rate of Interest.

R.F. GUERIN & CO.

4 MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

F. N. CUMMINGS T. W. OSGOOD

OSGOOD & CUMMINGS

THE BEST EQUIPPED ENGINEERING OFFICE IN SOUTHERN OREGON
OFFICE: MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK BLDG.

Fisher & Whitmire

HIGH GRADE INVESTMENTS
Mining and Fruit Land
Orchard and City Property
Insurance
32 South Central Ave. Medford

The King of Entertainers
A Genuine Edison Phonograph Outfit Sent Without Cost to You on 10 Days' Free Trial



Why Not Consider This Offer Now?

This is an invitation to every reader of this paper to write us, at once, for our free trial offer—no money down—9 months to pay—no interest charged—we pay the freight and give 10 days to try an Edison Phonograph in your own home. Our Outfit No. 12 costs \$34.20 and includes New Edison Fireside Phonograph with combination reproducer to play 2 and 4-minute records; new Cygnet Horn, also special Fiber-Horn; half dozen Edison Amberol (4-minute) Records and half dozen Gold Moulded Standard Records; nickel-plated Crans, bottle Phonograph Oil, Oil Can and an Automatic Brush attachment. This offer is fair to you and to us, because we want you a satisfied customer—a booster for Eilers—our best advertisement. Send 353 Washington St. for Eilers—our best advertisement. Send us the coupon—catalogue and full particulars and Eilers will come to you by return mail. EILERS MUSIC HOUSE

Eilers Music House
PORTLAND, OREGON.
Largest Western Dealers in All Makes of Talking Machines
Records, Pianos, Organs, etc.

Medford Iron Works

E. G. Trowbridge, Prop.
FOUNDRY AND MACHINIST
All kinds of Engines, Spraying Outfits, Pumps, Boilers and Machinery. Agents in So. Oregon for FAIRBANKS, MORSE & CO.