

GOVERNOR HAS PLAN TO TAX ALL AUTOS.
Personal Property Assessment Would Be Collected with License Fee.

Salem, Or., Dec. 13.—Governor Withycombe is evolving a plan which regardless of the 6 per cent limitation amendment, may give the legislature ample leeway to care for the state institutions, increase the present highway fund by approximately \$134,000 a year, provide a maintenance fund of \$450,000 to be spread around among the state institutions during the next two years, and all without a bond issue and by the process of rounding up automobile owners who dodge the personal tax on their machines as assessed by County Assessors.

The plan of the Governor, when whipped into shape, will probably be first placed before the State Highway Commission and later the Legislature. Under the plan proposed he would consolidate the regularly imposed automobile license tax on motor vehicles and the personal property tax, but have the entire administration of collecting motor vehicle taxes centered on the state. He suggests as a method of simplicity to merely raise the license tax fee to a sufficient amount to cover the license tax and the personal property tax as well.

Estimate is 40,000 Cars.
He estimates that there will be at least 40,000 automobiles in the state next year. Using as a basis \$10 a car, this would raise a total of \$400,000 a year, or \$800,000 for the biennium. He estimates the cost of administration, such as collecting the license fees and cost of tags and incidentals, at about 18 per cent of the amount to be derived from the taxation.

The balance he would turn entirely into the state highway fund. The present state highway fund amounts to a one-quarter of a mill tax on the assessed valuation of the state, which has been returning approximately \$250,000 annually. Under the new assessed valuation, however, which has dropped to about \$800,000,000, the amount raised will be approximately \$225,000 annually, or \$450,000 for the biennium.

It is the proposal, when the increased highway fund is raised under the automobile tax plan, to turn the quarter of a mill tax now raised for state highway purposes over to the state institutions, to be used for their maintenance.

"I am opposed to making any particular increase in corporation taxes at this time, at least," stated Governor Withycombe, in discussing his new proposal. "The state needs new industries and payrolls and should carefully avoid any moves which will tend toward either keeping new capital from the state or driving away industries already here."

Bonding Scheme not Liked.
"I don't like the bonding scheme, if we can avoid it."
"Under the proposal, which I believe should be endorsed, of creating a non-salaried Highway Commission, composed of citizens who would serve from patriotic motives, and given the services of a competent engineer, the state highway construction would be placed on an official basis, which would mean big things for Oregon."

"The state educational institutions are in a bad way for funds, and it is my intense hope to see some measure provided to give them adequate support."
"The millage plan for the state's schools, when originally conceived, was based on the theory that the advancing assessed valuation of the state from year to year would mean additional funds for them. But the decreased assessed valuation has resulted in a serious situation for the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, and the Normal School at Monmouth."

Some Provisions Necessary.
"Some little money might be saved by discontinuing appropriations, to charitable institutions, as has been suggested, but I fail to see where it would accomplish much in the long run. The wards of these schools would have to be cared for in some manner and the expense would fall on the state at the end anyway. I doubt if any plan to discontinue such appropriations will meet with success, and I am also somewhat doubtful as to the advisability of it."
"The bonding plan for roads seems to meet with no general favor, as there seems to be a sentiment against long-term bonds which eat up much in interest."

"The necessity for the objectionable features would be done away with by combining the license fee and the personal property tax on automobiles, and throwing it all into a fund for better highways in the state."

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Klamath Falls will have a big municipal Christmas tree this year.

Snow and cold weather has stopped threshing in the vicinity of Shaniko.

Reuben Gant, an Oregon pioneer, died at his home in Philomath at the age of 98.

The annual booster banquet of the North Bend chamber of commerce was held December 13.

Haines has three vacant councilmanic chairs as the result of failure to hold an election.

Portland now has 1314 miles of streets, 738 miles of water mains and 574 miles of sewers.

William H. Savage, of Salem, has been chosen president of the Board of State Fair Directors.

Loss of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 resulted at Baker from the destruction by fire of the Paull building.

The annual convention of the school teachers of Crook county will be held in Prineville December 18, 19 and 20.

As a precautionary measure against a spread of scarlet fever, the Klamath Falls high school was closed for a few days.

To aid in waging a relentless war on coyotes the Douglas county court has raised the bounty on coyotes and wolves from \$10 to \$20.

E. C. Kirkpatrick has been appointed county judge of Polk county by Governor Withycombe, following the resignation of John R. Teal.

An all-woman ticket was elected at the Umatilla city election last week and Umatilla will be controlled by women after the first of the year.

The Central Willamette Valley Medical association, composed of physicians of Linn, Lane, Benton and Lincoln counties, met at Albany last week.

John A. Carson, a cousin of Sir Edward Carson, the Irish statesman, and one of the best-known attorneys in the Pacific northwest, died in Salem last week.

Sixteen thousand fir trees, ranging from two to five feet in length, will be shipped this week from Grants Pass to Los Angeles for the Christmas trade.

One of the largest of the Hyde-Benson land fraud cases was tried Monday in Klamath Falls. There are about 10,000 acres involved in the Klamath Falls case.

The Klamath county budget provides a sum of \$60,000 for the erection of a new courthouse at Klamath Falls which has been under consideration for some time.

The cases involving the constitutionality of the industrial welfare commission and 10-hour acts of Oregon will be argued in January in the United States supreme court.

Frank B. Tichenor, representative-elect from Coos and Curry counties, has gone to Washington, D. C., to present Port Orford's advantages as a site for a naval base.

Senator Chamberlain has been informed by the adjutant general that consideration is being given to the return of Troop A and other Oregon troops from the border.

With nearly 150 boys in attendance from all parts of eastern Oregon and western Idaho, the annual older boys' conference opened at Baker under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

There is a movement on in Coos county with the object of abolishing the office of road supervisor and placing all county road work under the charge of competent foremen.

The Bend Bulletin, which has been published as a weekly for the past 13 years, has entered the daily newspaper field, issuing the first daily to be published in central Oregon.

Horace Cardinell, a graduate of Oregon Agricultural college, has been appointed pomologist of the Brazilian government at a salary of \$2400 a year, with transportation and expenses.

A meeting of the legislators of Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties was held with the Grants Pass commercial club Monday, at which fish legislation affecting Rogue river was discussed.

The state of Oregon now houses one automobile for every group of 25 residents, as compared with a ratio of one car for every 33 people a year ago. The total registration for the 1916 series is 32,908.

Three heavily armed men, unmasked, entered the State Bank of Bothell, 15 miles north of Seattle, compelled the cashier to deliver the money in the safe, estimated at \$4000, and escaped in an automobile.

Samples of products from flax produced at the Oregon state penitentiary have been received from California by R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control, and will be placed on exhibition. The articles included linen huck towels, shoe twine, wrapper twine and sack twine, all of which appeared to be superior products.

Battering their way through a two-foot brick wall of the Umatilla county jail at Pendleton, four prisoners, waiting a hearing before the grand jury, slipped through a foot-square hole, dropped 20 feet to the courthouse yard and escaped.

Relations between the cattle and horsemen, east of Bend, and sheepmen from various parts of Lake county who, it is said, have come north into Crook county for winter range, are strained almost to the breaking point, it is reported.

The third week in February has been designated by the Oregon Normal school as rural school week. Every member of the rural department will be sent into four Oregon counties to study educational conditions in the rural sections.

Senator Chamberlain has been advised by the reclamation service that an investigation is being made of the Umatilla and John Day reclamation withdrawals with a view to restoration to general entry of lands not necessary for these projects.

Three of the 307 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week were fatal. Two loggers, James Gasch of Portland, and Charles Boone of McKinley, and one sawmill employe, J. G. Stephens, of Portland, were killed.

Increases in reciprocal demurrage charges will soon be fixed by the public service commission. They will become effective January 1. The increases will affect shippers and carriers alike, and will be sufficiently drastic to relieve the car shortage.

The sack system of handling grain was denounced as an active factor in crippling the Oregon wheat export business by the committee on elevators of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union of Oregon-southern Idaho, in session at McMinnville last week.

Finderne Mutual Payne Valdessa, a junior yearling Holstein bull, consigned by Bernhard Meyer, of Finderne, N. J., sold in the ring at the sixth Pacific International Livestock show at Portland for \$21,500, the highest price ever paid on the coast for a single animal.

With a record of having eclipsed all similar shows ever held at Portland in the quality and number of animals shown and the sales made, the sixth annual Pacific International Livestock exposition, which had been in session at the Union stockyards for a week, closed Saturday.

For the purpose of permitting adult Indians of the Umatilla reservation to express their views as to whether tribal lands of the reservation shall be allotted to children of present allottees, Superintendent Swartzlander has issued a call for a tribal council for January 2, 1917.

Provisions of the constitutional amendment passed by the people at the last general election and known as the rural credits amendment will not become effective until February 5, or 60 days after the proclamation issued by the governor declaring such amendment a law, according to an opinion given by the attorney-general's office.

Oregon's first year of successful commercial flax growing has proved so many things to the promoters of flax culture in Portland, Salem, Eugene and Gaston that a campaign is to be launched for the extension of the flax fields, for the financing of half a dozen mills to treat the fiber and for the establishment of a great factory that will transform the fiber into linens.

That numerous small sawmills throughout Oregon are closing down or have closed down and that scores of farmers and others have been ruined and become bankrupt through the serious car shortage being experienced in the state, is the assertion of Frank J. Miller, of the public service commission, following visits to many parts of Oregon for hearings held by the commissioners.

The fact that above overhead charges, estimated interest and other expenses, the Oregon state hospital farm produced \$85,000 net for the state in the past two years, is given as one of the principal reasons by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the institution, why he has asked for no greater per capita tax in this year's budget for the next biennium than he asked two years ago.

The Marshfield chamber of commerce has set in motion a scheme of changing radically the methods which have been in force for the past ten years. Instead of depending upon printed literature the chamber will be organized as a corporation and proceed to gather an industrial fund to encourage prospective manufacturers in locating and aid them in financing their industries.

Among the good roads projects launched in Oregon recently a most ambitious one is that of A. G. Raab of North Bend. The plan proposes to connect every county seat in the state in one permanent road building scheme. In general it calls for four north and south roads, two on each side of the Cascade mountains and three east and west roads from which lateral roads will branch out in every direction. The plan would take in the Pacific highway and the coast millitary highway.

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AT C. I. CLOUGH'S.

GERMANY WANTS PEACE.

Appeals to the Neutral Powers to Bring it About.
Berlin, Dec. 12.—Following is the text of the note addressed by Germany and her allies to the hostile governments:

"The most terrific war ever experienced in history has been raging for the last two years and a half over a large part of the world—a catastrophe which thousands of years of common civilization was unable to prevent, and which injures the most precious achievements of humanity.

"Our aims are not to shatter nor annihilate our adversaries. In spite of our consciousness of our military and economic strength and our readiness to continue the war, which was forced upon us, until the bitter end if necessary, at the same time prompted by the desire to avoid further bloodshed and make an end to the atrocities of war, the four allied powers propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

Lasting Peace Proposed.

"The propositions which they bring forward for such negotiations and which have for their object a guarantee of the existence, of the honor and liberty of evolution for their nations, are, according to their firm belief, an appropriate basis for the establishment of a lasting peace.

"The four allied powers have been obliged to take up arms to defend justice and the liberty of national evolution. The glorious deeds of our armies have in no way altered their purpose. We always maintain the firm belief that our own rights and justified claims in no way control the rights of these nations.

Balkans Victory Cited.

"The last attack in the Balkans has been rapidly and victoriously overcome. The most recent events have demonstrated that further continuance of the war will not result in breaking the resistance of our forces, and the whole situation with regard to our troops justifies our expectation of future successes.

Notice of Completed Contract

Notice is hereby given, that R. L. Shreve, County Surveyor, of Tillamook County, Oregon, has filed in this office his certificate for the completion of the contract of J. H. Hicks, on the Miami River Bridge and Riv-

er Protection, in accordance with the plans and specifications, and any person, firm or corporation, having objections to file to the completion of said work, may do so within two weeks from the date of the first publication.

J. C. Holden, County Clerk.
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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that at the General Election held on November 7th, 1916, the question of Stock running at large in the Precinct of Cloverdale was voted upon, and it appearing from said returns that a majority of all votes cast was against stock running at large.

Now therefore in sixty (60) days from the date of this notice it shall be unlawful for stock to run at large, under penalty of Ten (10) dollars for the first offense, and twenty (20) dollars for each and every subsequent offense to be recovered from the owner of the stock in a civil action in the name of the State of Oregon before a Justice of the Peace in the district in which said owner or keeper or either of them may reside, and if there be no Justice of the Peace in such district, then before any Justice of the Peace in the County.

Dated this 29th day of November, A. D. 1916.
J. C. Holden, County Clerk.
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Farm Loan Association Formed.

Last Saturday at Garibaldi a meeting was held of the Tillamook National Farm Loan Association, which was organized November 4, 1916, according to the requirements of the new Federal Loan Law. Several new members were enrolled and steps were taken to complete the organization December 30, by which time the printed forms new ready will be obtained by the secretary of the association. As much interest is being shown in the new law, a committee of three was appointed to extend membership and to give information to those interested. The committee consists of T. R. Elliott, Bay City; G. W. Wilks, Barnesdale; and C. W. McMillan, Garibaldi. The organization plans to be ready for inspection at the opening of the Loan Bank in this district.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

"Preparation of the world for the Messiah," is the pastor's subject for the morning sermon at 11 next Sunday. Students of history and government as well as of theology and practical religion will be interested in this discourse and study. "The Ministry of Joy" is one of the series on "Life's Ministries" which is being delivered in the evening services during the month. This service will be at 7:30. Everyone attending these services will be benefitted, and will be enabled the better to promote the message of spirit of the Christmas season. This church is planning to hold special services beginning with December 31, and continuing sometime into the new year. The pastor will be the evangelist. All the privileges of the church are offered to the people of the community a means of grace.

Christmas Tree at Nazarene Church.

At the church of the Nazarene on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd at 7:30, a Christmas program will be given by the Sunday School. We will have a Christmas tree upon which will be placed gifts for charity. The railroads will carry goods free of charge until Jan. 1st to the Louise Home and Kerr Nursery in Portland. All friends of these institutions will remember that besides the 100 people dependent upon them for three meals a day, they give a Christmas dinner to possibly 1000 unfortunates. Provisions are needed such as vegetables, fruit and groceries, also clothing. Any articles of clothing or toys for babies will be appreciated. If you wish your gifts to go to the needy at home please mark them "Tillamook."
Donations may be left at the church on Thursday and Friday, or they will be called for upon request. Phone King and Smith Co. for further information or see committee, which is composed of Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. Erskine, Miss Bertha Blanchard and Miss Pauline Hathaway.

Vanity, All is Vanity.

"Papa, what is the difference between a president and a vice-president?" "A vice-president is surrounded by obscurity when he takes office and a president is surrounded by it when he leaves."