

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

Governor Chamberlain Issues Call Directing a Special Convention

ON MONDAY, DEC. 21, 1903

To Remedy Defect In Tax Law and Provide For Levy

Calls Special Election In Five Counties of State

Salem, Or., Nov. 21, 1903.

I, Geo. E. Chamberlain, by virtue of the authority in me vested as Governor of the state of Oregon, do hereby direct the convening of the two houses of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon in special session at the State Capitol in Salem, on Monday, the 21st day of December, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the purpose of meeting the objections made by the supreme court, and curing the defects in an act entitled, "An act to provide more efficient method for the assessment and collection of taxes, and to amend sections 3057, 3060, 3052, 3054, 3085, 3090, 3098, 3106, 3107, 3112, 3116 and 3120 of Beilinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon," passed by the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon at its twenty-second regular session in 1902.

All who shall at the time hereinafter named be entitled to act as members of said Legislative Assembly are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Oregon, at the Capitol, in Salem, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1903.

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By the Governor: F. I. Dunbar, Secretary of State.

upon the part of the Governor in view of a recent decision of the supreme court of this state, which held that the act of a law enacted by the Legislative Assembly of 1902 and providing the manner of the assessment, levy and collection of taxes, repealed the old law and left the county courts of the several counties and the state board without authority to levy a tax upon the assessment roll of 1903.

This would have the effect of depriving the state and the counties, towns and school districts of the state from their annual revenue from taxation, providing no funds with which to carry on their business for a whole year and making it necessary for them to issue warrants in payment of all indebtedness during that period. The interest upon these warrants, from the date of issue until funds were provided for their redemption, would amount into the thousands of dollars and would seriously cripple the business of many counties, towns and school districts.

The Governor arrived at this conclusion only after three weeks of serious consideration, during which period he made a thorough investigation of the condition of the state funds, which would be directly affected by the proposed act. He also addressed circular letters to the members of the Legislature, inquiring into the financial condition of their respective counties, towns and districts, and requesting of them the assurance that they would confine the business of the session to the enactment of such legislation only as would be required to remedy the defect in the tax law, and having gained the assurance of the majority of the members that they were in favor of and would exercise their influence toward making it the shortest session possible, and being satisfied in his own mind that the emergency really existed, he believed it to be in the best interests of the state in general to convene the Legislature in special session to remedy the mistake.

All of the members of the Legislature who answered the letter agreed with the Governor that the business of the session should be confined to remedial legislation only, and such other matters which may come up for consideration of vital importance to the state, and the majority of them were of the opinion that from two to four days would be sufficient to transact all of the business necessary, after which they should adjourn. In view of this fact, the Governor has called the members to meet on December 21, in the hope that they would conclude their deliberations and adjourn in time to depart for their several homes before

leaved from custody telephoned Mr. Stager to allow him to stop at the hotel, and he (McAllister) would be responsible for the bill. Mr. McAllister had taken a liking to the convict, and decided to befriend him upon his release.

He had just served a year as punishment for a similar crime to the one for which he has been found, and it is not thought probable that he will be apprehended.

MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE

Chris Thomas, Ex-Convict Passes Some Worthless Checks and Skips

Chris Thomas, until recently a wearer of stripes at the Oregon State Penitentiary, is again wanted on a very serious charge, and if apprehended will be given an opportunity to visit his partners in crime at the penitentiary again. He seems to be born with a liking for crime, and cannot throw it off.

TURNED DOWN AGAIN

MINERS OF COLORADO REJECT SECOND PROPOSITION OF THE OPERATORS

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 21.—The miners of the Northern coal fields, today, for the second time, rejected the proposition of the operators for a settlement of the strike. It is understood that this action is in the nature of a sympathetic strike, as the operators had practically conceded all the demands of the men. The vote is said to have been in opposition to the advance of the operators of the United Mine Workers, who have been trying to effect a settlement.

WILL INCREASE PRICE

GIANTIC SHINGLE TRUST ABOUT TO BE FORMED IN WASHINGTON

WHATCOM, Wn., Nov. 21.—A combination of the shingle dealers in Whatcom county with the State Shingle Dealers' Association, each of whom produce over 25 per cent of the shingle output of the entire country, will, almost beyond doubt, be formed Monday. Advice from Eastern dealers are to the effect that such a combination in six weeks will raise the price of shingles 25 per cent. all over the United States.

HAVE FIXED THE DATE

WILL PROBABLY VOTE ON CUBAN RECIPROcity BILL ON DECEMBER 16

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The Republican and Democratic leaders of the Senate were in conference much of the time today over the question of fixing time today over the Cuban reciprocity bill, and, so far as they were concerned, to do so, entered into an agreement to take a final vote on December 16. There was no opportunity to consult some of the Democratic Senators, who desire to speak in favor of the bill, but it is not doubted that they will assent to the arrangement.

Christmas. This is only a surmise, however, as the Legislature, should it desire to prolong the session beyond the limit assumed for remedial legislation pertaining to the tax law, could take a recess from before Christmas until any time the members saw fit within the twenty days' limit prescribed by the Constitution.

SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED

In view of the vacancies existing in the Senate Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, caused by the election of Senator J. N. Williamson as a member of Congress from the Second Congressional District, and Senator C. W. Fulton as United States Senator, the Governor also issued a writ of election upon the sheriff of Klamath, Grant, Lake and Crook counties, in the Ninth Senatorial district, and of Clatsop county, in the Nineteenth Senatorial district, instructing them to proclaim a special election on Wednesday, December 16, 1903, for the purpose of electing members to the Legislature to fill the existing vacancies.

Although Senator John D. Daly, of Benton county, has been appointed and is now serving in the capacity of surveyor general for the state of Oregon, there is no official record or cognizance of it to the extent of considering his seat vacant in the upper branch of the Legislature, and he leaves the matter of whether or not he is entitled to a seat in the Senate to the judgment of that body when it convenes. There appears to be no question of his being denied the privilege of taking a seat in the Senate, and representing the people of his county, thereby saving them the expense of holding a special election to provide a successor.

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Frightful Disaster Takes Place Near Johnstown, Pa.

LODGING SHANTY BURNS

And Twenty-Eight of its Occupants Perish in the Flames

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Nov. 21.—Twenty-eight bodies, charred and blackened beyond all possibility of identification, lie tonight in the ruins of what was once an Italian lodging shanty, located on the line of the Pennsylvania Railway, twenty miles east of this city. In addition to the list of dead, there are thirty-two who have been removed to the hospitals and several of this number cannot recover.

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