

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.

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amended by the Legislative Assembly of 1902 and providing the manner of the assessment, levy and collection of taxes, repealed the old law and left the county courts of the several counties and the state board without authority to levy a tax upon the assessment roll of 1903.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

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.

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.

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MAY NOT RECOVER LIMB FROM A FALLING TREE STRUCK AN OLD MAN. Mr. E. W. Otto, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. Seward, four miles south of Salem, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon by being struck on the head from a limb from a falling tree, and is lying at his daughter's home unconscious.

BLUES DEFEAT THE CRIMSONS Fierce Battle of the Giants From Beginning to the End. SEVERAL TIMES HARVARD'S WITHIN SIGHT OF YALE'S GOAL BUT THEIR EFFORTS AT LINE BUCKING WERE UNAVAILING—OTHER GAMES.

TURNED DOWN AGAIN 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.

WILL INCREASE PRICE OF SHINGLES GIGANTIC SHINGLE TRUST ABOUT TO BE FORMED IN WASHINGTON.

HAVE FIXED THE DATE WILL PROBABLY VOTE ON CUBAN RECIPROcity BILL ON DECEMBER 16.

NO LIVES ARE LOST ENTIRE MILITARY QUARTERS OF FORT GIBBON DESTROYED BY FIRE.

CAUGHT IN DEATH TRAP Ten Men Burned to Death in Pennsylvania Mine AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

Ill-Fated Hill Farm Districts Adds More Victims DISASTER OCCURRED AS MEN WERE FINISHING DAY'S WORK, SHUTTING OFF ESCAPE AND ONLY NINE OF NINETEEN OF THE VICTIMS ESCAPED.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 21.—The ill-fated Hill Farm district tonight added ten more victims to its black record. Just as the day shift had nearly completed its labors and were about to leave the Ferguson mine at 6:30 o'clock a terrific explosion rent the whole mine and nineteen miners, who were working in the vicinity, were thrown in all directions.

WOMAN HELD UP HIGHWAYMAN USES CLUB ON MISS BERTHA CALDWELL, THEN CHOKES HER. NORTH YAKIMA, Wn., Nov. 21.—Miss Bertha Caldwell, daughter of J. A. Caldwell, of this city, was held up and robbed at 6:30 last night while on her way from the store of the H. H. Schott Company, where she is employed in the dressmaking department.

UNABLE TO AGREE BRYAN AND HEIRS HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS REGARDING FORM OF DECREE. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 21.—The inability of opposing counsel in the case of the will of the late Philip S. Bennett to agree on the form of the formal decree to be entered in the probate court proceedings was made manifest today when Judge Henry Stoddard, as counsel for Mrs. Bennett, the widow, and other heirs, filed with the court his draft of the form of the decree.

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RUSHED INTO DEATH'S JAWS

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.

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GETS TWENTY YEARS ROBERT GARDNER, CROOK AND EX-CONVICT, SENTENCED FOR MAYHEM. OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 21.—After being out all last night, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of mayhem in the case of the state of Oregon vs. Robert Gardner.

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PRIEST CUT INTO PIECES THE CATHOLIC PRIEST, TSU, BEING TAKEN TO THE MOUNTAINS BY THE BRIGANDS.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Martha Bowers, accused of poisoning her husband, through her attorney, obtained her request to be tried December 14.

More Wages Reduced. Fall River, Mass., Nov. 21.—The cotton mills known as the Fall River Iron Works, owned by M. C. D. Bowers, of New York, will follow the mills in the reduction of wages.

Nothing but Facts. Washington, Nov. 21.—The Senate military committee continued its investigation today of the charges made against General Wood.

CONFIDENT OF WAR BUT COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT WILL TRY TO AVOID IT BY DIPLOMACY. BOGOTA, Nov. 21.—A man prominent in public affairs today informed a correspondent of this Associated Press that the Colombian government would await the result of the mission to Washington of General Reyes before deciding upon a policy as regards the new Republic of Panama.

TO REINFORCE BESIEGED. Salonica, Nov. 21.—A battalion of troops was detached from Seres, Macedonia, today, to reinforce the Turkish command which has been besieged for two days in the mountains near Spatovo, by bands of 25 insurgents.

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SILVER IN LARDEAU. VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 21.—A rich find, secured in a remarkable way, is reported from Camborne. While workers were excavating a site for a blacksmith shop on Goat mountain, 5 1/2 tons of the richest silver-lead ore ever discovered in the Lardeau was taken out.

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