

\$209,250 INCREASE MADE IN SALARIES.

Baton Rouge, La., May 31.—The report of W. N. McFarland, supervisor of Public Accounts, prepared under the terms of the resolution of C. B. DeBellevue, showing salary raisers of this convention, was submitted to the convention Monday night. It shows that the increases in salaries from the state, as so far specified, total \$209,250. This includes executive judicial, city of New Orleans, legislature, tax collector, etc., but it does not show the scores of increases allowed from local or separate department funds. This grand total would run way into the figures. Mr. McFarland tells the convention it is impossible to estimate.

The McFarland statement follows:

Gentlemen: The following statement in reference to proposed increases in salaries is respectfully submitted in response to Resolution No. 135 by Mr. DeBellevue.

Executive Department.
Lieutenant Governor—Proposed salary 2,400; present salary, 1,500; increase, 900.

State Treasurer—Proposed salary, 5,000; present salary, 4,000; increase, 1,000.

Registrar Land Office—Proposed salary, 5,000; present salary 4,000; increase 1,000.

Com. of Agriculture—Proposed salary, 5,000; present salary, 4,000; increase 1,000.

Com. of Conservation—Proposed salary 5,000; present salary, 4,000; increase 1,000. Total \$4,900.

Supreme Court.
Seven Active Justices—Proposed salary, 56,000; present salary, 40,000; increase, 16,000.

Five Active Justices—Proposed salary, 40,000; present salary, 40,000; increase. Total 40,000.

Courts of Appeal.
Three Judges, New Orleans—Proposed salary, 18,000; present salary 15,000; increase 3,000.

Six Judges, Country—Proposed salary, 36,000; present salary 24,000; increase, 12,000. Total 15,000.

District Courts—Country.
Thirty-seven Active Judges—Proposed salary, 185,000; present salary, 111,000; increase 74,000.

One Retired Judge—Proposed salary 5,000; present salary 3,000; increase, 2,000.

Thirty District Attorneys—Proposed salary, 75,000; present salary, 30,000; increase, 45,000.

Two Assistant District Attorneys—Proposed salary, 1,500; present salary, 1,200; increase, 300. Total 121,300.

District Courts.
Five Civil Judges—Proposed salary, 25,000; present salary, 20,000; increase, 5,000.

Two Criminal Judges—Proposed salary, 10,000; present salary, 8,000; increase 2,000. Total 7,000.

City Courts—New Orleans.
Three Civil Judges—Proposed salary, 10,000.

Four Civil Judges—Present salary, 9,600; increase 1,200.

Two Criminal Judges—Proposed salary, 9,000; present salary, 6,000; increase, 3,000. Total 4,200.

Juvenile Court—New Orleans.
One Judge—Proposed salary, 4,000; present salary 3,000; increase, 1,000. Total 1,000.

Attorney General.
Attorney General—Proposed salary, 7,500; present salary 5,000; increase, 2,500.

First Assistant—Proposed salary 6,500; present salary, 4,000; increase 2,500.

Second Assistant—Proposed salary, 6,500; present salary 4,000; increase 2,500.

Third Assistant—Proposed salary, 6,500; present salary 4,000; increase 2,500.

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salary 4,500; present saary 3,500; increase, 1,000. Total 6,000.

State Tax Col.—New Orleans.
Tax Collector—Proposed salary 6,000; present salary 5,000; increase 1,000.

Clerical Force—Proposed salary, 50,000; present salary 35,000; increase, 15,000. Total 16,000. Making a total of 191,400.

Legislature.
130 Members—Sixty days—Proposed salary, 83,400.

159 Members—Sixty days—Present salary, 47,700; increase, 35,700. Annual average, 47,850.

Grand total \$209,250.

Only State Increases.

Permit me to say that the above figures cover only the increases to be paid by the State, which were specified fixed in the proposed ordinances or schedules. In addition to the above there are a number of provisions where increases are permitted by legislative enactment, but because of the impossibility of telling whether they will or will not be made, no definite figures can be given. I beg to refer to them as follows:

Executive Department.

Schedule as passed places no limit on salaries of the clerical forces of the auditor, treasurer, and secretary of state. Besides the auditor and treasurer are each allowed a deputy, but no salary is fixed. Impossible to estimate increase.

Supreme Court.

Schedule provides for retirement of justices on full pay, both on account of age and disability. Each retirement will increase salary list by \$8,000 per year, but no stated increase can be given at this time.

District Courts.

District Courts—Country parishes: Legislature, by two-thirds vote, is given the right to change the number of district judges. Each additional judge will mean an increase of \$5,000 per year, while each decrease will take off a like amount.

Also legislature, by majority vote, can provide for one or more assistant district attorneys in each judicial district. Each assistant added will increase salary list by \$750 per year.

In this connection I think it proper to say that after the next judicial election the number of district judges will be reduced by eight, and the number of district attorneys by five. The salary list given above for judges and district attorneys will be reduced by \$40,000 and \$12,500 respectively.

Civil District Court—New Orleans: Schedule calls for not fewer than five judges. Each increase that might be made will

add to salary list \$5,000 per year.

Educational Boost.

Department of Education—An indefinite salary of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$7,500 is proposed for the superintendent of public education. The present salary is \$5,000 per year. It is impossible now to tell if the increase will be \$2,500 per year, or if it will be nothing at all.

Adjutant General—Salary not fixed by proposed ordinance. President salary is \$3,600 per year. No way of telling now whether there will be an increase or decrease.

Registrars of Voters—Schedule provides for a registrar of voters for each parish in the state, and says that the legislature shall fix the compensation. Registrar in New Orleans now gets \$4,000 per year, while all others get fees only for actual work performed, one-half of which is paid by the state and the other half by the parishes. Impossible to estimate what the increase may be.

Trusting the above will be considered a full compliance with the terms of the resolution, I am,

Yours very truly,
W. N. McFarland,
Supervisor of Public Accounts.

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A CORRECTION.

Delcambre, May 31, 1921.

Editor Enterprise:

Relative to the base ball game played at Delcambre on the 22d of May, I wish to correct a statement as it appeared in your competitor's paper at New Iberia in which it was stated that the game was stopped in the 5th inning with scores 3 to 1 in favor of Delcambre, and that College team had the bases full and no batters down, with prospect of being victorious. In reply to this article will say that the game was up to its first half of the 7th inning with College boys at bat, one batter out, and very little prospect of being victorious. The game was stopped on account of rain and the statement was erroneous.

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Yours very truly,
Jos. A. LeBlanc, Secty.

MANY INDUSTRIES TIED TO TOBACCO

Prohibition of Weed Would Mean Big Financial Loss to Allied Trades.

WHO USES THE MATCH?

The Smoker Mainly—Also Responsible for Spending Hundreds of Millions Annually for Licorice, Sugar, Coal, Cigar Boxes, Tin Foil, Etc.

By GARRET SMITH

"Got a match?" How many times a day is that question asked in these United States? How many more times is the question unnecessary because most pockets are kept well supplied with the useful little article? Anyhow, inasmuch as it is estimated that there are 30,000,000 tobacco users in the country, we would guess that the answer to that question would run into the hundreds of millions.

For if it weren't for the smokers in these days of electric lights how many matches would be used? A pretty small proportion of the number of these "sticks of blazes" produced in the country every year. Abolish tobacco and the match business would be shot to pieces.

But the match business is only one of a dozen or more allied industries which derive large revenues directly or indirectly from the tobacco trade and would suffer heavily if national prohibition of tobacco were to go into effect as some of our reformers would have it. The annual sales of tobacco products, based on retail prices, is estimated at \$1,937,000,000. Of the cost of producing and selling this quantity of cigars, cigarettes and other forms of the weed, some hundreds of million dollars are paid out for other things than the raw tobacco and labor of making it up.

\$25,000,000 a Year for Boxes

For example, the tobacco trade consumes each year 45,000,000 pounds of licorice, 50,000,000 pounds of sugar, both used in flavoring tobacco, and 650,000 tons of coal. It is estimated that the value of wooden cigar boxes used is \$25,000,000 a year, quite an item to the lumber business and to manufacturers of the boxes.

In making these boxes 550,000 pounds of nails are employed. Other large items used in making and preparing tobacco for sale are tin and lead foil, paper for bags and cigarette wrappers, cloth for tobacco bags, labels, coupons, etc., involving the printing trade extensively.

Then building contractors and manufacturers of machinery are largely interested. Investments in plants and machinery employed in manufacturing tobacco are estimated at \$102,000,000. Replacement, up-keep and interest on the investment make no small sum annually.

And let reality men note there are approximately 325,000 tobacco farms in the country, with a total estimated valuation of \$100,000,000. Of further interest to real estate men is the fact that there are 700,000 retail establishments selling tobacco, involving a total rental and up-keep impossible to estimate, besides the large amount of office space occupied by administrative branches of the general business.

The insurance men, too, have their share of the pickings. The tobacco business pays out annually \$7,000,000 in premiums in the United States.

And there are the railroads who reap revenue from 2,210,000 tons of tobacco products every year.

As for the advertising business, here again it is impossible to form any estimate of the enormous annual outlay.

The prohibition of tobacco would also knock a good-sized hole in the receipts of the United States government. The internal revenue receipts from tobacco for the fiscal year 1920 amounted to \$295,809,855.44. Customs duties provided an additional \$25,000,000 in round figures, making the total revenue return to the government \$320,000,000.

Influence on Popular Sentiment
It is this interlocking of the tobacco business with so many other interests and the vast amount of financial loss that would be involved in the abolition of tobacco that is one of the most serious aspects of the proposal to prohibit the sale of tobacco, a proposal, however, which has little support by public sentiment if the newspaper editors of the country are correct in their estimate of that sentiment.

In a poll of the editors made recently by the Tobacco Merchants' Association of the United States, through the Press Service Company of New York City, 95 per cent of the 7,847 editors who replied expressed the opinion that the people of their communities were opposed to any law against tobacco. As these editors represent some 80,000,000 readers the results form a pretty general test of national opinion.

In their remarks accompanying their replies many of the editors expressed it as their opinion that the opposition of their communities to the abolition of tobacco was based to some extent at least on the damage such a change would do to the business interests of the community. This was particularly true in the tobacco growing states and centers where there were large tobacco plants.



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