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Governor Campbell Confers With Legislators On Advisability Of Calling Special Session

At the time the Era goes to press Governor Campbell still has under consideration the advisability of calling the Fifth Arizona Legislature in special session for the purpose of reconsidering the appropriations made for the fiscal years 1922 and 1923.

Final decision in the matter is expected by the Governor on or before Monday, August 5th, as on that date the State Tax Commission will convene as a State Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing taxes and fixing the state tax rate, which in the absence of any session of the legislature for the purpose of revision of the state budget, is unofficially estimated at 75c on each \$100 valuation.

During the week the Governor addressed a communication to each member of the Legislature bearing on the request of the Taxpayers' Committee for a special session.

Following the action of the State Tax Conference at Nogales last week where the request for a special session was formulated, Senator H. A. Elliott of this county, addressed the following communication to the Governor:

Clifton, Arizona August 1st, 1921.

Hon. Thomas E. Campbell,
Governor of the State of Arizona,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Governor Campbell:

I have noted the newspapers accounts of action at the recent Tax meeting in Nogales looking toward a Special Session of the Legislature for the purpose of reducing appropriations; am also in receipt of numerous telegrams requesting me to urge upon you the necessity of such Special Session for such purpose.

I feel that you, more than any one else, are informed of the existence of any necessity for such action, and take it more interested in that you may be expected from the Legislature in even you deem it expedient to call the extra session.

If you will permit me, on my part, I assure you I shall support what recommendations you have to make in refreshment, believing that you have the interests of the State at heart, and that you better know those needs of the State that must be met to insure those interests.

Of course the most opposition will arise in any curtailment of the Road program. I sincerely believe in handling our roads by a proper form of Commission, providing the money by long term bonds, rather than by direct taxation for that purpose. I believe that legislation of this character could be had at the hands of the present legislature and agreeable to your well considered ideas on the subject. I would gladly support such a program to the extent of a special election to provide the necessary amendments, knowing that in this way the maximum of road work and construction, badly needed, would be assured at a minimum in present burden in taxation.

I should regret any necessity of reducing the funds of the University. That institution is a credit to the State and should receive no set back during its present rapid growth and growing recognition.

Yours truly,
H. A. ELLIOTT.

A copy of the letter sent to the legislators throughout the state by the Governor is as follows:

Phoenix Arizona, July 30, 1921

Hon. H. A. Elliott,
Clifton, Arizona.

My dear Senator:

I am in receipt of petitions signed by committees of taxpayers requesting that a special session of the legislature be called for the purpose of reducing the State budget to be raised this year by taxation.

Inasmuch as the responsibility for the appropriations made at the regular session of the Fifth State Legislature is primarily yours, secondarily mine, I am transmitting herewith copy of the petition received by me showing the reductions proposed in existing appropriations.

As the financial needs of the various departments and institutions of the State came before you during the Fifth regular session for consideration in the general appropriation bill, continuing and special appropriations, I would greatly appreciate receiving from you an expression of your views as to the feasibility of making the reductions suggested and your advising me as to whether in your opinion it would be possible by summoning the legislature in special session, to affect the economies proposed without material injury to the operation of the various departments affected.

I request that in your consideration of this question, you bear in mind the great desirability of practicing rigid economy at this time and in this connection would appreciate your advising me as to whether you would be willing, in the event a special session of the legislature is summoned to forego your per diem as a member of that body for the period of the special session in order to effect

a substantial saving to the taxpayers of the State.

I would appreciate receiving your reply at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely yours,
THOMAS E. CAMPBELL,
Governor.

Douglas—Whether there will be an extra session of the state legislature called for the purpose of having appropriations made by the regular session reduced in many instances, will be determined by Governor Thomas E. Campbell after he has conferred with the heads of the department of the state effected by the proposed reductions, according to a statement made today by the editor of the Daily International over long distance telephone.

The telephone message came soon after the recommendations of the Nominations committee had been handed to the executive by Charles Green, of Phoenix. The governor said he would first go over the recommendations carefully and then call in the heads of the various institutions at departments effected by the proposed reduction of appropriations to find out if he could rely on these departments for co-operation in bringing about a compliance with the committee's recommendation.

The governor said that it would require some time to get in touch with all these department heads as they lived in different parts of the state and would have to either come to Phoenix or hold conferences over the telephone.

Prominent Men on Committee

The committee named to make recommendations to the governor after a conference with the executive by the state representing every important industry was composed of the following gentlemen: Chas. Greene, Phoenix; Andrew J. Kimball, of Thatcher; J. S. Douglas, of Douglas; Dave Gohbers, of Phoenix; Henry Boyce, of Ray; William H. Campbell, of Flagstaff, and John R. Norton, of Phoenix.

Special Recommendations

The recommendations of this committee as presented to the governor by Mr. Greene today included the following reductions in the former appropriations:

Three hundred and sixty thousand dollars in appropriations for University of Arizona; \$30,000 in the appropriation for the Yuma highway; \$58,000 in the Tempe Normal school appropriation; \$60,000 in the state road tax; \$26,000 in the northern Arizona Normal school appropriation; \$50,000 in the land settlement commission appropriation; \$107,000 in the state fall commission's appropriation; \$20,000 in the corporation commission's appropriation; \$10,000 in the Arizona resources board's appropriation; \$19,000 in the appropriation for the capital grounds and buildings; \$15,000 in the appropriation for cooperation with the United States biological survey; \$37,000 in the appropriations to encourage vocational education in high schools and normal schools; \$9,000 in the governor's department; \$24,000 in the funds for the national guard; repeal of senate bill No. 51, providing state road fund of \$805,000 with the exception of a small maintenance levy.

Governor Campbell said today that while he had not yet sought the opinion of any of the members of the legislature regarding the possibility of cutting the appropriations as passed by the regular session, some of the legislative members had come to him and brought up the subject and after having heard one or two of them, he felt that there would be a disposition found in the legislature, once it is assembled, to "cut the other fellow."

He made it plain today that no decision had been reached in the matter and that one would not be reached until all the heads of the departments and institutions effected had been conferred with.

It is known that there was some hard lobbying done in the legislature by these same heads of state institutions and state departments and offices for the appropriations as made by the regular legislative session and if they are to have the say it is not likely that the governor will find much encouragement for the proposed extra session.

RETURNS WITH CAR

G. W. Jordan returned to Silver City last night from Chickasha, Okla., where he went to take possession of his stolen Hudson car. He drove the car back to Silver City. One of the thieves who stole Jordan's car, was shot and mortally wounded at the time of his capture, dying in Purcell, Okla. The other, thief, W. M. Birchfield, is in jail in Oklahoma, awaiting trial on a felony charge.

I. N. Stephens left Tuesday morning for Deming, Silver City and the Paywood Hot Springs. Mr. Stephens is an old pioneer in that section, having punched a burro from Silver City to Clifton in the early seventies.

WALLACE ALTAHA



Among recent visitors in Washington were a number of leaders of the Apache Indians, who live on the reservation in Arizona. Their chief, who was with them, is Wallace Altaha.

MULE CREEK LINK TO BE STARTED THIS MONTH

Thos H. Maddock, State Highway Engineer, J. M. Shepherd, District Highway Engineer, who recently completed the survey of the Mule Creek Link in the interstate highway between Greenlee county and Grant County, N. M., arrived in Clifton on Monday evening last, following a stormy voyage over the roads in southern Arizona and eastern New Mexico, caused by the heavy rains and floods in this section. It is reported that on one day, following a struggle in high water, the State Engineer wired his chief clerk in the Phoenix office:

"If the Federal department of Good Roads offers us any boats, grab them quick."

Roads all over southern Arizona and eastern New Mexico have been damaged by the continuous heavy rains and high water. Mr. Maddock and Mr. Shepherd were compelled to camp out all night on Duck Creek, in Grant county, on account of flood conditions.

The State Engineer went into Grant county, New Mexico from Cochise county for an inspection of the proposed connection at the New Mexico line with the Mule Creek link. On the New Mexico side, coming out of Silver City in this direction, the first fifteen miles is fairly good, the last fifteen miles coming into Clifton is a splendid federal aid section. Arrangements have just recently been completed to apply for Federal aid on what is known as Project No. 84, 24 miles extending from Cliff past Jackson to the northern boundary of Grant county. Also Project No. 83 has been submitted for approval at Washington which will improve the first eleven miles out of Silver City.

The Mule Creek Link diverges from the Silver City-Mogollon Highway at a point south of Jackson and reaches the Arizona line over a distance of fifteen miles. Part of this distance, as far as the Mule Creek Post office, has already been constructed and the County Commissioners of Grant County have guaranteed to construct the remaining distance of five miles to the Arizona line.

Mr. Maddock stated that the approach to the Arizona line from the New Mexico was comparatively easy construction, through a beautiful country. Crossing the Arizona line towards Clifton, in the vicinity of Black Jack gap, the construction becomes heavier and the descent from the gap to the mesa is approximately six per cent for a distance of three or four miles. The distance from the New Mexico line to Clifton will be approximately 27 miles, twelve miles of which is over the present Clifton-Franklin Federal Aid Highway.

The State Engineer is frankly of the opinion that a more direct east and west connection between the two counties could be made by leaving the Silver City-Mogollon road at or near Cliff and coming west to the Arizona line. Such a connection, however, would require the construction of approximately 27 miles of new road on the Grant county side. At any rate Mr. Maddock stated that he would present this alternative route to the New Mexico authorities for their consideration. For this purpose, Mr. Shepherd left Clifton on horseback this morning to make a reconnaissance survey between Clifton and Cliff.

In the event that satisfactory arrangements cannot be made with the New Mexico authorities for a connection via Cliff, Mr. Maddock stated that the Mule Creek survey would be adopted, and that unless some unforeseen obstacle arose, actual construction of the Mule Creek Link would be started before the end of August. The Mule Creek Link will not be a

Phelps Dodge Officials Arrive In Clifton For Inspection Of A. C. Co. Holdings

Flashes From the Wire

In the absence of receipt of daily papers into this district for the past three days the ERA by special arrangements received the following telegraph epitome of important events.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 11

Washington, August 5—The world powers, including England, France, Italy and Japan have agreed to November the 11th, 1921 as the date for the convening of the disarmament conference in Washington. A late note from the Japanese indicates their desire to settle the Yap question at the conference. A majority of the nations take the viewpoint of American on Pacific mandates.

FUNERAL OF CARUSO TODAY

Naples, Aug. 5—The funeral of Enrico Caruso, the world famed tenor was held at noon today from the Royal Church of San Francesco, thousands gathered to pay tribute.

GOVERNOR STILL UNDECIDED

Phoenix, Aug. 5—At noon today Governor Campbell had not intimated what his decision would be regarding a request from taxpayers for a special session of the legislature to revise the biennial budget downward.

PEOPLE WALK IN DES MOINES

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 5—The street car service has been stopped here on account of the street car company being in the hands of a receiver. Thousands are walking and all kinds of ancient vehicles have been pressed into service. Bus drivers may get franchise to operate for a year.

Federal Aid project, on the Arizona side, for the present, as the amount of money available would not be sufficient to construct a highway such as is called for by Federal Aid specifications.

"Governor Campbell has stated," said the State Engineer, "that if the State Department, with the co-operation of the Board of Supervisors and County Highway Commission of Greenlee county, can finance the construction of the Mule Creek Link through to a New Mexico connection, and that such a connection will be useful to the people in this section, for the state Highway Department to go ahead."

In this connection the State Engineer stated that Governor Campbell had sent a letter to the Governor of New Mexico inquiring regarding New Mexico state and county funds which would be made available for that portion of the road lying in New Mexico.

Mr. Maddock has been away from the state capital for the past ten days during which time the movement for calling a special session of the Legislature has been inaugurated. The state engineer pointed out that including the appropriation carried under the Omnibus Road Bill that the amount of the road levy for the next two fiscal years would be less by twenty per cent as compared with the preceding two years. A repeal of the road appropriations by a special session would simply mean a suspension of all road construction at present under way in the state and the state highway department would only have a small fund remaining for maintenance work.

Mr. Maddock was accompanied by Mrs. Maddock on the trip to this section of the state. They left Wednesday morning for Phoenix via Safford and Globe.

A carload of government powder has been ordered shipped to Clifton to be used in the construction of the Mule Creek Link and should arrive here within the next week or ten days. Trench covers allotted to the state highway department by the war department will also be shipped here from Phoenix for use as corrugated iron culverts.

CELEBRATION AT CASA GRANDE

Invitations have been received from the San Carlos Association by the Chambers of Commerce of Duncan and Clifton requesting that they send delegates to the big San Carlos Day Celebration to be held this year at Casa Grande on August 12th. The invitation reads in part as follows:

"You folks are vitally interested in the San Carlos, as this project now contemplates not only the construction of the San Carlos Dam, but also the construction of reservoirs on the Upper Gila and San-Francisco Rivers as sluicing reservoirs for the San Carlos. These upper reservoirs will provide your valley with storage as well as security against the damaging floods of the Gila, and we sincerely trust that you will be fully represented at our meeting."

FEDERAL RESERVE

GOVERNOR OPTIMISTIC

Washington, Aug. 5—In an interview given out here today Federal Reserve Bank Governor tells of improvement in financial situation throughout the country in which he says that pessimism is the only thing wrong with the business outlook. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon states that Congress must make additional cuts in the nation's expenditures and that an additional reduction of not less than \$250,000,000.00 is necessary to avoid an increase in the nation's tax burdens.

NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY.

Washington Aug. 5—Vice and crime are declared to be rife in Homes for Old Soldiers throughout the country. The War Risk Bureau tells of disgraceful conditions in Tennessee where the old soldiers "shoot craps," drink hard ale and smuggle in dope.

MAIL ROBBERS MAKE ANOTHER HAUL

St. Louis Aug. 5—Mail robbers got \$46,000 when they held up a mail messenger here in daylight. The stolen loot was later found in a corn field. The thieves escaped.

HELP FOR THE FARMERS

Washington, Aug. 5—The Senate has passed a bill to finance the farmers of the United States, providing for loans of two millions and making credits for exports available at once. Senate also adopts packer control bill providing for uniform accounting and open books.

Douglas, Aug. 5—A strong movement is on foot among taxpayers of county to reduce Cochise county budget next Monday. City budget has been cut ten thousand dollars.

TAXPAYERS FAVOR REDUCTION IN COUNTY BUDGET

A committee representing the Board of Trustees of the Greenlee County Taxpayers' Association, composed of R. P. Kyle, of Morenci, J. R. Fowler, of Duncan, E. H. Green, of Clifton and C. J. Brooke, of Clifton, will appear before the Board of Supervisors on Monday afternoon next at 1:30 in support of the recommendations to be presented that the county budget, for the present fiscal year ending June 30th, 1922, be reduced in the sum of approximately \$50,000.00.

The committee will represent to the Board the necessity at this time for the utmost economy in public affairs and will lay stress on the fact that a large number of taxpayers have not yet paid their taxes for last year, and an increased number will not be able to meet their taxes when due this year, on account of the industrial depression prevailing in the district.

It is understood that the committee from the Taxpayers' Association will represent to the Board that the Clifton-Springerville highway can be completed for the sum of approximately \$2,000.00 whereas the item covering this project in the budget calls for an expenditure of \$66,500.00. The estimated cost of completing the road was submitted to the taxpayers by their Secretary, H. E. Brubaker.

Retrenchment in the number of deputy sheriffs, and other county deputies, will also be advocated by the committee from the taxpayers and no appropriation for a county fair or farm supervisors will also be proposed. According to report the taxpayers' committee will present a budget calling for an amount approximately \$50,000 less than the published budget.

A committee of Taxpayers from Duncan are also expected to be present at the Board Meeting on Monday.

FIRE AT MOUNTAIN AUTO GARAGE

The fire alarm called the fire department to the garage of The Mountain Auto Co. on Sunday afternoon last when a gas tank became ignited from a blow pipe. Small damage was done to an auto truck before the flames were extinguished.

CHINAMAN REMAINS IN JAIL

Wong Sing, the Clifton Chinaman who was placed under arrest by Post Office Inspector Chance, is still in jail, being thus far unable to give bond in the sum of \$750.00 on a charge of using the United States mail to transport opium.

The arrival in the district this week of a group of prominent officials of Phelps Dodge Corporation and Phelps Dodge Mercantile Co., who are here in connection with the negotiations for the sale of the holdings of The Arizona Co. Ltd., to Phelps Dodge Corporation, adds weight to the current belief that the negotiations have been practically completed, and that the day is near at hand when the official announcement will be forthcoming that Phelps Dodge Corporation has assumed full charge of all operations.

On Wednesday afternoon there arrived in Clifton Messrs John McNair, Comptroller, of Phelps Dodge Corporation, whose office is at 99 John St., New York City; W. K. Flora, of New York, Assistant Secretary; H. M. Gallagher, auditor, with headquarters in Douglas; W. A. Meyer, General Manager of Phelps Dodge Mercantile Co., at Bisbee, and O. W. Palmquist, purchasing agent for the Old Dominion Branch of Phelps Dodge Corporation at Globe. These officials will be here for several days looking over matters in detail connected with the impending transfer of holdings.

Mr. W. K. Flora is investigating title matters while Mr. McNair is checking up book valuations of the property and plant of the A. C. Co. Ltd., assisted by Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Meyer is devoting his time to an inspection of the inventory of merchandise stock on hand in the three stores operated by the A. C. Co. at Clifton, Metcalf and Morenci, while Mr. Palmquist is similarly engaged in the mine supply department.

The Era is reliably informed this week that in the event of the sale of the A. C. Co. Ltd. holdings to Phelps Dodge Corporation the stockholders of the A. C. Co. will receive Phelps Dodge stock for their A. C. Co. stock.

The operation of the mines and reduction plants in this district under one management will make for economy and the advisability of a consolidation of operations of a long time been advocated by officials on the ground who were in a position to see the economical advantages to be attained.

The opinion is general that at an early date following the transfer of the holdings to one management work will be started on a new concentrator, which in addition to the present Concentrator No. 6, of the A. C. Co., will make possible a bigger production. It is reported on good authority also that within the next few days Concentrator No. 6 which has been idle since the shutdown in May, will be started up on a small scale, about 25% of its full capacity and that within sixty days it will be running again on 50% capacity. The transfer of the electric light and power plants from the A. C. Co. power house at Clifton to the Phelps Dodge power house at Morenci was consummated this week.

ADDITIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Since our last issue the following appointments have been made by the Board of School Trustees for the Clifton High School.

English, History and Dramatics—Marie Louise Carlsen of Denver, Colo. Music—Helen Stokes of Kansas City, Mo.

Art—Mary Boyer of Chicago, Ill.

Miss Carlsen is a graduate of Des Moines University and has had special training and experience in expression as one of the phases in modern instruction in English. For the past three years she has held a similar position in one of the best Kansas High Schools.

Miss Stokes holds a B. S. degree in Music, has had several years experience and has been attending the summer session at the University of Wisconsin and is said to sing and play well.

Miss Boyer received her training at the Thomas Normal School at Detroit which is one of the most reliable institutions in the country in the training of supervisors of Art and has furnished two of our best instructors in Art, Miss Boehm and Miss Hulbert.

In recommending these Mr. Baker has had the evidence of friends in the middle west in whom he has great confidence.

Public Schools in Clifton will begin the fall term August 29th.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIS BENNIE

Information was received in Clifton this week of the death of Mrs. Willis Bennie, nee Miss Ormal Noyes, instructor in music in the High School three or four years ago. Death occurred at Azusa, California, last week, at the time of child birth. The infant baby girl will live according to advices received.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MEET MONDAY

The Board of Supervisors will be in session on Monday next for the purpose of adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year 1921-22. In accordance with the published notice this will be the meeting at which taxpayers may appear in opposition to or in favor of any item contained in the budget.