

TAX RATE OF STATE IS TO BE INCREASED

Legislative Committee Completes Its Estimate of Money Needed

Appropriations Carried by Bills Total More Than Twelve Million Dollars

University of California	252,000
University farm and school of agriculture	52,000
State normal schools	474,000
California polytechnic	88,500
Bureau of labor statistics	44,500
State commissioner of horticulture	61,000
Fish commission	25,000
State board of education	1,000
Veterans' home	220,250
State agricultural society	47,500
State veterinarian	36,400
Miscellaneous	26,000
Eureka harbor commission	9,500
Orphans, half orphans and abandoned children	875,000
Total	\$8,576,253
Recapitulation—	
Legislative	\$ 107,700
Judicial	884,340
Executive	8,572,253
Grand total	\$9,664,293

On receipt of the general appropriations bill today it was made a special order for consideration Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is believed that the house will quickly approve the work of the ways and means committee and send it on to the senate for consideration by the finance committee. With the general appropriations bill reported it now seems probable that the legislature will adjourn March 29 or a few days sooner.

Stanton "Bottles" Himself

CALL HEADQUARTERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, March 5.—Speaker Stanton's peculiar attempt to bottle anti-rap legislation today got him into a sorry predicament. When Senator Burnett's joint resolution urging congress to maintain intact the present Chinese exclusion law and to extend the provisions thereof to apply to and include all Asiatics was received from the speaker, he quickly approved the work of the ways and means committee and sent it on to the senate for consideration by the finance committee. With the general appropriations bill reported it now seems probable that the legislature will adjourn March 29 or a few days sooner.

Change in Railway Board

CALL HEADQUARTERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, March 5.—The senate today approved Campbell's constitutional amendment covering the appointment and duties of the board of railroad commissioners. The amendment is supplementary to the Stetson railroad rate bill.

After Jury Dodgers

CALL HEADQUARTERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, March 5.—Walter Leeds' bill to make eligible for jury duty all owners of stock in corporations that are assessed for taxes passed the assembly today. The bill provides that many high class men who now dodge jury duty because they are not on the assessment roll will find themselves without an excuse.

NATOMAS PREPARING TO SPEND MILLIONS

Several Thousand Acres of Swamp Land to Be Reclaimed
The Natomas Consolidated will begin its work of reclamation in about two months, according to a statement made yesterday by one of the stock holders of the \$25,000,000 company, who, in connection with several other directors of the corporation, spent yesterday afternoon at the London-Paris national bank closing several transactions incident to the immense project.

Fail to Knife Leaguer

CALL HEADQUARTERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, March 5.—The attempt to punish State Treasurer Williams because he was lined up with the Lincoln Roosevelt league has come to naught. Johnson's remarks in the floor that the ways and means committee was holding up his bill to increase the salaries of the four watchmen in the state treasurer's office so that they would correspond with the salaries paid similar employes in other offices because of Williams' connection with the Roosevelt league tendencies caused a sense of satisfaction with the result that the ways and means committee today returned the bill with a favorable report.

Chauffeur's Age Limit

CALL HEADQUARTERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, March 5.—The state senate thinks that a law of 13 years is old enough to be put in the hands of Sonora tried to pass a bill putting an

Taxing Lodging Corporations Fear Law to Exact Proper Returns

SACRAMENTO, March 5.—Strong opposition has been developed to two bills introduced by Senator Sanford, which provide a means whereby corporations may be forced to return their property at a reasonable valuation for taxation purposes. It is reported here that this opposition has been inspired by Jere Burke, Herrin's lieutenant, out of fear that the Southern Pacific company and other corporations would be forced to pay their just proportion of taxes.

The bills provide that after a county assessor has made his returns to the board of equalization the latter body may employ agents to seek out and report on property which has not been declared or which the companies have undervalued. At the present time the corporations usually make no returns to the assessor, but allow him to place an arbitrary valuation on their

property, which is usually very low, and much of the property of the corporation escapes taxation.

During the last few days telegrams have been pouring into the senate from different parts of the state protesting against the passage of the bills. Many of these telegrams come from county assessors, who are under the impression that the bills would interfere with them in the exercise of their duties. It is known that Burke has been greatly perturbed because of the presence of these measures in the senate and has been exerting every influence at his command to keep them from being passed.

"I am not positive who has inspired the opposition," said Sanford tonight, "but I do know that the bills provide for what is just and equitable, and that the corporations would be forced to pay something like their just proportion of the taxes if they are passed."

COMEDIAN KOLB BUYS APARTMENTS

Profits of Ponies on and Off the Stage Invested in Real Estate

Playing the ponies, on and off the stage, has made a banker and broker of William Kolb, the tall one of the amusing firm of Kolb and Dill, and also a real estate owner of him, a la Nat Goodwin. Henceforth William Kolb will be on the assessment rolls, eligible for jury duty and other patriotic delights, for yesterday, through the mediation of Nat A. Magner, the business manager of the firm, Kolb purchased the Antoinette apartments, at the southwest corner of Pine and Leavenworth streets, of Rousseau & Sons, the architects and contractors, for \$40,000. But though the landlord Kolb will remain on the stage, he will be dividing between himself and the tenants the profits of the business. Kolb and Dill represent so lucratively on the stage the firm had no deficit to divide between themselves when they closed their long engagement at the Prince's theater last Sunday night. Kolb received a good haul of bills from the cashier, and he also had picked up a quantity of change from the literary lights who make books at Emeryville. His stock bulged almost as much as Dill's uncompassed corporation.

HOUSE ON GAME LAWS

CALL HEADQUARTERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, March 5.—The senate today passed the bill to amend the game laws, which was introduced by Senator Redlands, took the field and passed the bill. The bill provides for the closing of the season for the duck season September 15 to October 15. W. W. Greer opposed the measure, while W. B. Griffiths and L. W. Juillard joined with Senator Redlands in support of the bill. The bill was passed by a vote of 15 to 10.

JUNKETERS AT SAN QUENTIN

SAN QUENTIN, March 5.—Five members of the state assembly are in San Quentin. They arrived here this afternoon on a junketing trip and will spend tomorrow upon a tour of investigation of the prison. The solons were entertained tonight by Warden Hoyle, who permitted the convict band to give an open air concert in the prison yard, and also to present an interesting vaudeville performance. Two additional members of the junketing party will arrive here tomorrow. The delegation which arrived here this afternoon consists of the following members: Assemblymen Hammon, Johnson of Contra Costa; Gerdes, Cogswell and Silver.

PURSE CONTAINING RINGS AND MONEY IS MISSED

Mrs. P. J. Roberts Reports Loss to the Police

Mrs. P. J. Roberts, 1478 E. California street, reported to the police yesterday that while she was at Van Ness avenue and Pine street Thursday afternoon a small green purse was either stolen or lost. The purse contained a large quantity of money, an emerald and surrounded by about 40 diamonds, a carved coral baby ring with two diamonds about two carats each and a pearl, a pair of earrings set with a diamond and pearl, and \$30.

GOVERNOR HASKELL SUED FOR SUM OF \$10,000

Action Is Result of Seizure of Papers in Hearst Case

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 5.—Scott MacRaynolds of Brooklyn, N. Y., today filed suit for \$10,000 damages against Governor Charles N. Haskell, Okla. Gov. T. Smith, law secretary to the governor, John Mahoney, sheriff of Logan county, and Robert L. Lamford of Cleveland, Okla. The suit was brought in connection with the seizure of certain papers from MacRaynolds by the representatives of Governor Haskell, having to do with the governor's recent \$500,000 suit against William R. Hearst, the publisher. MacRaynolds was Hearst's representative, and the court recently held that the seizure was illegal.

CALIFORNIANS AT YALE WIN FORESTRY DEGREES

A. H. Hodgson and B. C. Goldsmith Among Graduates

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 5.—Among the students who graduated with honors and the degree of bachelor in forestry from the Yale forestry school today are Allen Harrison Hodgson of Chico, Cal.; Belknap Chittenden Goldsmith, Berkeley, Cal.; and George E. Canavaro, Honolulu. Goldsmith received the degree of bachelor of science at the University of California in 1906, and Canavaro is a bachelor of science of the University of Minnesota, 1908. With the rest of the class they will spend three months in field work in Texas before taking up their profession.

TACOMA FIRM GETS CONTRACT

Seattle, Wash., March 5.—The Pacific coast for the Harriman railroad systems on the Pacific coast, awarded to the Hurley-Mason company, a contract for the construction of the new Harriman railroad passenger station in Seattle. The work will cost \$20,000 and will be completed in about six weeks in the foundations to a depth of 38 feet.

TAFT HAND IS AT GOVERNMENT HELM

First Stride Is Taken by New Administration by Naming of Cabinet

Considerable Time Occupied in Greeting Inaugural Visitors

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Taft administration took its first stride today.

The president named his cabinet, and its members will take the oath of office tomorrow, with the exception of George W. Wickersham, who was sworn in as attorney general today, and Dickinson and MacVeagh, whose personal affairs will not permit them to reach Washington for a week or more.

President Taft and the republican members of the ways and means committee held an important conference during the day. The committee has framed a tariff bill which, it is understood, contains a provision for an inheritance tax, one of the suggestions for raising revenue contained in the inaugural address of President Taft.

President Taft told the committee there would be no delay in the official proclamation calling the extra session of congress on March 15. His message, he said, would recommend that it confine its work exclusively to tariff revision that there might be no unnecessary delay in enacting this most important law. He said that he would not discuss in his message the details of tariff revision, leaving all such matters entirely to the judgment of congress.

MEETS INAUGURAL VISITORS

Aside from these important accomplishments President Taft gave himself up heartily to the demands of his friends and thousands of inaugural visitors who wished to shake hands with him.

Philander C. Knox was the first caller on President Taft in the White House. A 15 minute interview, Mr. Knox said, had its importance, but was not for publication. He was rejoicing that the states next had the ear of the president and gained his consent to attend the celebration July 7 and 8 next of the discovery of Lake Champlain at Plattsburg and Burlington.

MEMORIAL FROM CUBA

The congratulations and good wishes of Cuba were extended in the form of a memorial presented by General de Metrio Castillo Duany, who came to the United States for that purpose. The reviewing stand for the inaugural parade was again occupied by President Taft this morning, when he took his place there to do honor to the Seventh regiment, New York infantry, The Elaine club of Cincinnati followed.

Canon Favors Change of Date

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Speaker Cannon today declared himself in favor of changing the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to May 1. He declared he would lend his aid in any effort to bring about this end.

Son and Daughter Honored

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Miss Helen and her brother, Robert, were the guests of honor tonight at a dinner given at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Munn, after which they were entertained at a theater party. The party then returned to the Munn residence, where a large number of guests, all young people, had been invited to meet Miss Taft at a dance.

German View of Taft

BERLIN, March 5.—The German foreign office views William H. Taft's address and the duties of president of the United States as likely to lead to still closer friendly relations between America and Germany and calls attention to the progress made in this direction during the administration of President Roosevelt.

Inaugural Tone Pleases

PARIS, March 5.—The French press comments today in frank and vigorous tone on President Taft's inaugural address and thinks it shows the new president's policies will, in a general way, be a continuation of those of Roosevelt. The Temps characterizes the address as pre-eminently "republican" and says it shows Taft purposes to make a great fight for greater federal authority in truly federal questions.



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ROOSEVELT STARTS ON 23

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., March 5.—Former President Roosevelt's first day as a private citizen since relinquishing his place at the head of the nation was passed in a decidedly quiet manner at his home at Sagamore hill. Notwithstanding the cold wind, Roosevelt went out early and took his daily exercise in the woods.

ROOSEVELT IS ENJOYING AN UNINTERRUPTED DEMOCRATIC LIFE

More than anything else Roosevelt needs he found today, his secretary. A deluge of letters, telegrams and cablegrams poured into Sagamore hill, bringing to the former president the kindly sentiment of friends from all parts of the world. So great is the number of these messages that today he asked the press to announce that while he appreciated these and would like to reply to each, it is a physical impossibility for him to answer one-tenth of them.

ROOSEVELT SUPPLEMENTS ORDER

WASHINGTON, March 5.—One of the last acts of President Roosevelt before retiring from office was to issue an order supplementing an order made by him August 1, 1907, prohibiting the use of influence to obtain assignments to duty by officers of the navy and of the marine corps. The order directs that hereafter all requests and recommendations, written or verbal, received at the navy department from or on behalf of such officers—other than those received through regular official channels—are to be filed with or noted on their record.

BRITRELL IS SADDENED

BRISTOL, Eng., March 5.—Addressing a political meeting here tonight, Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, expressed the belief that President Taft in his inaugural address pronounced the doom of the hope of the disarmament of nations. There was universal feeling abroad, in which the United States now joined, Birrell said, for increased armaments. It was enough to make angels weep, but in face of it, he declared, "it is our duty to maintain our navy strong enough to keep Great Britain's shores inviolate."

COURT DOES NOT SIT TO PROTECT ALL FOOLS

DENVER, March 5.—Judge Robert E. Lewis in the United States district court today made a ruling which, according to United States District Attorney Thomas Ward, practically nullifies the federal statutes under which all cases of using the mails to promote a fraudulent mining scheme. The case was prosecuted, so far as the jurisdiction of Judge Lewis extends.

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PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS for supplies and services for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1909, and ending June 30, 1910—office of the Depot Quartermaster, 1005 North Point street, San Francisco, Cal., March 1, 1909.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received until 11 o'clock a. m., Pacific time, Thursday, April 15, 1909, and opened, for furnishing and delivering coal for fuel, cutting and fitting purposes on Quartermaster Harbor Boats and Army Transport, building rubbings from depot, furnishing barge for removing material from Transport Dock, shoaling and hauling of military stores and supplies in and about the city of San Francisco, Cal. Preference will be given to articles produced on the Pacific coast to the extent of the consumption required by the public service there. Full information can be obtained upon application to this office. Each proposal should be enclosed in a separate envelope, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on outside with the number of the proposal and the date of opening as above. J. B. BELLINGER, Depot Quartermaster, U. S. Army.

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