STATE CUTS OUT **REAL PROPERTY TAX**

Elimination First in Oregon History, Saves Four and Half Millions.

A Salem special to the Morning Oregonian says the tax levy on real property for state purposes in Oregon will be eliminated next year for the first time in history, according to announcement made here following a conference between Governor Meier and members of the state tax com-

The elimination of the tax next year is made possible, Governor Meier said, by reason of receipts from the intangibles, personal income, corporation and excise tax laws, repeal of the 1-mill market road tax, waiver of the world war veteran's 1/2-mill tax and substantial savings in the operation of the various state institutions.

The amount of the state levy on real property for this year totaled

'The only tax which will be levied by the state tax commission for next year will be the 2-mill elementary school tax," Governor Meier said.

"This is purely a local tax, since it is retained entirely by the counties for the support of the local elementary schools.

"The state tax which will be eliminated not only includes the levy made for state departments and institutions, but also the levy for the state's higher educational institutions and for interest on irrigation

"The elimination of the levy for state purposes is a goal that the state has long sought to attain. Gratifying as is this achievement now, I want to reiterate emphatically that unless the economy record made by the state is paralleled by similar savings on the part of each and every political subdivision of Oregon, there is little hope for any appreciable reduction in our

heavy tax burden, "The truth of this statement becomes apparent at a glance when it is taken into consideration that the total expenditures of the state and its po-litical subdivisions aggregate 50-odd millions and that more than 43 millions of this gigantic sum are expended by the 2755 local tax-levyng hodies of our commonwealth.

"I sincerely hope that this splendid showing by the state in property tax relief will prove a source of inspiration to the local tax committees appointed by me, and the various tax leagues which have been battling so faithfully and effectively to reduce taxes in our various municipalities, counties, school districts, road, port and irrigation districts.

"During this month the tax-levying bodies will be preparing their budgets, and I wish in this last appeal again to emphasize the necessity of slashing expenditures to the bone if relief is to be given our overburdened

Let us in these closing days of the battle for lower taxes renew our determination to eliminate all waste, extravagence and inefficiency.

"Let us make Oregon's tax levy the lowest in the United States and thereby attract to our state population and capital for the development of its rich resources.

Bond to Portland Willard Bond, who with his brother

Charles, was a member of the firm of Bond Brothers at Pendleton, has accepted a position with Meier & Frank company of Portland, and with cent, Similar cuts have been made by his family is leaving Pendleton to assume the duties of his new position. Bond Brothers were also interested extensively in stock raising and until recently were owners of a large ranch in the Ukiah district.

Burns Lumberman Dead

Edward Hines, noted lumberman of such lines as to make it the last word in mill construction. It is one of the largest plants cutting pine in the Northwest. Hines was engaged in every branch of the lumber industry.

Deer Killed by Trains

since the snow fell in the mountains, of the season. glaring headlights dazzle the while the engine overtakes and kills them. In each instance the carcasses have been turned over to game wardens and the meat given to chari- south slope of Jump Off mountain. time. ty organizations.

Wins 4-H Scholarship Outstanding 4-H club boy at the 1931 Oregon state fair, Stanley Green of Stanfield, won the \$500 4-H club

Athletics Take Second Game in Winning Stride

The Athletics, Athena town basketball team in the county league took their second game of the season in winning stride when they defeated the recently organized Pendleton Buicks Monday night by the score of 48 to 39.

Athena led at the half, 18 to 15. The Buicks were never in the lead after the first few minutes of play when they started the scoring by tossing a foul. The Athletics immediately went into the lead by throwing a couple through the hoop and thereafter kept out in front.

Crowley and Myrick tied on nine-teen for high point men of the evening, while Crowin was high for the Buicks with eight. Owing to the cold weather attendance at the game was

Myrick and Taylor lined up as for-wards for Athena, with Harden at center and D. Pinkerton and Wayne Pinkerton, guards. At the beginning of the second quarter, Taylor was shifted to center, Crowley taking his forward position, Hansell substituted for Myrick, and Rogers and Michener went in for a while, relieving the two Pinkertons.

The Buicks lined up a bunch of good material in Hiderman, Crowin, Carden, Kidder and Hatton, ex-Pendleton high school stars and two oldtimers, Greer and Sheppard. The Buicks, with the Pendleton Antlers, the Athletics representing Athena, the K. P. team of Milton, and Bill King's Helix Red Devils, will comprise the Umatilla county basketball

the Athletics play Nig Borleske's Whitman team at Walla Walla Monday night. The county league schedule is being made out and perhaps The Press next week.

Woman Coaster Killed

While coasting with her 12-yearskull and a broken arm. The car dragged her about ten feet after er, two sisters and two brothers sur- Indian lands.

Forced Down By Illness

Captain Hawks, speedy airman, flying to beat the record between Vancouver, B. C., and Mexico, was forced down by illness in Northern California, Tuesday. Hawks made a the record by one hour.

Cut in Tire Prices

announced price reductions to the a hearty response. lowest levels in their history. They were the Firestone Tire & Rubber company, B. F. Goodrich company, Seiberling Rubber company, Mohawk Tire & Rub er company and the Master Tire & Rubber company. The reductions, from 5 to 15 per cent, will affect "standard grades of tires." Inner tubes alsos will be reduced 15 per by his widow and one son Joe Crowthe Goodyear Tire & Rubber company and the Lee Rubber & Tire company.

Kennewick Cotton

Cotton stalks bearing a goodly supply of the fluffy white bolls is on display in the windows of Omar Rich. Kennewick real estate man. The cotton, grown by a rancher a few miles Burns died in Chicago, Tuesday. One east of Kennewick, has passed an exof Hines' biggest developments was perimental stage with him, it was the sawmill at Burns. There has been said, and that it readily matures is constructed a plant patterned along plainly visible from the size of the bolls.

His Last Game

Merle Hufford will play his last game of scholastic football in the Washington University-Southern California game tomorrow in the Trojan A number of deer have been killed stadium at Los Angeles, which is also the deaths of Mrs. St. Louis and son in Meacham creek canyon by trains the last Pacific coast conference game Harold at their home near Newport,

> More Mastadon Bones Found discovered near Kennewick, on the after partaking of the food at meal One of the large shoulder socket bones and a common vertebrae bone

Ernest Tatom Dead

was found.

Ernest Tatom, well known resident scholarship awarded by the International Harvester company at ChiFriday. The deceased was a brother the Goodyear Rubber company and The barge was towed by two Diesel warehouses operated by the International Harvester company and The barge was towed by two Diesel warehouses operated by the chains ing its pilot. Smith was alone in the

American Baseball Players at the Meiji Shrine



Members of the squad of American baseball stars, including Lou Gehrig, Al Simmons, Lefty Grove and Lefty O'Doul, walking from the Meiji shrine at Tokyo, which they visited during their barnstorming tour of Japan.

Demands Made That U. S. Bear Indian Land Tax Hereafter

Senator Steiwer's sub-committee of fairs, investigating the problem of non-taxable lands in Indian reservations, closed the testimony in Washington with a comprehensive statement by C. R. Williams, county commissioner of Klamath county and chairman of the association of counties, which includes representatives from counties throughout the Westwill be received for publication in ern states, summing up the tax situation in Klamath county, Williams said that instead of the taxation without representation "we have representation without taxation," as the old son on the Pendleton Main street Indians vote but pay no taxes on old son on the Pendleton Main street their lands. Williams said there is of all others heretofore offered. It to purchase prunes. The freight on driver and killed. The accident oc- but a general feeling in the West that man tackle product at Caldwell, Ida- other unions over the country. curred about 9:30 and the driver fail- the federal government should as- ho, and during the season was on dised to stop. The automobile was com- sume full responsibility for them, play at the Rogers & Goodman harding up the hill at a high rate of speed making good to the counties the sums and Mrs. Longley was struck when lost in taxation and expenditures she was near the bottom. The vic- made by taxpayers for the benefit of Cold Snap Eases Up, tim suffered a broken leg, a fractured the reservations, such as roads,

The task of the committee is to striking the sled, death being almost consider legislation that may relieve instantaneous. A son, 12, her moth- counties overburdened on account of

Untaxed Indian lands in Klamath county, Williams said, would be assessed at \$18,000,000 if carried at the same rate as private lands.

Relief Committee Busy

The relief committee in Athena continues active and is ready to lend aid landing in a pasture and rolled out to any who need assistance. Several of his plane unconscious. He was cases have been investigated and helplifted into a car by a passing autoist ed during the past week. The Goodand taken to a hospital at Grenada, Time dancing club gave a benefit California. Pilot Wedell of New Or- dance Thanksgiving night and about leans, flying the route north from \$15.00 was added to the fund. At the A considerable depth of new snow is Auga Caliente arrived at Vancouver next dance a box will be provided in in 6 hours and 38 minutes, breaking which members may place gifts of week in the Blue Mountains. It is will be turned over to the sewing committee to be made over for needy Five large auto tire companies have children, and it is hoped there will be

Charles Crowley Dead

Charles Crowley, a farmer for 40 years in this county, died Thursday night of last week at St. Anthony's hospital, of heart disease. Mr. Crowley was born in Ireland and came to America when a boy. He is survived ley of this city and one grandson, Arthur Crowley, two stepchildren Walter Redford and Mrs. Pete Hung. Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Andrews Mission.

Parrot Disease Again A suspicion that psittacosis, the socalled "parrot disease," may have been responsible for two deaths and the serious illness of three other persons at Portland recently, caused city health officers to ask for a complete report on the disease from the national public health service, and for a supply of the virus of psittacosis for checking purposes.

It is thought either home-smoked salmon or home-canned fruit caused Tuesday. The fact that the family cat also died, strengthens this belief by the authorities, although the fath-Another mastadon skeleton has been er and another son did not become ill

Leaves For Spokane Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rush, who have been leasing the Martha Rush expects to be with them again.

Velton Read Wins Rod With 223/4 Inch Trout

Velton Read's 22% inch Dolly Varden trout, caught last summer in the senate committee on Indian af- the creek running out of Langdon Lake, won the \$27.50 Craftsman Beaverkill prize fishing rod offered by Rogers & Goodman for the longest and displayed at their store.

ed to fishermen residing in the Athena-Adams-Weston district. Last year, Arthur Jenkins won the prize rod forest ranger took the rod with a Dolly Varden in Mill Creek.

ware store in this city.

The cold snap over the week-end following the snowfall preceding Thanksgiving has eased into higher temperature with rains west of the Cascades and snow over the higher elevations.

During the cold wave, thermometers in Athena registered close to the zero mark during the night on three occasions. The ground is frozen here to the depth of a couple of inches or more under a cover of three inches of

The snow is welcomed alike by grain grower and stockman as it greatly stimulates the prospects for moisture to freshen field and range. reported to have fallen during the clothing and supplies. The clothing said in the Langdon Lake district snow has reached a depth of over four feet, and is packing solid. With early beginning of winter, it is expected that considerable more snow will be added, and by mountain folk it is estimated that the deepest snow for a number of seasons past is probable.

Water sources, including springs and streams promise to be given new late spring.

Many Needy Are Aided The Pendleton emergency relief bureau reports that 23 families were

given assistance the first of this week, while the Salavation Army branch reported that during November 1837 people, local and transient, were cared for with clothing, food or shelter. Nine hundred and forty-nine transients were fed by the Army.

Revamped Husky Team Revamped, rejuvenated and well

rested, the University of Washington Governor Meier recently. football squad left Seattle for Los Angeles Tuesday to meet the University of Southern California Saturday in the last Pacific Coast conference game of the season.

Chains on Slick Roads

Slick condition of the highway, Walla Walla, Wednesday afternoon. caused by sleet, necessitates using chains for safety by autoists. The highway maintenance crew has deposited fine crushed rock on a num- the owners when the Sternberg sadber of the sharp curves.

The Largest Barge

The largest barge which ever was taken into Celilo canal left for Portplace east of Helix, have left for land Monday after spending a week tugg

Food Is Shipped From Oregon to Assist Montana Farmer Families

Santa Claus' first full car lot shipment of Christmas "eats" sent from trout caught during the open season Flaxville, Mont., for relief in that dis- Fellows were not dead and that he The contest by stipulation is limit- Polk, Marion, Yamhill, Linn and Lane counties.

Forty thousand pounds of food as a Christmas present to the members with a Rainbow trout caught in the of the Farmers Union at Flaxville Umatilla river, near Thorn Hollow was contained in the carload, Gehlhar and the year previous, John Hager, a announced. Included in the shipment were \$235 worth of dried prunes. Many members contributed cash to-This year's prize rod was the king ward the shipment, which was used no disposition to blame the Indians, came from the home of the Crafts- the shipment will be contributed by

The list of articles shipped includpumpkins, 3 sacks corn (shelled), 7 Meacham. carrots, 8 sacks dry beans, 30 sacks flour, 6 boxes canned foods and 500 pounds seed oats.

A car of apples is being shipped this week from Elgin, Or., to Glendive, Mont. This car has been donatshippers at that place. Still another customary in the past. car is being shipped next week to the drouth-stricken areas of Montana by Farmers Union members of Columbia county.

Counties Remit Taxes

and \$281,290..01 was for the 1/2-mill na in that capacity. soldiers' bonus tax.

Helix Team Organized

reserve left by melting snow in the scheduled games with Whitman col- conspiracy murder of Benjamin P. favoring resubmission. towns.

River Development

Holding that Columbia river de velopment must be based upon choice of a program designed for the benefit of the people the project will serve, a statement prepared for the Umatilla Rapids association by George C. Baer, secretary, was approved by

Heard Farmer Brown A number of Athena famers attended the meeting at Pendleton yester-

addressed a meeting of farmers at Saddle Factory Burns

day, which was addressed by Farmer

Brown of the Farm Board, Brown

A loss of \$150,000 was sustained by dle factory burned at Albany Sunday night. Fifty men are thrown out

of employment. Chain Store Tax Upheld The supreme court upheld another afternoon when his plane went into a police department. Involuntary man-Spokane, where they will reside. Mr. at Dillon loading 250 tons of scrap chain store tax in deciding that the was valid.

Peace Plans Fail At Portland Meet of H!ghway Board

Responding to a call from Govermor Meier, the members of the state Movement for Congressionhighway commission held a brief conference with him at the quarters of the governor at the Benson hotel.

The meeting lasted about an hour It was understood that the conference was for the purpose of restoring harmony between Commissioner Spaulding on the one hand and Chairman Ainsworth and Commissioner Hanley on the other. The attitude of the commissioners after the conference was over indicated that if this was the object it was not accom-

"We talked things over," said Spaulding, "and that was all." Other matters reported to have

been discussed were the widening of the Pacific highway between New Era and Salem, where it should be made a 30 or 20 foot road, and the appointment of a successor to Chief Engineer Klein.

Although he voted for reappointment of Kiein a few months ago, Spaulding is said to be still working to obtain his removal and bring about appointment of C. C. Kelley of Klamath Falls who was formerly on the engineering staff of the state highway department.

Picked a Crow With Us Ernest Haney was in town from his left Salem Tuesday. Max Press office to "pick a crow" with one Gehlhar, director of agriculture, an- of our reporters. Ernest said he want- talk about the dry laws and allow nounced the shipment was sent to ed it to be known that Athena Odd trict, by the Farmers Union locals of believed the lodge still owned a half the reporter is herewith corrected.

Court Appoints E. B. Casteel The county court has appointed E. B. Casteel county clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. T. that office. Mr. Casteel formally took of the hole first." over the duties of the office Saturday morning. Mr. Casteel was formerly a ed 200 sacks dried prunes, 117 sacks resident of Pilot Rock, is a republican dried apples, 100 sacks of potatoes, and once served as chairman of the 24 boxes apples, 19 sacks onions, 1 county central committee. Lately he

Ready for Christmas Trade

With only eighteen shopping days until Christmas, Gordon Watkins is Pharmacy already is beginning to to the Farmers Union. It is expected suitable for presents. While there is that another car will be shipped from a fine assortment of children's toys, Milton-Freewater next week to Syd- the stock in the main leans toward ney, Mont. ,to be donated by apple the practical side more than has been

Widow of Lion's Victim

Accompanied by Gus Peret, Mrs. William Herren, widow of the hunter killed in Africa by a lion has arrived in New York en route home. Herren, Every county remitted its share of an expert with the lasso, was holding of the house "wet block," announced the state tax within the time limit a lion at bay while Peret was taking that in addition to a resubmission specified by law, State Treasurer Hol- pictures of the enraged beast. The amendment, the anti-prohibitionists man announced. Total collections of lion charged and mauled the Aberdeen would seek the enactment of a modlast-half taxes for 1931 were \$2,296,- man, causing his death. Peret is 313.86. Of this amount, \$1,452,443.42 known in Athena as an expert shot. was the state general tax, \$562,- He formerly represented the Peters 580.33 was the 1-mill market road tax Cartridge company, and visited Athe-

Paroled Convict Sought

The Helix town basketball team from Walla Walla, is sought by New the antis list only 31 senators out of has perfected organization and has York authorities as a suspect in the 96 and 182 out of 435 representatives lege and the Pendleton Antlers. The Collings in Long Island Sound last Helix players, under coaching of Bill summer. Pictures of Palow have been King, put up an excellent brand of sent from Walla Walla to be shown to basketball last season and the pre- Mrs. Collings to see if she can recog- the Christian Missionary society Wedvious year, when they met teams nize him as one of the men she claims from Portland and the Columbia river were in a boat which they took from bers were present, Mrs. J. W. Pinkher husband's yacht.

Whitman Won, 7-0

Nig Borleske's Whitman Missionaries are winners of the Northwest conference football championship. On Thanksgiving Day they defeated the Williamette Bearcats on a snow-covered field, 7 to 0. And they did it wearing mittens. Chuck DeVange, playing end, will captain the team next year.

Will Go to Hospital

Vic Harris has improved so that he though his left arm remains useless robbed him. as a result of the paralytic stroke he suffered several weeks ago.

Student Flier Crashes

BOTH FAVORING A DRY LAW VOTE

al Action Gains Speed; Poll Doubtful.

Washington.-The movement for a vote in congress this winter on the dry laws gained powerful momentum in both parties Wednesday.

Among politicians its effect on the 1932 presidential campaign was of prime importance. Whether a defeat of a modification or resubmission bill would tend to make the Republican party "wetter" or "dryer" was given serious consideration.

Republican Senate Floor Leader James E. Watson announced he would do nothing to prevent a senate vote on prohibition, no matter in what form it should arise. Senator Simeon D. Fess, Ohio, the Republican national chairman and a prohibition leader, said he "did not see how a vote could be prevented in the senate even if

only a small number wanted it." In the house, Representative Henry T. Rainey, Illinois, who is slated to be the Democratic leader, joined Representative Bertrand H. Snell, New York, in advocating that congress should meet the issue in the session which starts Monday. Rainey, who is ranch Wednesday and called at The recorded as a prohibitionist, expressed hope that a vote would clear the air of economic issues to get the attention

they deserve. But the possibility of a senate vote interest in the K. P.-I. O. O. F. hall on a referendum, such as favored by but that no one reading the account a majority of the anti-prohibitionists. of redecorating the hall in last week's was dismissed by a statement of Press, would know it. Okey, Ernest, Chairman George W. Norris of the judiciary committee, through which any such constitutional amendment

for resubmission would have to pass. "We shouldn't monkey with prohibition," Norris said. "We can't repeal it, and we ought to work on unem-Brown, who was for many years in ployment. Let's get our people out

The Western Independents who support Norris' views, together with prohibitionists, dominate the judiciary committee. As Fess pointed out, however, even a small number of antisack beets, 20 sacks squash, 5 sacks has been conducting a store at prohibitionists could force a vote by proposing a modification law as a rider to one of the appropriation bills

on the senate floor. Senator Morris Sheppard, Democrat. of Texas, most militant of the prohimaking preparations to accommodate bitionists, made a comment on the the home holiday trade, The Watkins situation that amounted to a challenge. "There never has been a time," ed by W. M. Weatherspoon of Elgin display varied lines of holiday goods he said, "when the wets couldn't have had a vote if they went after it. But

I am opposed to a vote myself." Sheppard said a vote would be "a waste of congress' time, because the result is a foregone conclusion." Senator W. E. Borah, Republican,

Idaho, said he was ready for a show-

down vote on the question. He said he would vote against resubmission. Representative J. Charles Linthicum, Democrat, of Maryland, leader ification bill legalizing 3 per cent beer. He said he expected his "bloc," augmented recently by elections,

would hold a meeting after congress convenes to outline its plans. A resubmission amendment would require a vote of two thirds of each Frank Palow, paroled murderer house. The most recent figures of

Missionary Society

Mrs. Fred Kershaw was hostess to nesday afternoon, when eight memerton, the new chairman, presided and Mrs. Stella Keen presented an interesting program in which Mrs. Kershaw, Mrs. Lew McNair, Mrs. W. W. McPherson and Mrs. Boyd participated. Light refreshments were served. The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. D. A. Pinkerton.

Hitch Hikers Rob

T. C. Comfort of Westwood, California, traveling to Seattle, picked up a couple of hitch hikers near Walla Walla Saturday. At a point near Seattle, Sunday morning, the hikers is able to be moved from his home in robbed Comfort of his car and \$73 Athena to a hospital. He will be tak- cash, all the money he had, he reen to St, Anthony's hospital at Pen- ported to Seattle police. He was in dleton, probably Sunday. The patient the act of changing tires on account continues to show improvement, al- of a blowout when his passengers

Killed in Traffic, 76

Careless and drunken automobile drivers in Portland caused 45 per cent Keith Smith, 16, student aviator, of the 76 deaths in the fiscal year son of Roy E. Smith, of Salem, was ending December 1, in Portland, ackilled instantly at Roseburg Tuesday cording to the annual report of the tailspin and crashed on the municipal slaughter charges were preferred was not a conviction in any case.