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Tonight and Thursday
Fair or Snow.

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GASOLINE TAX WILL BE PLAN FOR FINANCING 1925 PORTLAND FAIR; PROPERTY TAX DEAD ISSUE

Members of Legislature Declare That That Body Has Become the Laughing Stock of the State on Account of the Scrambled Proposals For Financing Fair--Favor Gas Tax.

Dec. 21.—An amended bill incorporating increased gasoline tax as the general provisions of the bill is considered today by the legislature. The senate and house members asserted the gasoline tax was the most feasible method of financing the fair before the legislature as emergency bills have been introduced to the legislature as a bill to enable Multnomah county to pay the present salaries of city sheriffs and the Norblad transportation of twenty-two school children from outlying districts into the school districts. Bills have been reported on all millage tax bills by the program threatened.

Dec. 21.—The Portland program was shrewdly to the end of the time today was saved for the time being by the whole matter on the table morning until 2 o'clock. Many will come up again. When the legislature is called to order, the legislature will be the laughing stock of the state on account of the scrambled proposals for financing. It is an agreement that the legislature will call for property tax as a dead issue, and the gaso-

line tax will form the basis of the fair financing.

Ten Per Cent to Counties.

SALEM, Dec. 21.—After a brisk debate the house at noon today, by an overwhelming majority, laid on the table the motion by Bennett of Coos to postpone indefinitely the direct property tax bill, and as a result this measure, along with the gasoline and income tax bills, will be considered by the house this afternoon. The vote indicated that the house was practically a unit for the "Oregon 1925 Exposition," the only question being as to the best method of financing it. The senate passed over the veto of the governor on the Moser bill of the last regular session, providing for a regulation of motor bus lines by the public service commission.

Senator Eddy obtained a promise from the exposition leaders to put into the gasoline tax bill provision, that out of the three million raised, 10 per cent shall go to the counties, according to the proportion of sale of gasoline for preparing the county exhibits at the exposition.

Gasoline Tax Is Hope.

SALEM, Dec. 21.—All chance of a property tax to finance the 1925 Portland exposition has gone by the board. Hopes for state aid in financing are now pinned upon the proposal to tax gasoline consumption for the ensuing year.

Forty-one votes in opposition to any legislation presenting a referendum providing any tax for support

of the proposed 1915 exposition to Portland to the voters of Oregon are claimed by the opposition to the fair measure in the house.

The round robin, started by leaders of the opposition contains the names of 36 representatives, and five other house members have pledged themselves to oppose the measure, although refusing to sign, the opposition leaders claim.

Seventeen senators are also said to have pledged their votes against a general tax for the exposition. Diversion of all funds secured through the collection of the two cent gasoline tax, except \$5000 a month, to the exposition fund, until the sum of \$3,000,000 has been placed in such fund, is the purpose of a bill introduced today by Representative Fletcher of Polk county.

This bill differs from that introduced by Senator Joseph in that it provides for no direct tax levy, nor does it provide for any additional gasoline tax.

The bill provides that the state treasurer shall transfer all funds derived through the collection of the present gasoline tax, except \$5000 which is to go to defray the expense of administering the law, from the state highway fund into the exposition fund.

When the three million dollars are in the exposition fund, this bill provides that all funds thereafter collected shall be placed to the credit of the state highway fund.

SENATE PASSES THEIR FIRST BILL

SALEM, Dec. 21.—The first bill passed by the senate was a measure providing that money received under the bonus act shall not be applied to the payment of debts contracted before receipt of the bonus. The senate yesterday sustained the governor's veto of six measures passed by the last regular session.

Hot words were exchanged at a hearing last night of the house roads committee between Arthur Spencer, Union Pacific attorney, and John F. Logan, representing the Motor Bus association, over provisions, which Spencer said, would make it possible to grant an exclusive franchise to the bus lines.

ALLEGED SOLDIERS TREATED BRUTALLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Alleged brutality in the army and the killing of a soldier in this country was described today in the senate committee hearing on the charges of senator Watson of Georgia, that American soldiers were hanged in France.

FRENCH DEMAND FEW SUBMARINES

HAVRE, France, Dec. 21.—Rene Viviani, arriving here from the United States today, declared that France, because of colonial possessions, must have submarines.

URGING HARDING APPROVE CHANGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Harding will be urged by Republican senators to approve a reservation to the quadruple Pacific treaty, making clear the United States' unwillingness to safeguard the territorial integrity of Japan. This will make clear that the pact does not bind her to do so. Indications were that Harding himself might suggest that reservation when he presents the treaty to the senate, thereby smoothing out the difficulty caused by his difference of opinion with the American delegation on this point.

CONFERENCE TO CONTINUE LONGER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The British delegation today cancelled their reservations on a steamer leaving December 31. They are satisfied there is little chance of finishing the arms conference before the middle of January.

DISPOSING OF ANTI-TRUST SUIT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The anti-trust suit, begun against the American Sugar Refining company in 1910, is to be disposed of by a decree approved by Attorney General Daugherty, who announced that the company is no longer a monopoly.

IRISH COERCION CHARGED AND DENIED

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Sinn Fein delegations were forced by Lloyd George's "Monstrous Iniquity" to sign the Anglo-Irish treaty, George Duffy, a delegate who signed the pact, charged in the Irish Parliament today. According to Duffy's story, Lloyd George threatened Ireland with immediate war unless Ireland plenipotentiaries signed the treaty. Eamonn Duggan, who also signed the treaty, recommended that the Dail Eireann ratify the pact, but denied that Lloyd George coerced the plenipotentiaries. "We were sent to negotiate an agreement, not a republic. The alternative was war, of course," Duggan said.

Division Highway Engineer Hodgeman was in Roseburg for a few hours today attending to official duties. Mr. Hodgeman reports the highway to Medford to be open and in good condition.

Brumfield Appeal Filed by Attorneys

Notice of appeal in the celebrated Brumfield murder case, was filed with the county clerk this morning, by Attorneys Rice and Orcutt, representing the doomed man. The defense appeals from the sentence of the court in setting the death penalty and also appeals from the verdict of the jury in finding the defendant guilty. The notice of appeal automatically works as a stay of execution, and the case must be heard before the Supreme Court before the death penalty can be inflicted. Brumfield will probably be returned to Roseburg for sentence after his case is passed upon by the Supreme court, unless a new trial is ordered. The transcript and bill of exceptions have been prepared and are very lengthy. Service of the notice of appeal was acknowledged by District Attorney George Neuner.

FORGER BROUGHT BACK TO CITY

Accountant Who Forged the Name of County Treasurer Pleads Guilty to Crime.

HAS A BAD RECORD

Makes Complete Confession to Sheriff Starmer on Way Back From Los Angeles—Has Long Criminal Record.

J. P. Hardy, confessed forger, was brought back to this city this afternoon from Los Angeles. Hardy does not deny forging the name of County Treasurer James E. Sawyers to several checks for amounts totalling \$2438, and has made a complete confession and also admits having escaped from two penitentiaries and having served one year for robbery in Multnomah county. His only explanation is "I was a d— fool."

Hardy was employed by the accounting firm of Crandall and Roberts, and served for two years as auditor of the Douglas county books. While so engaged he appropriated a number of blank checks printed for the county treasurer and took them with him when he went to Los Angeles. He then passed four of these checks, receiving cash on two of them.

He was apprehended by the Burns detective agency and extradition papers were secured and his return effected. He was brought back by Sheriff Starmer.

Hardy escaped from the state reformatory at Monroe Washington, on Nov. 10, 1914, having been sentenced to that institution for the crime of robbery. He served 360 days in the Multnomah county jail for robbery, and was later sent to the Oregon state penitentiary for a term of from two to twenty years. He was sent to Gold Hill as a trusty and escaped from the lime quarry there on March 16, 1919.

"I have no statement to make," he said, following his return to this city. "I have made a complete confession to the sheriff and will go before the court and plead my guilt. I have no explanation to offer and no denial to make. I will admit the whole thing."

Found Dead In Snow Near Yoncalla

William Gross, for many years a well known and respected resident of Yoncalla, was found dead eight miles out of Yoncalla yesterday morning. Mr. Gross was out hunting some goats when he became exhausted in the snow. He was found soon afterwards by his son, Coroner Ritter was called immediately. He left here about 11:30 a. m. and returned about 4 p. m. He found that death was the result of natural causes and no inquest will be held.

Mr. Gross is survived by many relatives and many dear friends who mourn his fate.

The funeral services will be held at the family home ten miles east of Yoncalla, on Thursday, December 22, 1921. The body will be brought to Yoncalla and buried in the Yoncalla cemetery.

Aged Pioneer of Cottage Grove Dies

H. C. Veatch, a loved and respected pioneer of Cottage Grove, known by his many friends as "Uncle Bura," died at his home in that city Sunday, December 18, 1921. He was 94 years of age. Mr. Veatch was a native of the state of Illinois, born in White County in 1828. In 1853 he said "farewell" to his parents and started to Oregon, taking his passage as helper to S. B. Knox, who crossed with a number of wagons and 100 head of loose cattle. The trip was a quiet peaceful one and they arrived in September the same year. Mr. Veatch was a member of the company of Captain Buoy in the Indian war. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He filled one term as county commissioner for Lane county.

Mr. Veatch is survived by seven children and many dear friends who mourn his death, his faithful wife and companion having died more than two years ago. Two of his sons, Sam and R. E. Veatch, are well known in this city, having run passenger trains in here for many years, and each at one time made their home here.

The funeral services will be held in Cottage Grove today at 11 a. m. from the Presbyterian church. All of the relatives have been notified and it is expected that most of them will be present.

Will Tie Bundles

In order to accommodate Christmas shoppers, the Imperial Cleaners have announced that they will wrap and tie the Christmas parcels free of charge during the remainder of the week.

FIRST AUTO SHOW FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY TO BE HELD JAN. 20, 21 AND 22

Arrangements Made For Display of Latest Models of Automobiles, Accessories, Appliances and Inventions —Band to Get Half of Receipts.

Roseburg is to have its first auto show at the Armory on the dates of January 19, 20 and 21. The entire space in the armory has been sold for this event, and with practically all of the dealers of the city cooperating to make the affair a success there is no doubt but that it will be one of the biggest shows of any kind ever put on in Roseburg. In addition to the showing of automobiles, accessories, etc., a foodstuff display will be featured and a number of prominent wholesale houses of the northwest will have attractive exhibits.

The auto show is being sponsored by Captain C. L. Stoddard of the Roseburg Battery and Electric station and C. P. Hansen, representative of the firm of Chancellor and Lyons.

The Douglas County Concert band is to participate and will receive one-half of the amount taken in at the door.

The armory has been subdivided into a large number of booths and these booths have been taken by local auto and accessory dealers, battery stations, garages, etc., while a few have been bought by wholesale houses and organizations which will make a showing of foodstuffs.

The dealers are securing the very latest models of cars and will have the most modern and up-to-date autos, accessories and appliances to display to those attending the show. All of the 1922 models of the leading cars will be seen and the very latest in accessories and appliances will be on exhibit.

Special features will be provided in the way of entertainment. A band stand is to be erected inside the armory and the band will give a continuous concert every evening. In addition outside musical talent will be imported while local singers and musicians will be introduced in various selections. Special entertainment will be provided every night and everyone attending is assured of a good time.

The armory will be handsomely decorated for the occasion and each booth will be divided by artistic partitions while dealers will have several attractive decorations to add to the appearance of the show room.

Special booths are to be conducted by the manual training and domestic science departments of the high school. The departments have some excellent work which will be put on display and will doubtless attract a great deal of attention. These booths have been set aside for these classes and a display is now being arranged by the high school students.

The Salvation Army and Boy Scouts will also make exhibits in special booths which are to be arranged for them and doubtless this showing will attract a great deal of favorable attention.

Another feature will be displays of inventions by local people who have made new inventions to be used in the automotive industry. There are several of these inventions which promise to have great futures and these will be exhibited and explained. The automobile show will doubt-

Tragedy Follows Wake of Snow

SALEM, Dec. 21.—Tragedy and possibly death, followed close on the heels of snow and subsequent spell of cold which is holding Salem in a grip of ice, for 14-year-old Elmer Falk, whose home is just south of the city, is lying in the Williamette sanitarium, probably suffering from concussion of the brain following a crash in which his sled and an automobile driven by L. W. Swigert of Portland came together.

Elmer, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Falk, residents of route 3, was coasting down a hill near the Falk prune dryer, south of Salem, when the accident occurred. The Swigert car, according to the police, was moving north on the Pacific highway and sounded its horn as it overtook the boy's sled.

Indications are that the youth did not hear the approaching machine. He had been hugging the right side of the highway but, as the automobile essayed to pass him, his sled swerved to the left and into the path of the oncoming car.

Young Falk, badly bruised, unconscious, was lifted into the automobile and was rushed to the sanitarium where, all through the night, he failed to regain consciousness. His parents were at his bedside. A particularly ugly bruise is on the lad's left shoulder, according to the attending physician.

Because of the nature of the lad's injuries, physicians could not say this morning whether he will recover but hope was held that he will pull through.

Funeral For War Veteran Friday

The body of Bert E. Velzain, company B, 22nd engineers, who was killed while serving overseas, arrived here last night, and the funeral services will be held Sunday. Cars will leave the Roseburg undertaking parlors at 12:30, and the funeral will be held at the Brockway cemetery at 1 o'clock with the Umpqua post of the American Legion in charge. Rev. Woods of Myrtle Creek will officiate. The deceased is survived by his father, James A. Velzain, of Myrtle Creek, a brother, Howard Velzain, of Orting, Wash., who is here to attend the funeral, and four sisters, Maggie Bullock, of Myrtle Creek; Susan Shook, of Oak Grove, Ore.; Jessie Hargan, of Elkton, and Ida Conway, of Myrtle Creek.

Masons Hold Special Meeting

Masons from all parts of the county were present at a meeting of the local Masonic order this afternoon. The special meeting was called for the purpose of conferring the degree of Master Mason on five candidates. The ceremonies started at 2 o'clock and the conferring of degrees will be completed late this afternoon. Frank S. Bailee, of Portland, Grand Master of the Masonic Order in the state of Oregon, arrived this morning and attended the meeting. A banquet is to be given at 6 o'clock this evening by the Past Matron's club.

TAX FOR BONUS PROPOSED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Payment of a soldiers' bonus to be financed by a sales tax on manufacturers, jobbers and wholesalers was proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Volk, republican, New York.

Compensation features of the measure are substantially the same as those of the adjusted compensation bill passed by the house during the last congress. It provides for a tax of 1 1/2 per cent on sales and deliveries by manufacturers or producers and wholesalers or jobbers, a tax of 2 1/2 per cent on the duty paid value of importations by manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers, a 3 per cent tax on sales and deliveries by manufacturers to retailers or consumers, and a 4 per cent tax on the duty paid value of importations by retailers or consumers.

OPPOSING SENATORS LIKE DISAGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Harding's interpretation of the Pacific treaty, as regards the Japanese territorial integrity, proved a boon to the irreconcilable senate group opposing its passage through the senate. Senator Borah made capital of an apparent disagreement between Harding and Hughes, insisting that there is no proper reason why the treaty's language should remain ambiguous. Hughes and other conference delegates agreed that the treaty includes Japan proper in the territory which the four signatory powers agree to safeguard. Harding flatly disagrees with this view, holding that only the land possessions of the four powers are meant. Harding is willing, however, to allow Hughes construction to stand for official purposes. The treaty opponents predicted failure for the pact as a result of his contention in the president's own official family. The chief result of this embarrassing situation is Harding's apparent decision to take no active part in the campaign to force the pact through the senate.

ts No Vote On Peace Pact

Dec. 21.—Opposition to the Anglo-Irish treaty to declare was voiced by Gavin Duffy, one of the negotiators in an argument before the Dail today.

dy Murder Trial Ended

Dec. 21.—The case of the murder of Jerry Powers, pool hall proprietor, went to the jury today noon trial breaking speed records. It ended yesterday afternoon.

ator Eddy Introduces Bill

Dec. 21.—A bill introduced by Senator Eddy Monday afternoon exempt road districts from the provisions of the local bond act enacted by the regular session of 1921. Eddy's bill points out that the budget law has been found wholly unpractical in its application to road districts and declares enactment has created much confusion in road districts throughout the state. The bill would void special levies voted by road districts during the past year, many of which had been questioned because of the failure of the districts to comply with the complicated provisions of the act.

CHIST NAMES HIS ACCOMPLICES

WARSAW, Poland, Dec. 21.—Linda Lindendfeld, held here in connection with the 1920 street bomb murders, named six accomplices for the detectives who now are Dr. Stanislaus Oulokow, chief commissary of Polish police, declared today. Oulokow gave the following names of Lindendfeld's accomplices: "I was undoubtedly connected with the bombing because I knew all the details of the plan, and how to be set off, and did not actually participate in the explosion, but who did. The accomplices were not directed by the Polish authorities as soon as possible. Linda was born in Warsaw in 1894, and his wife and two children live in New

Maniac Kills 2 Women, Wounds 1

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Cornelius Coff shot dead Mrs. Minnie Warrington and Mrs. Belle Drake, and wounded another woman. He then killed himself in a rooming house here today. The wounded woman, Mrs. Agnes Borrell, may die.

Prohibit Forming "Bloc" In Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A bill prohibiting the formation in congress of "blocs," based upon particular pursuits or geographical locations, for a purpose "in any way affecting legislation" was introduced today by Representative Ansoorge, republican, of New York. Senators and representatives would be subjected to a five thousand dollar fine "if it is proved they belonged to a 'bloc'."

Daring Thief Steals Automobile

A daring thief this morning jumped into the Mitchell touring car belonging to Mrs. Charles Clough, of Deer Creek, and dashed out of town, taking the route of the Pacific highway north. The abandoned car was later found on the old highway beyond the Edenhower store. Mrs. Clough had parked her car on Jackson street to do some shopping. She had started back to the car when she saw a man jump into it and drive away. She yelled to him to stop but he put on more speed and tore down Jackson street towards the Deer creek bridge. At this point he passed Russ Harness, who was driving a large Nash car. He almost struck him in passing, so great was his speed. Mr. Harness thought it unusual for a motorist to drive in such a manner within the city limits and followed him up Winchester street for a short ways. Mrs. Clough gave the alarm at once and Bert Bates caught a car driven by Frank Lawrence and later transferred to the car driven by Russ Harness. The chase was then taken up in earnest. All along the road people were found who were wondering at the enormous speed of the Mitchell car and its driver. A stalled motorist informed the pursuers that the thief had turned towards the Edenhower store and in order to cut off the flight of the man Mr. Harness took the cut off road and looped back towards the store in hopes of meeting the stolen car. The car was found at the side of the road but the driver was gone. He evidently feared capture and took to the railroad tracks.

E. O. Joekel, who resides at Yoncalla, left for that place this afternoon after spending several hours in this city.

Well Known Lady Passes Away

Mary A. Brown, well known resident of this city, died at 6 o'clock last night at the home of M. L. Moore on East Douglas street. She has been a sufferer for eight years although she was not confined to her bed until the last two weeks. She was born October 14, 1847, on a farm where the village of Trenton, Illinois, in Clinton county, now stands.

She was converted at the age of 13 years and joined the M. E. church and has been a consistent member since that time. Her's was a life of sacrifice. Her sister, Mrs. M. L. Moore, mother of L. B. Moore, was an invalid for practically 40 years, and Miss Brown took care of her until her death six years ago. To her acquaintances she was known as "Aunt Maime," a woman of sterling worth who will long be remembered. She leaves no closer relatives than nephews and nieces, L. B. Moore, S. P. station agent, here, and John W. Moore of this city, being her nephews. They are the only relatives she has here. She will be buried at 2 p. m., Dec. 22, in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The services will be held at the M. E. Church.

County Agent Plan Before Court Today

A. C. Allen of the state board of horticulture and C. J. Hurd, assistant state leader of county agents, met with the county court this afternoon to discuss the matter of an appropriation for county agent and fruit inspection work during the coming year. The budget committee allowed \$2500 for this work, contingent upon the consolidation of the offices. It has been found, however, that the law will not permit these offices to be consolidated, but a coordination is looked for. The law makes it necessary for the court to employ a fruit inspector for such inspection. There is no way in which the court can prevent paying an inspector and if a man is not placed on a regular salary, Mr. Allen has the right to send in a man and charge his expense to the county, so the court is "over a barrel" in this particular. The question now before the court is whether or not the county shall pay \$2,500 for a county agent, reduce the amount of the appropriation or discontinue the office altogether. Mr. Hurd this afternoon explained the necessity of continuing this work and outlined what has been accomplished and what is expected in the future. The matter will be settled at the budget meeting tomorrow.

Mrs. M. Nance and Mrs. H. Christiansen, both of Winchester, returned to that place this afternoon, after several hours spent here doing Christmas shopping.