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ROSEBURG, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1924.

MANY MATTERS TO CONSIDER.

The committee chosen by the school board to select a site for the new high school building had their first meeting last evening. A goodly number of sites were offered for its inspection at a great range of prices. It is going to be a tedious piece of work, at best, to select a suitable location, one that will meet the approval of the majority of our citizens, but the committee is determined that this school district will be served purely in a strictly business-like way, just as an individual business man would apply his talents to his own particular profession. If, among the many sites proposed at this time, one is not found suitable for the new building it will be necessary to look further. In fact, the committee may be compelled to choose property where condemnation proceedings will be required in order to give the best possible service to the people of this school district.

The prevailing opinion seems to be that the high school site should be centrally located. If this is the view to be taken by the committee as a whole there has been nothing so far offered in the way of sites that could be considered advantageous. However, the News-Review wants it to be distinctly understood that it is not favoring either a central or outside site. We are open to conviction on either proposition. Only what is best for the school children of this city is desired.

The site committee urges that people of this school district cooperate in every way possible and is anxious to receive any suggestions that would lead to determining a suitable and pleasing location for the new building. It is not too late to offer new sites, or suggest them, and the committee would be glad to consider others if they are to be had in a more suitable part of the city. All offerings made will receive the attention they deserve. The market for sites is wide open and they will be given the fullest publicity in this paper as they are brought to the attention of the committee that the people may know what action is being taken and considered at all times.

While it is quite imperative that early action be taken in order to get the new structure completed before the opening of school next year, there is no need for too great haste in this very important matter, and it would be better to cause some delay in starting building operations than to make irreparable mistakes at the very beginning of this public enterprise.

This district wants the very best possible service—at the very best possible price—in the new undertaking. The location, the sum required to purchase the land, the amount of property required to adequately supply the demands of the district in future years, are all to be considered in a thoroughly business-like manner before any decision can be reached.

A good many organizations hold their annual meetings about this time. The newcomer may think that the lists of officers elected in our societies, as published in the Roseburg News-Review do not sound interesting. But many stories are hidden in these lists as given to the press. People who follow closely the progress of a community watch these elections with keen interest. The lists of officers elected by banks and other business corporations tell of ambition rewarded. The name of the man who but a few years ago was only a clerk or an office boy, may appear among the wealthy and influential directors now. The future of a community depends much upon the choice of people for positions at the head of civic and business organizations. If active people are selected, a city and its business will go ahead. If the organizations are slow to take in young men and accustomed to select just the same people year after year, regardless of their capacity for initiative, the old town may be getting into a rut.

It is often a difficult matter to induce people to accept posts of responsibility in the local organizations. Many people are ready for offices that carry a conspicuous position at public functions, but they are unwilling to take off their coats and do some real work. It takes a good deal of effort to carry on our churches and fraternal societies, and other community organizations. But those who are willing to accept the administrative offices in these societies have rewards. They make friends whose intimacy is very delightful, and these associations are helpful in a business way. When a person has given of his time freely to public causes, he creates close relations with many people who like to do business with him or employ him.

The Portland Oregon Journal's annual New Year edition arrived in Roseburg today and it was certainly a very creditable piece of work. A survey of the industries of Oregon is given in a comprehensive manner and the growth of the Northwest during 1924 is clearly shown. The art work of Howard Fisher and Harold Doty in the edition is one of the outstanding features. The Journal being recognized as having the finest staff of artists of any publication in the west. This edition should do much towards advertising Oregon and the publishers deserve great credit for it.

TEN MILE ITEMS.

The Cavendish are giving the sheep men considerable trouble. Mrs. P. W. Cavendish and children are staying in Moscow during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Forest Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Hanson of Moscow went Ten Mile today.

Alfred Smith who has been a patient at Mercy hospital for the past week, is able to be

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—
Have you a little lot
You'd like to
Have 'em build
The school house on?

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS
A maturation is a place where
they value gnats.

Who'd a think the turkey hash
would have lasted this long?

Irv Bruhn is already makin' preparations to secure a caddy for the 1925 season and says he'd like to get hold of a kid who can keep a straight face.

Mebbe you think you're the king pin of the village. If you've got that idea of yourself, change it. There are many stars in the sky. You and I wouldn't know the difference if one went out tonight.

A fellow was tellin' ya ed. today about a friend he'd been talkin' to and he said, "Gosh, he's so darn impolite. He yawned six times while I was talkin' to him." We told the conversationalist that maybe he wasn't yawnin' but was just tryin' to get a word in edgewise.

The epidemic of calendars hasn't done the damage we thought it would.

Tomorrow's the day we resolve to turn over a new leaf and the next day is the day we throw away the book.

School starts next week and many a parent is durn glad.

Wonder where Hell Marie Dawes is? "Stuffy how obscure a vice-president becomes and we really expected Charley to keep the pot boilin' longer than he did."

New Yawk is gittin' ready for a rip an' a run tonight to usher in 1925 and it'll not be known just how good a time all had until the undertakers take stock tomorrow.

Kid McCoy sure has a way with women folk. The female members of the jury proved that.

The annual editions of the metropolitan papers are arriving and the home fires will be kept burnin' just that much longer.

This is the last column we'll write in 1924 and we will make public resolutions in tomorrow's paper. Watch for 'em. It means a bigger and better Prune Pickin's—for a few issues.

By gum, I ain't gonna take another bath this year.

GRAND MASTER OF MASONRY VISITS AT LAUREL LODGE 13

A fine attendance was reported at Laurel Lodge No. 13, A. F. and M. last night for the official visit of Grand Master O. P. Cushman. At 6:30 o'clock a fine turkey supper was served. Following the official reception of the Grand Master, a short business session was given by James Goodman, Charles McWhinnie, Leroy Simpson and Bert Bates. Laurel Lodge 13 is high in the esteem of the Grand Master, O. P. Cushman, occupies the high position in Oregon Masonry circles and he is a good member of the lodge. The lodge is a fine example of the high order of Masonry. Brother Cushman, having held that office since 1922.

WOODCUTTERS ATTENTION

The Board of Directors of Wood District No. 4 of Douglas county, Oregon, will receive suggestions for the year 1925 on or before Jan. 1st. The board will be glad to hear from all woodcutters in the district. The board will be glad to hear from all woodcutters in the district. The board will be glad to hear from all woodcutters in the district.

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Call a physician. Then buy VICKS VAPORUB. One of the best remedies for pneumonia.

TAX ON MOTOR FUEL BRINGS IN \$7,551,808.00

Money Is Credited to the State Highway Fund for Road Work.

MUCH GASOLINE SOLD

November Sales Heavy and Taxes Remitted for That Month Alone Total \$202,936.38.

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
SALEM, Dec. 31.—To date the motor vehicle fuel tax measures have brought to the state treasury the total sum of \$7,551,808.00, according to Secretary of State Kester. Of the amount collected under the law of 1921, there has been returned up to December 30, 1924, the sum of \$236,822.00 to operators of farm tractors, motor boats, commercial cleaning establishments, etc., pursuant to that provision authorizing refunds of taxes on such motor vehicle fuels as are used for purposes other than in the operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways.

Total refunds amount to approximately 3 1/2 per cent of the total collected.

The total cost of administering the motor vehicle fuel license tax laws, which includes all expenses in connection with the collection of the tax, such as clerical work, in the state department and the auditing of dealer's records, has been estimated to be less than 1 1/2 per cent of the whole tax collected.

Motor vehicle fuel taxes are credited to the state highway fund, being available for expenditure in the construction and maintenance of state highways.

Total of \$2,695,027 gallons of gasoline and \$2,922 gallons of kerosene sold during the month of November, 1924. These figures were taken from the reports of distributors, submitted as required by the motor vehicle fuel license tax laws.

Taxes realized on the November sales aggregated \$202,936.38. Of this amount, the sum of \$67,369.73 resulted from the operation of the original law of 1921 imposing a tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline and one half cent per gallon on kerosene, while \$135,566.65 was returned under the additional tax law providing for a uniform rate of two cents per gallon on all kinds of motor vehicle fuels.

As compared with the month of November, 1923, gasoline sales increased approximately 2 per cent, while kerosene sales had declined about 70 per cent.

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MOTION PICTURES OF FOOTBALL PLAYS BANNED BY COACH

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—College football plays have been banned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which forbids the use of plays which are of a violent nature. The ban came too late to have any effect on the Stanford-Notre Dame contest, however.

According to reports from the Pacific Coast, the Hawaiians were shown in action on the screen and such action was explained by the Stanford coach, Coach Glenn Warner. Football coach, Jack and a majority of them, have resented the banning of plays which are of a violent nature.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT
U. S. Weather Bureau, local at Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 A. M.
Forecast: Partly cloudy, with light rain or drizzle, but with no snow. Total precip. for this month and year, from Sept. 1, 1924 to date, 1.477.
Total excess from Sept. 1, 1924 to date, 1.477.
Average precipitation for 30 wet seasons, September to May, inclusive, 2.141.
Rain today and Thursday.
—W. M. BELL, Meteorologist.

Harding's Sister Realtor's Bride.



Miss Abigail Victoria Harding, sister of the late President Harding, was married recently to Ralph T. Lewis, real estate broker of Marion, Ohio, after a romance which began years ago. The ceremony was performed in the home of Dr. George T. Harding, father of the bride. She and the groom are honeymooning in Bermuda.

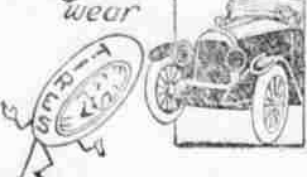
YOUTHFUL BANDIT KILLS MESSENGER IN HOLDUP ATTEMPT

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A youthful robber held up the express car crew of the Viking, fast Chicago and Northwestern Railroad passenger train near Highland Park, Ill., last night, shot and killed a messenger, locked up the conductor and baggage man and escaped after a futile attempt to open the safe, which contained bonds, jewels and money valued at upwards of \$200,000.

Russell Dickey, 44, of Milwaukee, Wis., the messenger, died when he attempted to disarm the man, who took one of two keys necessary to open the safe from Dickey's body. He failed to find the second key which was in the messengers' overcoat hanging a foot away from the safe.

Belief that he had a confederate aboard the train was expressed by officers after Earl J. Kloepper, a taxiab driver, told them the robber said his "partner" had the 200 grand, and that his "partner" got excited and I had to shoot one guy.

The point where the robbery attempt was made is near Roundout, Ill., scene of the \$2,000,000 robbery last June of a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul mail train.



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Department of Weights and Measures Changed to Market Agent's Dept.

MYERS IS QUITTING

Political Phase Enters Into Affair as Pierce Anxious to Have Control of Department.

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31.—Al Jefferson Myers, today notified Governor Pierce of the transfer of the state department of weights and measures from the treasury department to the state market agent's department, and received a receipt for the equipment from Market Agent C. E. Spence, a question arises whether the transfer can be legally made before January 1925. Another question is whether the change should not have been made at the death of former State Treasurer Hoff on March 13 last.

The notice of transfer by Mr. Myers is preparatory to his relinquishing the office of treasurer next Monday to his successor, T. B. Kay.

The law applying to the case, enacted by the legislature of 1923, is typical of a large bulk of legislation enacted in Oregon every two years in that it is pretty hard to tell just what the act does mean. In one place the act reads that the department of weights and measures shall remain under the treasury department "during the incumbency of the present state treasurer" since O. P. Hoff was treasurer when the law was enacted, the text of that section would make it appear that the transfer should have been made at Hoff's death. In another place the act reads that the transfer is to be made "at the expiration of the term of office" of the present treasurer, whose term had Mr. Hoff lived, would not have expired until January 1927.

At the death of Mr. Hoff, Governor Pierce appointed Myers as Hoff's successor who under the law was allowed to serve only until his successor was elected and qualified by the next general election. This threw the election of a treasurer two years earlier than it would have come had Hoff lived and adds to the complication relative to the transfer.

A political phase also enters into the affair. The department of weights and measures, under Myers, who is a democrat, is said by republicans to have done signal service in behalf of Myers during the recent campaign. It is now charged by republicans that Governor Pierce is anxious to have the transfer made at this time so that it will be under Market Agent Spence, who is a Pierce appointee, and who Pierce opponents say, would be able to keep the weights and measures department with its employees throughout the state, intact as a unit in the Pierce political machine.

W. A. Faltiel, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, who administers the department under the state treasurer said today that he has not been informed whether he is to remain in the department when the transfer is made. He

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add that while he had no information on the subject he presented the officers of the department would stay in Salem and not be moved to Portland where the market agent has headquarters.

Legal action may be necessary to determine whether the transfer is to be made at this time.

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