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OREGON'S TAX SYSTEM.

Our vigilant and farsighted governor again warns us that a financial catastrophe will befall the state if the method of taxation is not altered. City and farm property are too heavily burdened, the governor holds, and unless relief is given values will become nil. He urges all assessors of the state to adhere to the last letter of the law relating to the assessment of all personal property, and he advises those officials that at their future meeting in Salem he, as chairman of the state tax commission, will demand a report from them on that particular item. Incidentally the governor refuses to let us forget that the repeal of the income tax law cost the state \$2,670,000 "and more" in taxes, for he refers to this sad event once more in his latest utterance. Confronted with the possibility of failure of raising money by a tobacco tax and also likely defeat of a plan to make self-sustaining departments pay over to the state a certain per cent of their revenues, the governor now proposes to levy on chattels to make up the deficit created by the reduction on the general state tax levy, made by himself and Jefferson Myers when the latter was state treasurer, an act ascribed by the state press generally to the governor's pique over the defeat of the income tax. However, it may be true, as the governor intimates, that personal property is not bearing its just share of the cost of maintaining the state government and its educational institutions, but it would not be fair to give criticism on this until the assessors are heard from. It is patent, however, that something is wrong in the assessment system, according to the recent statement of State Treasurer Kay to the effect that about a half a billion dollars worth of property in Oregon is escaping taxation. What proportion of that sum was realty or personally, Mr. Kay did not state, but it is at once apparent that if the assessors could list even half of that amount the state's tax problem would be solved for the time being at least.

MITCHELL AIRS VIEWS OF HEADS ARMY AND NAVY

(Continued from page 1.)

Aircraft Supremacy Claimed.

Regarding the aircraft tests on the battleship Washington, Colonel Mitchell declared that testimony was given to the house aircraft committee that the ship's bombing by aircraft was ineffectual. This statement, he charged, was not in keeping with the facts, adding that these tests showed that aircraft properly used, could sink any surface vessel afloat and that only this necessary for final proof of his statement, was for tests to be conducted which would give aircraft a fair chance.

"There have yet," he said, "been no adequate tests to determine the effectiveness of aircraft in its clash with naval vessels."

Colonel Mitchell again brought up the charge made by him last winter that junior officers were "muzzled" to prevent them from telling the truth to congressional committees. He added that the war department had a reporter in the committee room.

"Does this interfere with your testimony?" asked Representative Vinson of Georgia.

"It doesn't bother me," Mitchell replied, "but it tends to retard a flow of testimony by junior officers."

"You realize this is a public hearing," asked Dwight W. Morrow, board chairman.

"Yes," answered Mitchell, "I just injected this on the side."

"Do you think," inquired Judge Arthur C. Denison of Grand Rapids, Mich., "this has any effect on testimony if the army general staff has a stenographer here?"

"It has the effect," continued Mitchell, "that you immediately get a letter asking for all facts and data on your statements."

Behind Other Countries. "Since General Patrick (army air chief) testified here last week, he has received a letter asking him to furnish a complete estimate of aircraft expenditures and a budget on needs."

"I thought maybe having a stenographer here might be a desire by the general staff to save buying a record of the hearing," Mr. Denison said.

"That may be but it works the other way," replied Mitchell. "France is striving to control the air," he said, "in the same manner England controls the sea. Every nation is coming forward with better planes than ours. The air services of England, France and Germany were all superior to that of the United States, because, those countries realize the practical value of aircraft during the World war."

The greatest development, he said, has been in the forces of Great Britain.

France, he said, has 1200 planes deployed at Alsace-Lorraine, where they can be placed in immediate service.

He declared that the United States should have three types of planes, defense ships and high and low altitude planes. The present equipment is virtually all of the low altitude type, he said.

The witness said the army now has 1,000 army officers ready to be transferred to the air service, and if this took place "that will be

the absolute end of the air service."

Transfers, said he, had been prevented only by the constant effort of General Patrick.

"The Japanese are working tooth and nail," he continued, "to develop aircraft. They are good fliers and are building good equipment."

He also testified all nations which had unified air services were satisfied with the system and that every country had a definite air program except the United States.

Disaster Avoidable. LAKEHURST, N. J., Sept. 30.—The disaster to the ship Shenandoah should have been entirely and very easily avoided, Captain Anton Helen, former German Zeppelin pilot, declared today before the naval court of inquiry here.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Secretary Wilbur today ordered the Shenandoah court of inquiry shifted to Washington after completion of the testimony at Lakehurst.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—A local thunderstorm and not a line squall destroyed the Shenandoah, Lieutenant-Colonel John A. Paegelow, commandant of the army balloon station at Scott Field, testified today, before the president's aircraft board.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—The navy department ordered Rear-Admiral H. P. Christy today to proceed with rescue work on the submarine S-51 until all hope of saving any survivors was definitely passed.

LAFOLLETTE IS BIG WINNER FOR FATHER'S SEAT (Continued from page 1.)

tional house of representatives.

Bowles' election yesterday came after assertion by him that he believed the 18th amendment had no place in the constitution and suggested that he would work for any change in the existing machinery for prohibition enforcement which would add to temperance, contentment and respect for law."

The vote was Bowles 12,702; Sawyer 9,067.

It was a special election to fill a vacancy caused by the death of George D. Churchill, republican, of Amherst.

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PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—Mister Perry Foster Who utter peddle Chawin' tobacco In these here parts Parked his gas buggy So effectively That it took the Hull police force And a detachment Of boy scouts To locate it.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS Wimmen oughta be good in the legislature because they're allus introducing bills in the house.

Was watchin' a local drugstore cowboy shove the billiard balls around the green felt the other p. and he was a regular walkin' advertisement for Bon Ami—he never scratches.

We wonder what the wives of the Umpqua Chiefs will do for blankets when they take their's to Salem for the parade Friday?

SAD—BUT TRUE! Just where the button strains a little tighter, Just where the watch chain rests a trifle lighter, Just where the girl protests it needs a mitre,

THAT'S WHERE THE VEST BEGINS! —Chicago Tribune.

The ol' red flannels feel sorta good these chilly a. m.'s.

Lather Barnes has found his last year's felt derby is renovating it to conform with the latest shriek styles—brim turned down n'everthing.

With taxes due next week there'll be many a baby's bank in the village piffered.

When the college Greeks get home from their Greek fraternities they oughta be able to speak the language fluently.

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK Mary Watkins The sky is fair to gaze upon And the ocean is pleazant to see, But a site that's got them skun a mile Is the site of Mary Watkins, O. G.!

Her hair is long and yella, Her teeth are short and white, Her eyes are round and bluish And she's small around the height.

She's bewty looking on week days And on Sundays even more, And if you like to see boys on door steps Look on hers and you'll see 3 or 4.

She looks wonderfill in her white dress And absooloty orate in her pink, And when she puts on her blue one You don't hardly know wat to think.

The stars are certeny a bewtiful site When they come out all together at nite, But so is Mary Watkins, The soon looks grate is it sets in the west

But bleewe me boy wen she's washed and dressed So does Mary Watkins. —Lee Page, The Chicago Daily News.

After a feller reads all the epi-taphs he wonders where they bury all the wicked fellers."

VISITING LIST AT CRATER LAKE 2500 MORE THAN IN 1924

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 1.—Sept. 30.—Crater Lake national park will be formally closed tonight after the most successful season in its history from the standpoint of tourists and interests in this great scenic spot of the west.

Tourist registrations at the park exceeded those of last year by more than 2500, while visitors came from many more states than ever before.

Auto stages which have been operating between here and the park throughout the season will make their final runs today.

Before the park is formally opened next summer, many big improvements will be installed, according to recent announcements.

Another wing will be added to the lodges, while a group of cabins also will be built for the convenience of auto tourists.

Improved roadways within the park also will greet the 1926 tourists, as paving work is now in progress and will be continued during the coming month. The paving work is on both the Klamath and Medford entrances as far as Anna creek springs, which is but a short distance from the Crater Lake rim.

Plows for plowing black land as well as free soil plows at Wharton Bros.

State Press Comment

Falling In English. Students seeking admission to the University of Oregon are given a test in English, covering the elements of composition, spelling, grammar and punctuation. This year 43 per cent of the entering class of 863 failed to pass the simple test.

There should be no more polite evasion. The teaching of English in our public schools is a failure. These students indicate by their desire to enter college, a degree of intelligence and ambition. They are not stupid. If 43 per cent of them fail to pass such an elementary examination, we may assume that other high school graduates will be found no better qualified. Probably a large proportion of those who passed had good English habits acquired at home and in their private reading, and they succeeded rather in spite of their school training than because of it.

Any system of teaching whose results are so deplorable, must be fundamentally unsound. Such wholesale failure would not result from occasional weak teachers, or indifferent students. English is taught, painstakingly and anxiously, every school day throughout 12 years. Test books, reading tables and composition are legion; courses of study are elaborately planned; but the thing is dead. It doesn't work.

What is the matter? —Portland Telegram.

The Big Hope. Germany accepts the allied invitation to a ministerial conference in Switzerland next month. At it the Allied-German security pact will be discussed for final solution. Germany's decision to enter the conference was made by President Hindenburg at a meeting with his cabinet.

It is to be a conference. It is to be a discussion around the table. Governments are to meet face to face and counsel together upon things looking to the peace of the world, to be helped on by the security pact.

It's a new thing in the world. It's counsel instead of cannon. It's good will instead of unpowder. It's Christ and the Cross instead of crucified sons and Luthers and Lutherans.

The world is thinking. It has been counting its dead and computing its debts the past seven years. The frightful totals are making nations reflect.

The old-time declarations of war were jaunty. The serried ranks spread clamor as they marched by. The chancellors counted up their gains in annexed territory and subjugated peoples.

But they have learned that it is different in modern war. No body gained anything in the last one. Most of the nations that warred, lost about everything. Most of them won't be able to pay in a century.

So, on thinking it over, they are ready to confer. They are open to agreements and understandings. Except Mr. Borah's battalion of death in America, they are ready to substitute civilized cooperation for the beak and talon and bloody murder.

It's the big hope of the world. —Portland Journal.

Stable Land Values. There lies a moral in the finding of the United States Bureau of Census that farm values have had greater stability in Oregon during the past five years than in the other Northwestern states. This is tantamount to saying that land values here have been more stable than in any other area west of the Mississippi river, because in the middle west there was a sharp upward trend in prices during a period just as they were falling in the westward downward sharply without warning, and left its victims helpless.

The story of the rise and fall of land values since 1920 in the middle west is a sad narrative for the men who bought realty at peak prices. For them it is a story of lost fortunes.

Oregon farmers have not been the objects of a boom. There has been no pyramiding of prices with resultant profits to operators and speculators. But the prices have been gradually going up as the farms have become more productive. Today the prices are low enough that the man who works the land intelligently and purposefully can make a good return on his investment.

We say this notwithstanding the demagogic statements of those who speak of the spreading of pessimism puts him in strug with the farmer.

As there has been no boom in land prices, there have been no failures on the farm in Oregon. The man who has farmed has come through the deflation period in good shape. Such is not the case of Iowa, for example. Iowa is one of the richest states, agriculturally in the union. But the prices of her rich lands shot up in price to \$400 and \$500 per acre. With the decline of the value of their products the farmers who paid these high prices have lost out. Iowa is sprinkled today with good farmers who have lost their fortunes because they bought land that as too high in price. Many of them must start over again.

There has been none of this sort of business in Oregon. It is well for the fortunes of its people and the reputation of the state.—Albany Herald-Democrat.

One Cause of Crime. Two hundred pounds of beef does not rot operate that way. Criminals have a habit of dodging the officials of the law. They seem to think that is the wisest and the safer course.

Two hundred pounds of beef does not rot materially in detecting crime. It is brains that are needed and Philadelphia is wise in

KITCHEN CUPBOARD

By NELLIE MAXWELL

Dishes for Various Tastes FOR those who enjoy the English hot bread, this recipe will be cherished.

English Crumpets.—About an hour (or longer if it is cool weather) before you wish to serve them, dissolve a half cake of yeast in a quart of water just lukewarm, adding half a teaspoonful of sugar. To one cupful of water add one cupful of milk, one tablespoonful of lard, and scald it. Cool and add the yeast mixture with enough flour to make a soft batter. Upon the thinness of the batter depends the success of the crumpets. Cover the bowl and let rise in a warm place an hour or until its bulk is double. Heat a griddle, grease it with pork fat, place on it greased muffin rings and fill them one-third full with the very soft sponge. Cover the rings and let the crumpets bake very slowly, until they rise to double their height, then increase the heat to make the griddle very hot; continue baking until the crumpets are brown on the bottom. When done they are soft, full of holes and white. Lay away in pairs, the top sides together, until cold. Toast, spread with butter and serve piping hot with tea and breakfast.

German Crumpets.—Beat two eggs without separating, add a half teaspoonful of soda in a tablespoonful of water, add it to half a cupful of thick sour cream; add this to the egg mixture, with a teaspoonful of vanilla, half a grated nutmeg, and three cupfuls of flour, added very slowly. The dough should be soft but not sticky. Roll out, cut into oblongs, cut in slits like an old-fashioned farmyard gate, drop into hot fat, drain when brown and dust with powdered sugar.

Bird's Nest Pudding.—Half fill a deep pie plate with sliced apples, peaches or apricots and cover with a thin batter, using sour milk, one egg and soda with flour to make a batter to cover. Bake until the crust is brown. Turn over on a platter, spread with plenty of butter and sugar and flavor with grated nutmeg. —Western Newspaper Union.

looking for them.—Portland Journal.

Second hand 6-foot disc harrow at Wharton Bros.

TEMBLOR ROCKS MONTANA. HELENA, Mont., Sept. 30.—A sharp earthquake shock of sufficient intensity to loosen accumulated snow on the roofs of residences and cause miniature snow slides, was felt here at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The disturbance lasted for six seconds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—An earthquake shock so slight that a great part of the city's population apparently did not feel it, visited San Francisco at 7:30 a. m. today.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 30.—A light earthquake shock was felt here at 7:30 a. m. today. No damage was reported.

RESERVED SEATS FOR 'PYGMALION' MAY BE SECURED

The seat sale for "Pygmalion," the George Bernard Shaw comedy to be presented at the Antlers theatre on Friday, October 2, opened this morning. The Moroni Olsen players, who are offering the famous stage plays are being brought to this city under the auspices of the Roseburg Business and Professional Women's Club, and they have sold a great number of tickets in the city. Season tickets are being sold, providing admission for all three of the plays to be presented by the Moroni Olsen players. Holders of season or single admission tickets may secure their seat reservations at the Antlers theatre for Friday's performance.

ANOTHER RECORD RUN FOR STAR CAR

The Star car has made another record run. This time it was a standard stock Star Coupester that was used on a remarkable power demonstration.

A. W. Thresher, Star dealer at Gridley, decided to create a real high gear record in his own territory, and instead of using the touring model which had been used for high gear record runs by private owners, factory employees and Star car dealers from the Canadian line to the Mexican border, Thresher chose a Star Coupester. He drove from Gridley to Drakes Bad and back in high gear by way of Chico, Butte Meadow and Chester, reaching an elevation of 6500 feet and covering 346 miles.

The time of the run of seven hours and 30 minutes, and the average miles per hour was 24.5 which is excellent time for the run, even when not limited to high gear only. The oil consumption was practically none at all. There were two quarts of water used and the Star Coupester averaged 24.8 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

No car had ever before made the trip in high gear and this run has been recorded as one of the outstanding demonstrations of the power of the "Million Dollar Motor" and the efficiency of the Star car.

PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS NOW AIM OF WORKERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CLEVELAND, Sept. 30.—Railroaders were adamant when the transportation lines of the country first volunteered to aid in saving the lives and limbs of their employees, but the movement now has the approval of 180,000 rail men, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, emphasized in an address today before the National Safety Council.

"Our men were advised to obey every word of every rule before moving a car which they knew could not be done with rapid car movement," Mr. Lee continued. "They naturally looked for the effects of the safety first propaganda in suits for injuries where-in it would be set up that the employe had violated a rule which released the employer from responsibility.

"We were fearful of the movement, but time has worked out a better understanding of safety practices. It has been found that safety first does not operate against recovery in damaged cases and has contributed its full share toward saving the lives of our train and yard men."

The safety movement is only about 20 years old, so far as the United States is concerned, but in that double decade, it has advanced from an instinct almost to a science, declared Johnson C. Rosebush, president of a large paper company of Appleton, Wis., in another address.

"The mother's instinct is to press the sick child to her bosom, but science tells us it is far better to call the doctor," he continued. "Instinct causes us to recoil from a person rendered unconscious by drowning, but science tells us to exert all of our ability in the process of resuscitation.

"The whole safety movement is an endeavor to set men everywhere to have a certain exalted notion regarding the value of human life, and upon that philosophy to regulate their own conduct."

In the field of mechanical accidents, the speaker placed the primary responsibility for safety upon the owners of factories, mines and railways, but added that "whether employees wish it or not, society has decided that upon them rests the whole responsibility for accident prevention."

Myers pumps and repairs at Wharton Bros.

MARSHFIELD LINES UP. MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 30.—Testimony in favor of the East-West railway project of the Oregon public service commission, now before the interstate commerce commission will be given in Portland next week by Earl W. Murphy, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Cook with gas. EASTERN STAR MEMBERS TAKE NOTICE

On our next meeting night, Thursday, Oct. 1st, the degrees will be conferred upon six or more candidates. We will have visitors from Yoncalla and Drain chapters, and last but not least there will be something good to eat in the banquet room. Come out and have a good time.

BY ORDER OF THE W. M., Roseburg Chapter, No. 8.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SQUAD NOT YET UP TO DESIRED FORM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 30.—Though a drizzling rain fell here all day yesterday, it failed to halt the activities of the University of Oregon football team. During the afternoon the mud and rain soaked men went through their paces, occasionally fumbling the slippery ball, but undaunted by their handicap.

Today is clear again, with a bright sun shining, so there will be a double workout, according to the schedule.

Lawrence Perry, considered by many to be one of the leading football critics of the United States, watched the Oregon team work out yesterday. He was not so strongly impressed, though he admitted that the prospects were bright for a fast team, and that the men were shifty. The heavy rain did not afford them a chance to show their best, he said. He was greatly impressed by the outlook at the University of Washington.

Agnes vs. Willamette. CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 30.—Oregon Agricultural College is expected to have a light fast backfield and a heavy line for its game Saturday with Willamette university. Selections announced by Coach Schissler would indicate this.

The change in the date of the Aggie-Gonzaga game from Saturday, October 19 to Friday, October 9, announced yesterday was made to allow fans to see both the game here and the Oregon-Idaho game at Eugene, which has been scheduled for the same day.

Cook with gas. FAVOR REVISION LIVESTOCK RATES ON MILEAGE BASIS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Rates on livestock west of the Mississip-

Cold, Stormy Days Heated by One of Our Living Room Stoves Churchill Hardware Company The Iron Mongers

LEATHER WORKING EXPERT TO MEET WITH BOY SCOUTS L. E. "Leather" Griswold is to be a guest of Troop 2 of the Roseburg Boy Scouts on Monday. Mr. Griswold is a well known leather expert and will entertain and instruct the boys with demonstrations of his work. He will show them how to make moccasins, gloves, camera cases, axe sheaths, etc., etc. He will be at the Baptist church, the headquarters of the second troop, and all boy scouts of the city are being invited in to meet Mr. Griswold. Dollars and time saved by ordering Coos Bay and coast products shipped by Auto Freight. We can meet with all coast auto freight lines entering Myrtle Point. Phone 31-J. Oregon Auto Transportation Company.

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