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WORK OF EXTENDING 1925 TAX ROLLS NOW UNDERWAY; TAX FOR COMING YEAR WILL BE HIGHER

County Assessor Completes Task of Computing Various Levies—State and County Taxes to Be Slightly Higher—Roseburg Valuation Increasing.

Taxes next year are going to be higher than this year, is the welcome news given by County Assessor Frank Calkins, who has completed the task of computing the various levies and is now preparing to extend the 1925 tax upon the rolls. The state and county tax is approximately one mill higher, the county is compelled to add approximately a mill and a half to retire bonds while in other lines there are slight increases.

FUND	1925	1924	Amount
State Tax	006029	006418	\$295,433.74
General County	003790	003682	128,927.61
Common School	002010	001991	68,375.86
Library	000021	000021	714.37
General Road	002604	002663	88,173.00
Market Road	001500	001501	50,790.90
Interest on Bonds	002562	002827	87,153.71
Maturing Bonds	002411	000948	82,017.01
Fire Patrol	000018	000019	612.32
Indigent Soldiers	000045		1,530.80
TOTAL	021000	020100	\$713,729.32

City levies run close to those of last year in a few instances they are a fraction of a mill higher or lower, but generally are close to the levy made in 1924. The city of Riddle which has been paying a heavy tax to take care of bonds issued for city improvements has made a reduction of nearly one-half mill this year.

Roseburg's tax will be slightly higher this year, owing to the necessity of raising additional funds for bond interest and retirement. The burden, however, will not be great as the city's valuation has

CITY	1925	1924	Valuation	Tax
Roseburg	0101	0095	\$4,032,860	\$40,731.89
Reedsport	0165	0133	497,690	11,511.88
Drain	0122	0119	228,110	2,782.94
Yoncalla	0154	0170	157,240	2,421.50
Oakland	0277	0281	311,790	8,636.53
Sutherlin	0139	0137	456,280	6,342.29
Myrtle Creek	0220	0219	213,700	4,701.40
Riddle	0352	0410	124,480	4,394.14
Canyonville	0059	0062	30,260	178.53
Glendale	0194	0210	289,630	5,618.82

It will be noted from the above that Roseburg's valuation is above the four million dollar mark, showing an increase from last year of more than \$300,000. Roseburg's valuation has been steadily growing in recent years, showing a very substantial and satisfactory condition. Not a boom town but a steady growth in industrial and home property.

The county assessor is now engaged in extending the tax rolls. In this work the various levies to which each taxpayer is subject are computed and the amount of his tax marked opposite his assessment. When this work is completed the books will be turned over to the sheriff, who will prepare the

BELOW ZERO CHILLS MID-WEST REGION

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Sub-zero blasts as low as 10 degrees below were predicted for Chicago and the Lake Michigan region tonight as five deaths in Chicago were attributed to the cold, three victims having been frozen to death. The temperature dropped to 13 below in Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn., today and other cities in the central states suffered proportionately with 12 below zero at Mason City and Waterloo, Iowa; six below at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 19 below at Rockford, Illinois and one above zero at Chicago.

Two inches of ice on the Mississippi and Rock Rivers was reported from Moline, Illinois. One hundred and eight fire alarms sounded in Chicago during the last 24 hours. A girl was overcome by smoke and a aged woman and several children were carried out from a burning apartment house.

FORD'S AIRPLANES SOON READY FOR FLORIDA HAULING

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—The four stout all-metal air airplanes scheduled to take off today from the Ford airport at Dearborn for a two-day flight to Tampa, Florida, will leave the air field Monday morning, Major W. A. Robertson, director of operations of the Florida Airways Corporation, said today. The planes will inaugurate a passenger and freight service between Tampa and Miami, Fla.

DYING IN RAGS, 94 YEAR OLD 'NEWSBOY' LEAVES \$50,000

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—"St. Francis" Gurks, 94-year-old "newsboy," a picturesque character on the streets of Portland for many years, who died Thursday, left an estate of probably \$50,000 to the United States Bureau of Education. A petition for probate of his will was filed today.

Clad in rags, with burlap wrapped about his feet in place of shoes, Gurks was a figure that would have appeared more appropriate in a theatrical setting than on the busy streets of a modern city. Every night he was on his corner in the downtown district crying his papers. He lived alone in a shack, and he died without any known relatives.

COUNTY COURT ADOPTS BUDGET FOR YEAR 1926

Few Changes Made From Proposed Budget in Spite of Recommendations. LIBRARY FUND DENIED

Request for Money to Provide Use of Library for County Residents Not Approved.

The county budget for the year of 1926 has been finally approved by the county court with but few changes from the tentative list of estimated expenditures as submitted prior to the budget meeting. The county court made a careful investigation of the recommendations submitted by the Douglas County Taxpayers League and in some instances made the changes advised, but for the most part was unable to comply with the requests owing to the fact that the budget was already within \$700 of the six per cent limitation.

KING FILES PLEA TO SAVE NECKS OF OREGON CONVICTS

Claims Escape Justified by Cruelty and That Prior Sentences Must Be Served First.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26.—Judge Will R. King, acting for Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, under sentence to hang January 8 for the murder of guards in a prison break here a number of months ago, has filed motions for arrest of judgment in the three cases, asking to have the judgment of conviction and execution held null and void on the ground that the three men during the course of their trials were not within the jurisdiction of the court that tried them.

The motion is further based on the ground that "the escape of each defendant was due to a violation of that section of the constitution of the United States and constitution of the state of Oregon wherein it was provided that cruel and inhuman punishment shall not be inflicted."

WOMAN CRIPPLE BELIEVED VICTIM MINNEAPOLIS FIRE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—One woman was believed to have been burned to death and 22 persons were rescued by firemen in 13 below zero weather here today, when fire destroyed a three-story brick building. Loss was estimated at \$35,000.

LUTHERANS LEAD CHURCHES IN MEMBER GAINS

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Fifteen protestant denominations in Chicago reported a member increase of 32,946 in 627 churches. It was disclosed by the Methodist Episcopal year book, which was received here today.

OPERATORS ASK COAL MINERS TO RESUME WORK

Half Ultimatum, Half Plea Agrees to Pay Old Wage for Eight Months.

MEN REPLY TUESDAY

Spokesman Says They Will Not Be Stamped Back to Mines—New Scale Parley Due.

TURKISH DIVORCE LAW, 1400 YEARS OLD, IS CHANGED

Courts Take Place of Mere Words by Husband, and Wife Given Equal Right to Sue.

SHALL GIRLS SOW WILD OATS?

A startling question? Not according to the gifted author of "SANDY" who knows so well the problems of the younger generation and the anxieties of its elders.

(By Eleanor Meherin.) Some one whispers of a swimming party with bathers in the nude; another tells of Mary Smith, just seventeen "going out cold"; while a third recounts the elopement of little Anna Jones and the birth of her baby two months later.

PITTSBURGH THUGS ROB HOLLYWOOD MAN

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—A N. Keith of Hollywood, California, and his wife, were victims of two bandits on the Lincoln highway near here today. The thieves, equipped with jewelry worth \$5,000 and \$125 in cash, Keith, said to engaged in the motion picture business, was struck on the head and rendered unconscious by one of the holdup men. They were driving in an automobile when the bandits overtook them in another machine.

WOMAN IS KILLED AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

LOGON, Utah, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Peter Sorenson, 53, is dead, and five others are in a local hospital as a result of a collision between an automobile driven by Dr. L. M. Bruce and an interurban electric.

RADIUM POISON TAKES SEVENTH OF EX-EMPLOYEES

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 26.—The death of Miss Marguerite Carough today increased to seven the number of former employees of the United States Radium Corporation of Orange, who in three years have died from poisoning attributed to radioactive poisoning.

LEADING HEBREWS RALLY TO SUPPORT OF RABBI WISE

Resignation as Chairman of Palestine Committee Tendered, but May Be Declined.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Jews throughout the country are flocking to the support of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who is under fire from orthodox rabbis for praising Jesus in a recent address.

TRAGEDY TAKES HEAVY TOLL IN NATION ON XMAS

Traffic Accidents, Poison and Pistol Fights Are Chief Agencies.

DROWNING CLAIMS 5

Fires Also Add to List of Dead and Injured, and Liquor Plays Part in Some Cases.

TRAGEDY'S CHRISTMAS HARVEST IN AMERICA

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A broken music record to play with was all that Christmas meant to Mary Lorena Harris, 2 years old. Her mother, Mrs. Ruth Carolina Harris, 27, and her brother, John, 5, were dead; another brother, James, 4, and her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Beyer, were in a critical condition and her father Truman Leon Harris, 34, was seriously ill. All police believe, were the unwitting victims of poison eaten Christmas Eve.

WEATHER KILLS 3 MEN IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Two men were frozen to death and another partly frozen today as Chicago experienced its coldest weather of the winter, a temperature of one degree above zero.

POOR MEMORY OF REPORTER SAVES GIN FROM POLICE

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 26.—Brotherly love and the Christmas spirit combined in an unusual way here yesterday in a holiday automobile accident. Two machines collided. One turned over. The driver of the overturned car scrambled out and hurriedly began to remove an opened case of gin.

ST. LOUIS TOLL NINE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Nine dead was the toll of Yuletide merry-making in St. Louis. Seven were killed in traffic accidents; a youth was fatally burned while playing Santa Claus at a Christmas tree in his home; and a man was shot and killed in an altercation during a beer party.