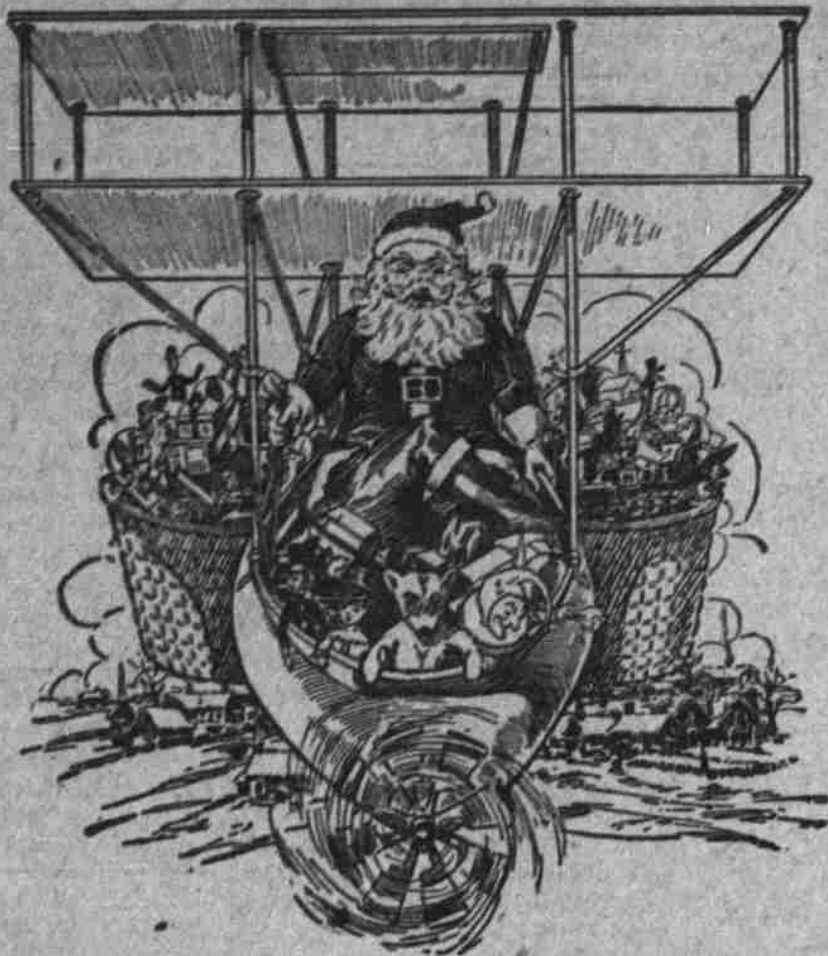


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THE STATE BOARD SETS VALUATION OF ROADS

TAX COMMISSIONERS PASSES UP SOME FIGURES TO EQUALIZE

G. R. & N. Has Valuation of \$47,650.50 According to the Report.

Total valuations on some of the larger corporations doing business in the state of Oregon have been completed by the state Board of Tax Commissioners for the benefit of the State Board of Equalization, says a Salem dispatch.

In these valuations the total does not, in all cases, represent the grand total for which corporations will be taxed, inasmuch as there are certain classes of personal property owned by these corporations upon which the assessor is required to place the valuation.

Assessment of the Oregon Short Line is on a basis of \$85,000 a mile. This assessment does not include several bridges along the line. There are 28.71 miles of this road assessed by the Tax Commission, the total assessment being \$1,541,850. The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.'s assessed valuation is placed at \$47,650.50. This assessment is practically on the same basis as the assessment of the Oregon Short Line and is for 738.15 miles of track including the main lines and branches.

The Oregon & California, or Southern Pacific lines are assessed for 616.15 miles of track and the total assessed valuation is placed at \$32,688,950. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's system is assessed at \$23,186,748. Notable in the case of this corporation the total valuation is not comprehended by the report of the Tax commission as there is considerable property in possession of this company which comes solely under the jurisdiction of the county assessors in preparing the valuation.

The Pullman Car Company operates over 817.48 miles of track and is assessed at \$605,010. The assessed valuation of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company is placed at \$4,879,400. These estimates are subject to change by the State Board of Equalization.

The Board received a number of petitions today and statements constituting a portion of the routine subjects of the session, no business of importance being transacted. The force in the Tax Commission office is hurrying to close the work in connection with the assessment of the smaller corporations. This will probably be completed within a week or two.

Spanish Leader Shot.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Domingo Navarro, president of the Ship Scalers' union was shot and instantly killed here yesterday at the Union Iron works. His slayer escaped. It is reported that the shooting resulted from a quarrel centering over the strike which the scalars are considering calling.

Later it was learned that August Inarevale, a Spaniard shot Navarro. According to Arevale he did not know that the strike was on and seeing that men were wanted he started to apply for a job, when a number of men including Navarro set upon him and struck him several times when he pulled his revolver and fired, and the crowd scattered. Arevale was arrested in hiding on the waterfront.

Attack Steel Trust.

Cleveland, Dec. 8.—What purports to be the first step in the plan to break the steel trust will be started here today when the government files a suit against the Great Lakes Towing company according to semi-official statements of E. P. Chamberlain, special counsel for the government. Chamberlain asserts his investigations developed enough evidence on which to base the suit for dissolution of the steel merger.

Black Hand in Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 8.—In revenge for some fancied grievance two men, believed to have been Italians dynamited the garage in the rear of Dr. A. J. Chilton, the Italian consul here early yesterday. The explosion did a

thousand dollars damage to the place, and smashed window panes within a radius of a block. None were injured. The consul says no Black Hand are concerned but private revenge is sought. There is no trace of the men whom he says he believes he knows.

No Treating in Tacoma.

Tacoma, Dec. 8.—"Have one on me" will be obsolete in Tacoma after December 13, and any bartender that is foolish enough to allow treating will be subject to \$100 fine. City commissioners yesterday passed an ordinance prohibiting treating in saloons and unless they obey the licenses will be revoked. Saloon men declare fully one hundred saloons will be put out of business by the ordinance.

Take Unknown Jap to Moscow.

Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 5.—In accordance with the provisions of the statute, which prohibits the commissioners of one county from paying for the maintenance of an indigent from another county, the commissioners today sent the unknown Japanese struck by the westbound Northern Pacific passenger train on the trestle beyond Kendrick last Saturday, to Moscow, where he will be cared for by the Tatch county authorities.

Kurdy Goes to Reservation.

Cottonwood, Idaho, Dec. 8.—S. B. Kurdy, an Assyrian, who has operated a large mercantile establishment here for the last five years, is closing out his stock preparatory to removing to a homestead near Harrison.

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