

ESTATES ARE BEING RUINED

English Taxation Is Resulting In Big Landed Proprietors Letting Property Run Down.

LONDON, Sept. 23. — England's great estates are crumbling under the weight of taxation and death duties and one big landed proprietor after another among the nobility is dividing and selling his holdings, many of which have been in the hands of single families for centuries.

The latest indication that peers are finding it necessary to seek smaller homes comes in the announcement of the Duke of Portland that he may have to abandon his palatial mansion, Welbeck Abbey, in Nottinghamshire. This is only one of the residences of the Duke who owns some 200,000 acres in England.

"For centuries past landed estates have been handed down from generation to generation," said the Duke, addressing his tenants on the occasion of the coming of age of his son, Lord Francis Cavendish. "Landlords and tenants have lived on terms of mutual trust and affection. I fear, however, that the state of things is passing away for with the present weight of taxation and the extremely onerous incidence of death duties, the future may become very uncertain for all landed proprietors. If this is good for the country, I certainly do not complain."

"With regard to my own case, it may or may not be possible for me and my family to continue to reside at Welbeck, but I fear that there can be little doubt that those who come after me will not be able to do so."

On all sides historic houses are finding new tenants and ancient families are severing their connection with the soil.

The Duke of Devonshire sold Devonshire House in 1919 and Stowe House, the property of Baroness Kinloss, was disposed of recently.

Others who have sold their properties recently include the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Rutland, the Duke of Grafton, the Duke of Marlborough, Lord Leonfield, Lord Londesborough, Lord Portman, Lord Camden, Marquis de Castella, Earl Beauchamp, Earl Bradford, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lovat, Lord Harrington, Lord Harlech, the Countess of Warwick and Sir Richard Bulkeley.

Welbeck Abbey is famous for the subterranean passages and apartments built by the Duke of Portland at a cost of 3,000,000 pounds, in order to hide himself from observation by the outside world.

The abbey has an underground riding school 400 feet long, 106 feet wide and 50 feet high, capable of holding 10,000 persons.

There is a subterranean ballroom 158 feet long, 63 feet wide and 21 feet high, the walls of which are hung with famous paintings.

Both the riding school and the ballroom are connected with the abbey by a series of tunnels.

Other features are large subterranean libraries and a ten bar course for galloping horses. It is a quarter of a mile long entirely covered with glass. Altogether there are about 15 miles of tunnelling.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Morten Mortenson, Jr., deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County, and all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present them to the undersigned, at La Grande, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 25th day of August, 1921.

H. A. ZURBRICK,
Administrator of the Estate of Morten Mortenson, Jr., Deceased.
H. E. DIXON,
Attorney for Administrator,
Dly—Aug. 26, Sept. 2-9-16-23.

County Treasurer's Call for Warrants.

NOTICE. The undersigned County Treasurer has funds on hand with which to redeem all warrants issued on the general fund and endorsed "not paid for want of funds" prior to July 1, 1921, and all funds issued on road fund and endorsed "not paid for want of funds" prior to June 1, 1921. Interest ceases on the above warrants on September 10, 1921.

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State News

(Observer Salem Bureau.)
SALEM, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—A fairly good, though not more than ordinary satisfactory result was shown in a test of Salem gas made by Fred A. Busch, an expert of the public service commission. Pressure test was not quite up to standard.

Governor Olcott has written to the district attorneys of Multnomah, Clatsop and Coos counties, calling their attention to the reported pilfering of vessels loading and unloading at those ports. The matter was called to the attention of the governor by the United States shipping board which has been experiencing the same trouble in all maritime states.

S. S. Corbin, who escaped from the state penitentiary September 8, was captured last Monday in Portland. He is doing time for larceny committed in Multnomah county.

James Crawford, who for the last year has been assistant state treasurer, has resigned to accept an appointment as official reporter for the state supreme court. The appointment is made by the court. Mr. Crawford will succeed the late F. A. Turner of Salem. His successor in the treasurer's office has not yet been named by State Treasurer O. P. Hoff.

Albert Heney, 25, a patient at the state hospital for the insane, committed suicide last Tuesday by hanging himself. He was a student for the Catholic priesthood when committed to the hospital from Multnomah county.

Frost recently destroyed vegetable in the gardens at the state hospital for the insane valued at about \$5000.

Seventy-five home-seekers from Kansas and Nebraska are expected to arrive in the Willamette valley September 29. They will be entertained at the state fair and at the Salem Commercial club. They will also visit Eugene, Corvallis and Albany.

The state irrigation securities com-

mission has received from the Medford irrigation district an application for a state guarantee of interest on \$800,000 bonds. The issue has been approved by the commission. It is part of a proposed issue of \$1,250,000.

The Malin and Shasta View irrigation districts have applied to the state engineering department for approval. Both are located near the California line south of Klamath Falls. They are of 4555 and 3900 acres respectively.

The largest gasoline sales for a single month to be reported to the secretary of state, since the gasoline tax came into vogue early in 1919, is that of the Standard Oil company for August. Sales of gasoline aggregated \$3,062,308 and distillate \$411,880, on which the total tax was \$76,724.35. The statement of the Associated Oil company for the month shows 997,064 gallons of gasoline and 52,007 gallons of distillate sold. The tax paid was \$18,948.19.

No Oregon law requires that money seized in a gambling raid shall be forfeited, says an opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle in reply to an inquiry made by the district attorney for Coos county.

The law requiring that the state forester provide sufficient fire patrol for timber lands in Oregon applies to such property owned by a county and by it acquired through foreclosure for taxes, according to an opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle, written in reply to an inquiry by F. A. Elliott, state forester.

The public utility act is not broad enough to give the public service commission jurisdiction over positions of preservation of scenic beauty, says the public commission in an order recommending that the state highway commission and the Postal Telegraph company confer and attempt to agree on the placement of poles along the Columbia River highway between Astoria and Goble. The Postal company is asked to desist from setting poles until a conference can be held.

Miss Grace Smith of Salem is the first woman ever to be appointed as assistant attorney general in Oregon. Portland, Astoria and Pacific railroad and few ever have been accorded the honor in the United States. Her ap-

pointment was announced Friday by Attorney General Van Winkle. She takes the place of J. A. Benjamin, who is transferred to the post of special assistant, where much of his attention will be given to preparing briefs in the litigation department.

Jim Ward, who escaped from the state penitentiary a month ago while employed as a trustee, was captured Thursday night at the home of his wife in Marion county. He was sent up from Linn county last March to serve two years for manslaughter, having been convicted of killing the town marshal at Waterloo.

The World War veterans' bonus and loan commission has appointed four attorneys in Multnomah county to pass upon the abstracts of ex-service men applying for loans. They are R. L. Sabin, Jr., James F. Alexander, F. M. Phelps and John A. Beckwith, each to have a separate district.

Out of a total of 462 industrial accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ended September 15, seven were fatal. They were: John Hammer, S. Helms, laborer; William P. Atwood, brakeman of Mohler; Victor Boon, laborer of Toledo; Eugene Daniels, laborer of Kerry; James Syer, sawmill oiler of Westport; Antonio Guimont, miner of Susanville; James T. Richardson, road patrolman of Eugene.

October 28 will be observed in the schools of Oregon as Frances E. Willard day, according to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools.

Attorney General Van Winkle has advised the public service commission that the bond which is by statute required to be executed to the state by public warehouse operators is executed to the state for convenience only. Under the law any person may bring an action on the bond for damages without the state being made a plaintiff in the suit.

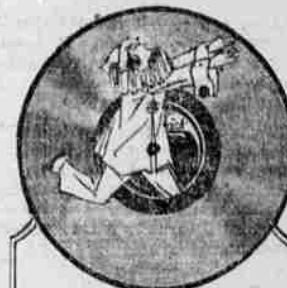
The public service commission has denied to the Multnomah county commissioners authority to construct a grade crossing in Alder Springs over the tracks of the Oregon Electric. The company is authorized by the commission to construct a series of fourteen

grade crossings over county roads in Washington and Columbia counties. Another order grants to the California and Oregon Lumber company authority to construct three overhead crossings for its logging railroad over a county road in Curry county.

The office of Adjutant General White is in receipt of checks of \$1,771.05 and \$1,452.36 from the war department for distribution among the members of the coast artillery companies of Medford and Marshfield, respectively.

The public service commission on Saturday issued an order granting authority for the construction of a sub-grade crossing where the Pacific highway and the Southern Pacific tracks intersect three miles north of Albany in Linn county.

Governor Olcott has addressed a letter to all district attorneys of counties on the line of the Southern Pacific company and the Oregon, Washington Rail Road & Navigation company, urging them to enforce the law against men who steal rides on railroad trains. Frequent burglaries of houses along those roads are attributed to the class of men who "beat" their way on the trains.



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An Island of Salt Is Found on Gulf of Mexico Coast

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 23.—Cote Blanche, an island on the south Louisiana coast, has been found to be virtually an island of salt, according to information reaching here Tuesday night. The island is one of a series of several containing valuable salt deposits and including Avery's, one of the world's largest salt works.

Cote Blanche is owned by Danielson Cafferly, New Orleans lawyer and the heirs of J. M. Bargarier, wealthy planter. Local geologists claim that Tuesday's discovery proves a century old contention that the chain of islands was formed by the expansion of vast saline deposits. The Avery's island store was discovered by accident during the Civil war.

In recent years both oil and gas have been sought on the singular chain, among the episodes being expenditure of a million dollars by accidently was tunneled into the John W. Gates, upon a mine which sea and drowned out.

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If your children are backward at school work or complain of frequent headaches or snoring and stinging sensations in the eyes, have a competent optometrist make an examination.

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