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TAX PROGRAM OUTLINED FOR PAYING BONUS

Subcommittee of House Wants Increased Admission Tax

GASOLINE TAX IS ALSO AGREED ON

Parcel Post Rate Increase, and Auto Tax Also Decided on; Bank Checks To Be Left Alone

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Reaching a final agreement on the bonus tax program, the house ways and means subcommittee decided today against a tax on bank checks. The program discussed included a one-cent tax on gasoline, a license tax of about 25 cents per horsepower on automobiles, a tax on real estate transfers, increased taxes on admissions where the sum charged exceeds 25 cents, and on cigarettes, tobacco and documentary stamps, a tax of two and one-half per cent on undivided profits of corporations and slightly increased parcel post rates, were also agreed upon.

James M. Jones Died at Home of Daughter Early This Morning

Was a Pioneer of 1882 in Grande Ronde Valley and Has Resided Here Since That Time.

James Marion Jones died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Cochran, 1615 Spruce street, early this morning, at the age of 76 years and five months. All of his six children were at his bedside when the end came.

Deceased was born September 19, 1844, in Harrison county, Kentucky, and at the age of 15 came to Missouri. In the year 1878 he came to Idaho and later to Oregon, settling in Union county in 1882, where he has since resided.

The six surviving children are Mrs. Emma Peterson, of 1506 V avenue; Mrs. Katie Brooks of Wallawa; A. E. Jones of Aberdeen, Washington; Mrs. Ella Collins of Wallawa; Mrs. Lulu Bailey of Baker, and Mrs. Cochran.

The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel. The funeral services will be held at the chapel Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. A. R. Sitten officiating. Interment will be in the Island City cemetery.

Frozen Water Pipes Caused City Much Expense Last Month

Frozen water pipes caused the city, as well as individuals, a lot of trouble during the month of January. According to the report of Horace Knapp, city water superintendent, the sum of \$322.92 was spent in thawing pipes. The troublesome pipes were mostly in places where grading had been done this summer and where pipes were thereby brought nearer to the surface. City Manager Kratz has announced that all such pipes will be lowered this year in order to prevent a recurrence of this trouble and expense.

The report of Mr. Knapp showed that the expenses of his department were \$841.15 during the month, including the expenses of the street department.

Dentists of Eastern Oregon to Meet Here

Plans are completed for the entertainment of the Eastern Oregon District Dental Society which will hold its annual meeting in La Grande February 13-14.

About forty dentists from Wallawa, Union, Umatilla and Baker counties will be present and the program will open at one o'clock Monday afternoon in the banquet room at the Elk's home. President M. S. Kern of Pendleton, will preside.

The program includes several talks by the dentists, chief among them being: "Habit's Place Technique" by Dr. Krwin, of Union; "Maves' Inlay Work," by Dr. Price, of Hermiston; "Dr. Howe's Work," by Dr. Schindler, of Pilot Rock; "Campbell's Plate Technique," by Dr. Marshall, and "The Art of the Ad," by Dr. Marshall, of La Grande; "State Dental

Red Cross Donation Week is to Be Soon is Decision Reached

Taylor's Daughter



Miss Ethel Daisy Deane-Tanner, 19, is the daughter of Wm. D. Taylor, the slain movie director. She lives at Mamaronock, N. Y., and is a student at a private school. Taylor's real name was William Cunningham Deane-Tanner. He separated from the girl's mother in 1908.

JOBLESS MEN PUT TO WORK BY THE CITY

Ten men were put to work on the streets yesterday afternoon when the thawing of the snow in the downtown section made it possible for the water from the melting snow to run off. This morning all of the men appeared at the city hall ready and anxious to work again but the cold weather made it impossible to make any progress at the work.

The men put to work yesterday were largely men who have been out of funds and work and have resorted to sleeping in the police station in preference to staying out during the night. Some of these men are forced to sleep on the concrete floor and Chief of Police Roy Flexer declares that further contributions of cast-off bedding would be appreciated by the police and the men who are homeless this winter. "The concrete floor is better than remaining outside," Flexer declared today, "but it is not any too comfortable as there is usually a cold draft in spite of the fact that the jail is well heated."

City May Buy It's Bandmen Peanuts Instead of Music

Peanuts bought with city money may fall to the lot of the members of the municipal band if City Commissioner J. D. McKennon's suggestion at a meeting of the commission this week is carried out. A bill for music bought for the band was presented and Mr. McKennon challenged the city's right to buy music under the budget adopted. The records were produced and showed that \$200 was allowed for music and other expenses of the band in addition to \$600 per year as salary for the band leader.

Mr. McKennon then expressed the opinion that the \$200 should be given the band in a lump sum and that the be allowed to buy peanuts or anything for it. The bill that started the discussion was laid over until the next meeting.

Added Sum Needed to Carry on Big Work Undertaken by Local Organization in This City

Admitted by all that the Red Cross chapter of La Grande, through Mrs. Fay Catlin as social worker and through the work of the executive committee, is doing a service which is just as important to every business firm and to every individual as is the fire department, the street department or any other of the numerous civic bodies which combined to make La Grande a good place to live in, the executive committee of the Red Cross at a meeting Monday evening in the United States National bank building voted unanimously to hold a donation week in the near future during which time \$3,000 must be raised to complete the year's work. It is doubtful if there will be a single person in La Grande able to give to the Red Cross who will not give from one dollar to \$25 when they know what is being done for those in need; when they know the heart stories of suffering that tell of relief being given La Grande's poor by the good kind mother, Red Cross.

With the prefect working organization of the Red Cross in this city there is no duplication of work and no one is allowed to be hungry or cold. There is also a firm wall against encouraging idleness and loafing, so that a case must have merit in order to get anything but the most temporary relief from the institution.

Relieves Business Firms.

You do not see begging on the streets of La Grande. Merchants and professional men are not pestered here by those seeking charity like there are in many cities. The reason is because of the Red Cross work being done month in and month out by a well organized, systematic organization that looks after the charity of the city. This service is worth something from a business point of view to say nothing of the desire on the part of everyone to help humanity.

Youthful Delinquency Appalling.

Before the executive committee Mrs. Catlin laid bare conditions in La Grande that pertain to youthful delinquency that are most appalling as well as revolting. It is a story that will arouse every firebrand of this city; a story that will ask the hardest heart to soften and ask what can be done to snatch the youngsters from the path of crime they are pursuing; it is a story that should not be smothered, for people should know and by knowing they will surely offer assistance both personal and financial to try and eliminate from La Grande a curse that is worse than any pestilence.

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Mystery Witness



Claire Windsor, movie actress, will be an important witness in the unraveling of the mystery in the murder of William D. Taylor, director. She told police she heard Taylor make a threat against his former secretary.

PLANS BEING ENLARGED BY BRANCH CLUB

Initial steps looking toward enlarging plans for the Branch Line Club House and Elks' "Pasture" at the head of Wallawa Lake were taken here last night when a delegation of Wallawa County Elks headed by A. E. Thompson and R. D. McClellan of Enterprise conferred with La Grande Lodge of Elks in regard to the ambitious program. Originally the Wallawa Branch Line Club, which is made up of Elks, nearly all of whom are members at La Grande, had in mind the construction of a little club house for its members to hold its social functions at, and to have headquarters for the Wallawa "herd." Since then the real possibilities have been observed and the plans enlarged until today there are 160 acres of land in the tract and the splendid clubhouse is well along in construction. The club house is 40x80 with a kitchen 11x40. The first floor, already erected, is for club house purposes, and the second floor will be utilized with hotel rooms.

Pictures Here Tonight.

The Wallawa committee will have the famed pictures of the various lakes and peaks in Wallawa county at the Elks' club tonight, where members are urged to inspect them. They are large, wonderful likenesses of the enchanting scenery that is making Wallawa county famous. After explaining that all Elks have opportunity to obtain permanent lease to a summer home site, and pointing out

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FARM CRISIS PASSED NOW SAYS HARDING

Steady Improvement Anticipated by President in Letter To Farmers of Minnesota.

(By Associated Press)
CROOKSTON, Minn., Feb. 10.—The general industrial and business situation is now such as to "suggest significantly that we are well past the worst phase of the agricultural crisis," declared President Harding in a letter read today to the farmers attending the Rde River valley farm and livestock show. The letter said that improvement had well begun and will be continued steadily from this time forward.

Homeseekers Fares To Be Reduced by the Union Pacific

The Union Pacific will authorize reduced homeseekers' fares from Missouri River points to all points on its lines in Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington, according to information received today by J. H. Keeney, local agent. The basis of one fare plus two dollars will be used for the round trip on these homeseekers' excursions. Tickets will be sold on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from March to and including November of this year. The final limit is 21 days.

Fraternal Congress To Meet in Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—More than eight million members of the fraternal beneficiary system of this country and Canada will be represented at a meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America when it convenes here February 20 for a 3-day session. In addition, the Fraternal Society Law Association will meet on February 22. Fraternal legal authorities will be present to discuss their phases of this work and the press section of the National Fraternal Congress of America will convene.

Mrs. Jennie Currey Reported To Be Failing Rapidly

Mrs. Jennie Currey, who has been paralyzed for a number of years, and has been at the hospital since 1907, has been failing for the past few days, according to word from the hospital this afternoon.

Much fear is felt over her condition because of her general state of health and her age. Mrs. Currey was one of the first white women to come to what is now La Grande, and her family have at all times been prominently identified with the community. She is the mother of George H. Currey, of this city, and Fred Currey, of Portland.

One Life Lost During Storm

Steamer Badly Damaged and Steward of Vessel Killed

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The steamship Bessie Dollar, 790 miles from Cape Flattery, was badly damaged in a storm. The bridge is gone, the steward was killed and the captain injured, according to a radio message. The steamships M. S. Dollar and Bear are reported to be standing by.

Earl Stoddard Is Elected Treasurer of Pine Association

Local Man Given Responsibility in Western Pine Manufacturers' Association.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 10.—E. H. Polley, Missoula, Mont., was re-elected president of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association at the closing session of the organization's annual convention here, and Ray Wilson, Deer Park, Wash., was re-elected vice-president. Earl Stoddard, Perry, Ore., was elected treasurer. Directors for various districts were elected as follows: Walter S. Rosenberry, Rose Lake, Idaho; W. C. Lubrecht, Bonner, Mont.; W. C. Geddes, Portland, Oregon.

A. W. Cooper, Portland, is secretary-manager of the association, and it was stated that he will retain that position. Membership of the box bureau of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association in the National Box Manufacturers' association was withdrawn by vote of the membership at the annual meeting of the organization here this afternoon.

A plan for an advertising campaign in behalf of wooden containers was considered by the box bureau and referred to the board of directors. The box bureau is composed of box manufacturers of the Pacific northwest holding membership in the Western Pine Manufacturers' association.

SUGAR SLUMPS IN ISLANDS

(By Associated Press)
HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 10.—The erratic slump encountered by the price of raw sugar in 1921 was reflected today in the announcement of customs officials here that the value of exports of the Hawaiian islands to the mainland United States had dropped from \$192,383,185 in 1920 to \$71,669,115 in 1921.

The heavy decrease was due in the main to the sugar slump. Although the 1921 shipments of the commodity were only 8,746 tons less than the 1920 cargoes, the value of the 1921 production was \$47,905,951, as compared with \$158,742,237, the value of the 1920 crop.

Canned pineapples, the other important product of the islands, showed a decrease of \$10,000,000 in exports from 1920, the 1921 shipment value being \$19,905,416, as against \$29,176,104 for 1920.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Wright To Be Tomorrow

Announcement was made this afternoon that the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, who passed away suddenly several days ago, will lie in state at the family home tomorrow from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. Funeral services will be held at the home at two o'clock.

Socialized Services to Begin on Sunday

A new departure in evening church services will be tried out at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday evening when the first of a series of monthly socialized Sunday evening services will be held in that church. The plan is the outgrowth of a movement initiated in the month of that church, following a report on the subject by the district superintendent, Ira E. Aldrich. The conclusion reached by the men's club is that the activities of the church should be broadened to reach greater scope. The open forum was chosen as the medium. The first program of this sort will be rendered next Sunday evening, and the regular formalities of church service will give way to the special program. The initial program will be devoted to the city committee, not in a spirit

SUSPECT IS NOT THE MAN BEING SOUGHT

Topeka Police Find Man Resembling Sands Greatly

MABLE NORMAND TO BE QUESTIONED

Secret Questioning of Mary Miles Minter Was Undertaken While Taylor Funeral was in Progress.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Mabel Normand will be the next film star examined by the district attorney's office in the investigation of the murder of William Desmond Taylor. Mary Miles Minter was questioned secretly Tuesday, while Taylor's funeral was in progress.

Underwood, the man under arrest in Topeka, said to resemble Sands, is sought by a bonding company on a charge of appropriating funds from the Pacific Electric Railway, by which he was employed as a collector. The police announced that they do not associate him with the Taylor murder.

(By Associated Press)
TOPEKA, Kansas, Feb. 10.—A man held in jail here, taken off a Santa Fe train Wednesday night, answers the description of Edward F. Sands, brother of William Desmond Taylor, slain motion picture director of Los Angeles, said Under-sheriff Carlson today.

He gave the name of Walter S. Underwood and is charged with embezzlement. He said he knew Taylor and frequently attended parties at Taylor's house where liquor and drugs were served to the guests.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 10.—Lloyd George has notified the Irish Provisional Government that the kidnappings in Ireland showed the necessity of the presence of British troops in Ulster.

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Feb. 10.—The king has not accepted the resignation of Premier Bonomi, presented February 2, and the Bonomi ministry will be in its place when parliament is reassembled.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Secretary Denby has appointed a special board to study the status of the construction of the battleships Washington and Virginia to determine which of the two is to be completed under the naval limitation treaty.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 10.—Great Britain will agree to no postponement of the Geneva economic conference unless the request emanates from the foreign minister, Lord Curzon told the French ambassador replying to a French memorandum on the postponement.

(By Associated Press)
WORLD'S OLDEST COP.
(By Associated Press)
ANACONDA, Mont., Feb. 10.—San Protino, born in Barnegat, New Jersey, in 1824, claims the honor of being the oldest policeman in the world.

THE GREAT CHINESE JIG SAW PUZZLE SOLVED AT LAST



Weather

Tonight and Saturday rain.