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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

Taxes Paid In Cities

Of the 27 Oregon cities of 2,009 population or over, Pendleton is the only one where the total tax rate paid is lower than in Portland. The combined tax rate for all purposes in Pendleton is 37.75 mills in 1921 and 41.6 mills in Portland. In the other 25 cities it is higher yet, reaching 93.59 mills in Bend, which on the other hand pays a very low tax per capita.

In fact although the tax rate is comparatively low in Portland, the per capita tax is high—sixth highest of the 27 cities

In all, there are 182 incorporated cities and towns in Oregon Combined, these pay 49 per cent of all the taxes levied in the state.

Warrentown pays the highest tax per capita, $239.52, but its tax rate of 57.6 mills is little above the average, the reason being that while its city limits contain only 800 people they also contain so many town lots that the assessed value is one-fourth as great as that of Astoria its neighbor, with 20 times the population.

Prineville, with its municipally-owned railroad, formerly had the highest tax levy rate, but this year it is 93.21 mills, just under that of Bend. Its per capita tax is less than Portland's, however.

Tax gatherers are collecting $714,207 this year from the industries, home-owners, merchants and other property-owners of Astoria on its 62.3 tax rate for all purposes. That is a lot of money to take out of productive enterprise. Part of it goes where practically all tax money goes—into that which is non-productive. Education and government cost much.

Many little towns of 100 to 200 population are yielding $5000 to $10,000 in taxes this year. That is a lot of money to divert from the merchants and their employes, who mainly constitute the tax paying element in the small community.

Cities where sawmills, paper factories and other industries are located are paying taxes in huge amounts. The list of the 182 cities is worth looking over to note the large amounts paid as well as the tax rates and the taxes figured on the per capita basis.

Elgin Shows Fine Spirit

The people of Elgin deserve special credit for not falling into the rut which the belief that a county fair is a thing of the past, has made in so many states and counties. Instead of accepting the statement that a county fair is a dead issue the people of that community have banded themselves together and this week will hold a community fair at Elgin.

That Union county should have an annual fair no one will dare deny, when it is known to be one of the best livestock breeding counties in the entire northwest, that it produces wheat and cereals, hat rank high above most localities, that it is a producer of fruit, lumber, and many other commodities, which go to clothe, shelter and feed mankind, there can be no good reason why once each year the best of all these products should not be accumulated at some central point for the entire public to view.

From all indications the Union County fair at Elgin will not devote its entire efforts to the speed ring and the bucking contests. On the contrary it will endeavor to place in the public show window the best in the way of livestock, grain fruit and other Union County products.

It is hoped that La Grande people will turn out to this fair for it is an inspiration to both old and young. You will actually see what your home county produces.

Editorials From Over the Nation

BETTER CHURCH MUSIC.

Philadelphia Public Ledger: One of the important questions to come before the general convention of the Episcopal church at Portland, Ore. is that of church music.

The effort will be made to improve congregational singing, and it cannot succeed without the unstinted co-operation of choirmasters, whose first care is not their own glory or the renown of their choirs, but the service of worship in the House of God.

The Episcopal church has no monopoly of the musical director who regards the congregation as an encumbrance to the display of vocal art in the choir loft. It sometimes seems as if chants were chosen and hymn tunes performed with the deliberate intent of discouraging the pews from participation. The professionals who do not care to have their euphonious warblements spoiled by the inept and maladroit effort of amateurs, however, are well-meaning. If they can drown the untutored voices, they feel that their effort is not in vain.

Some congregations are at fault in the critical attitude of mind they bring to a service. Apparently they go to church to review not their own shortcomings but those of the choir and the clergyman. They seem to expect from singers who may not even be getting their carfare effects comparable to those of opera singers, whose compensation makes one think of the exchequer of film favorites. Better church music will come through a firm understanding that reaches throughout the length and breadth of the church and includes the congregation. One cannot hope to satisfy the whimsy of every crank who thinks his ideas should prevail; but if most of the people are satisfied most of the time with most of the music it is no mean achievement in this critical and sophisticated age.

JUSTICE CLARKE'S RESIGNATION

New York World: "To reach many books which I have not had time to reach in a busy life, to travel, and to serve my religious and some public causes in ways in which I cannot serve them while holding important public office"—these are the reasons given by Associate Justice John H. Clarke for resigning from the United States supreme court on his sixty-fifth birthday.

The step is unusual, for Mr. Clarke is still five years short of the age when retirement is permissible on full salary, and in point of service he is junior to all save Chief Justice Taft. Justices Holmes at 81, McKenna at 79, Day at 75 and Brandeis at 66 are his seniors in years, and his comparative youth among all of the eminent jurists of the court is even more strikingly indicated by the fact that Justice Mollreynolds, the youngest, is passing his sixtieth year.

Justice Clarke's reasons for the step are still more unusual. But they are extremely appealing. They accord with "this philosophy of my later life," and it is a philosophy full of the wisdom of living as well for social service as for personal enrichment in the best sense of the word.

The resignation will be received by the country with regret. Although but six years with the supreme court, he had come to be remarked as one of its strongest minds and most liberal and humanitarian spirits—recognizing the law less as a rule of applying abstracted cases to present conditions than as a human and therefore a progressive instrument keeping pace with humanity's growing and changing needs. It is greatly to be hoped that in appointing a successor President Harding will be guided by similar considerations.

THE HEN CALLS FOR HELP

Fairmont Sentinel: Finally the food profiteer have locked horns with a real opposition.

They face the inevitable persistence of the great American hen and panic reigns.

Some years ago the American hen gave warning that she might prove a dangerous enemy and bring about fair prices, but the shrewd profiteer countered, and when the hen laid in sufficient volume to feed the people the cold storage warehouse was conceived.

Instead of being distributed at prices governed by the law of supply and demand, eggs were stored, kept from the people, and doled out at uniformly high prices.

It appears, however, that the great American hen has been thinking.

The result is she has again come to the front with a production so bewildering that the cold storage plants cannot take care of it.

True, in spite of this, eggs in New York are selling from 60 to 75 cents a dozen.

But the bump is at hand.

If the hen gets a little support from the public and a little tiny egg strike be started, the backbone of the price extortion will be broken.

It is very well to store eggs, but when it comes to erecting more and more great steel and concrete structures equipped with the expensive freezing plants to take care of them then it may be thought better to sell the present stock at a fair price.

There are now 303,000,000 dozen eggs in storage—more than three dozen for every person in the United States.

And the great American hen is still on the job.

AWKWARD DANCING.

Boston Post: The New York convention of dancing masters declared that feminine awkwardness, rather than conscious or intentional indecency, is responsible for most of the vulgar dancing of recent years. "The average girl," said one expert, "simply doesn't know how to dance," and the cheek-to-cheek business, the hugging matches and other indecencies are indulged in to cover up deficiencies. The poor dancer simply does the best she can.

There may be something in this explanation, even though it cannot account completely for the breaking down of old-fashioned modesty in the dance. If it is true, it points the way to effective reform, in either dancing styles or clothing styles.

Tell a girl that her clothing or conduct is "immodest" and if she is interested at all, she is inclined to be resentful and defiant. But explain that it is awkward or ugly, and that she is making a disagreeable spectacle of herself when she might make a pretty and graceful picture, and she may sit up and take notice—also lessons. It is good business as well as good ethics for the dancing teachers.

LA GRANDE WILL PLAY IMBLER NEXT SATURDAY

The first game of the interscholastic football schedule in Eastern Oregon will be played at La Grande Saturday, September 30, when the Imbler high school team will meet the blue and white aggregation. Incidentally, September 30 is the official opening of the Pacific Coast Conference football schedule on which days seven games are scheduled.

The Imbler team has been practicing steadily of late and is expected to give the local footballers a hard tussle although indications are that La Grande will be victorious. Imbler has five lettermen in school this year and they expect to have a dangerous team.

Team is Handicapped.

The local team, while expected to be formidable, is handicapped to a large extent by not having yet developed a pair of tackles to bolster up the line. While the blue and white backfield is expected to be all that can be hoped for at the first of the season, the line will be woefully weak. Several last year's linesmen, who were expected to return, have not enrolled and as a result new material is being hurled out with only fair luck.

Coach Reynolds will probably rely upon straight football to a large extent in playing Imbler as with practically a new team to mold the past weeks have been spent in fundamentals of the game.

In all likelihood Sauls will center the ball Saturday and Lynch will play quarterback. The remainder of the backfield will be picked from Sherwood, Larsen, Reardon, Garrity and one or two other prospects. Bob Garrity and Glen Metcalf will probably start in the line but with the coach still uncertain as to his lineup the backfield of men now is lately remarkable.

Hard Schedule.

La Grande high school is facing one of the hardest schedules that has fallen to her lot for many years. Six games have been arranged with interscholastic teams and attempts to contract a game with either Walla Walla or Pendleton are being made. An athletic team will probably be played some time in October.

Of the six interscholastic games four of them are played out of La Grande and with the Baker and Pendleton games but a week apart and in mid-season, a more difficult schedule is hard to visualize.

Although hopes ran high during the summer for a blue and white championship team, most of them have fallen to the ground by now. With a hard schedule, mostly green material to pick from, and with true material undeveloped, things look anything but bright.

Despite adversity, "Skeet" has made remarkable progress with his material during the past two weeks and may yet develop a couple of tackles and ends that will secure La Grande at a fighting chance for the championship.

DANCE TONIGHT.

Shubert's Jazz kings Eagles Hall 9-25-1tp

Child Tragedy

Roland Davis, 12 (below), of Atlanta, is facing a murder charge following the death of his playmate, Ella Mae Lockhart, 12, said by police to have been killed by a bullet from the lad's rifle.

JEWISH OBSERVANCE GENERAL THIS WEEK

At sundown Friday night throughout the world, Jews began the observance of Rosh Hashanan, the New Year's day of the Jewish calendar. This began the Jewish year 5683.

One day of fasting and prayer, on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which occurs on October 2, follows the feast of Rosh Hashanan. The feast itself is known as Kom Hazzikaron, or the Day of Memorial, celebrating the creation of the world and as Yom Haddin or the Day of Judgment. Orthodox Jews believe that men are called to give account of their sins during the past year at the beginning of the New Year and Yom Kippur, of the Day of Atonement, might be thought of as a Jewish lent. The strictest fast day in the calendar is Yom Kippur, when no pious Jew eats or drinks for a period of 24 hours.

Rosh Hashonan and Yom Kippur were celebrated over 200 years ago in much the same manner that they are observed today. The former owes its origin to passages in the books of Numbers and Leviticus, where references are made to the summoning of all faithful to a convocation. Yom Kippur also owes its foundation to the book of Leviticus, wherein it is admonished that the faithful "afflict the soul" to atone for misdeeds.

Buffalo Times: A Chicago man 79 years old broke his skull the other day playing "Ring Around the Rosy." When will people learn to limit these youngsters to jackstones?

ALLIES TRY NEW MOVE FOR PEACE

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be accepted by the Turkish nationalists on the terms laid down, because they propose to de-militarize the Sea of Marmora and part of Thrace, which would prevent the bringing of troops from Asia to Europe.

The outcome of Saturday's concessions by England in the Turkish quarrel can be summarized as follows:

Return of Turkey to Europe is assured by agreement to concede all nationalist peace terms.

Claims to eastern Thrace to Maritza river, including Adrianople, approved.

Kemalists in return must agree not to enter the present neutral zone along straits and must accept freedom of Dardanelles, Sea of Marmora and Bosphorus, preferably under league of nations.

British reversal of policy regarded as great diplomatic victory for the French.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 24. — The British officials announced that a Turkish force of 1100 cavalry, which crossed the neutral zone at Chanak Saturday night, retired today at Bujuns Jik following a meeting at 4 o'clock this morning between the commanders of the Turkish and British forces. No shots were fired. The Turks retired under a white flag. The Turks stopped their advance when the British notified the Turkish commander that a farther forward movement would cause the British to open fire.

The Turkish ultimatum allowed until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon for guarantees respecting the return of Thrace and it was because no guarantees were forthcoming that the Turkish cavalry crossed the border.

BRITISH BE[illegible] DEFEATED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 24. — Coupled with the persistent rumors that the Turks have attacked the British at Chanak, inflicting 40 casualties and driving back the Tommies to the protection of defensive zone comes report that Mustapha Kemal Pasha has rejected the British note in the allied note calling a conference because it violates six clauses in the resolutions of the Turk parliament of January, 1919. The casualty rumors were denied by the British.

Three transports, carrying British reinforcements, left Constantinople tonight and the interallied force mounted machine guns on Stamboul bridge to hold back the Turks if they attempt to cross to the European quarter in force.

It is understood Kemal has refused to consider French temporary occupation of Thrace, insisting that the Greeks evacuate and the Turks advance immediately, and he also rejects control by the league of nations. The nationalists claim the neutrality of the straits was violated by the Greeks and therefore is inapplicable to the Turks and the demilitarization demands violate the above-mentioned parliamentary pledges.

Russia, Georgia and Bulgaria must participate in the negotiations the Kemalists insist. It is not expected that the allies will accept the soviets' presence, and the whole situation is made more grave by the demilitarization problem.

The allies are anxious to know how long Kemal will be able to hold in check his victorious troops, who are clamoring to liberate Thrace and Constantinople.

MILITARY ACTIVITY GOES ON

MALTA, Sept. 25.—The feverish naval and military activity of the last week continues here today unabated. Reinforcements still were being rushed to Constantinople, both military and naval authorities working day and night embarking troops, stores, field equipment and guns for the east. Transports carrying detachments to India have been diverted, the detachment landed, and trained battalions embarked at short notice. Two battalions of infantry and two heavy artillery batteries have gone from Malta.

HARDEN BLAMES WOMEN

The swallows of monarchy which flew south four years ago—first the Romanoffs, then the Hapsburgs, the Hohenzollerns, the Wittlesbachs and the Wettins—are returning. They seem to think the political climate soon will be warm enough for their well being.

Americans may smile ironically at this, but they will see the danger if they study carefully what is happening over here today. Why does the dangerous Turkish problem arise again just now? And the explosive question of the straits control?

Because the Greek king, the son of a Dane and a Russian, was allowed to regain his throne two years ago.

And why was Constantine allowed to return, despite the fact of his being a German field marshal and brother-in-law and tool of the Kaiser?

Royal Ladies Blamed.

Because he is the cousin of King George of England and because a quintet of royal ladies, bent on matchmaking, got Constantine's sentence remitted.

The celebrated Danish sisters, Alexandra of England, Maria Feodorovna of Russia and Thyra of Cumberland and the Roumanian queen, all brought up in England and Parisian in appearance, joined with the Russian grand duchess and Greek queen dowager Olga in reviving the old match-making game which was halted by the war, beginning at Athens and Bucharest. But this game can flourish only while kings and emperors and courts exist; otherwise whomes would we get our royal brides and sons-in-laws?

The young King Alexander, who succeeded his papa "Tino" for a time, incurred the anger of the quintet by marrying a girl of the Greek nability. A rabid monkey was so kind, or so pro-German, as to bite him, and according to official, but not unrefutable reports, he died from the consequence of the bite.

Lloyd George Won Over.

Thereupon Lloyd George allowed his king's cousin to return to the Greek throne. Whether he was influenced in doing that by this "trust" of royal ladies—that petticoat diplomacy which Bismarck always feared—or by a priestly influence, I fear history will reckon it a blunder equal to that of allowing white Russia to be defeated by yellow Japan in 1904, which diminished white prestige among all the colored nations.

Constantine returned after promising his people peace. But disregarding the French antipathy, due to the massacre of French sailors near Athens, Constantine continued to war until his army was exhausted and his people so weary that even defeat seemed a relief. In the two years since his restoration Greece has lost practically everything that Venizelos won through his wise statesmanship. His people, among the poorest in Europe, scarcely know the meaning of modern industry. They cannot compete with California in their chief product, currants, and must now abandon the idea of union with the Asia-Minor Greeks.

Disaster Follows Return.

But the political consequences of this dynastic adventure are much more disastrous.

Mustapha Kemal, who owes his victory to French strategy and artillery, today is a hero from whom the whole Mohammedan world expects the dawn of a glorious future. His will commands today in Constantinople as it did yesterday in Angora. If his demand for Thrace finally is refused, the Mohammedans will regard it as an insult and an act of injustice. If it be eventually granted the whole Balkan conflict once more will blaze forth.

Unquestionably one of the wise results of the war was the banishment of the Turk from Europe. Turkey never has done anything for the good of humanity. Her barbaric massacres of the Armenians have disgraced civilization.

Islam Challenges Sentence.

The banishing of the Turk now is challenged. All Islam is in violent eruption. When Turkey was penned in Anatolia, it might have been possible to win Kemal to British ideas and possible to take the caliphate from Turkish hands, removing it to Mecca or Bagdad, where the caliph would be wax in British hands. But since Kemal's victory this is impossible.

The growing pressure of Pan-Islamism soon will be felt and England must at all costs prevent a coalition of the Hindus and Mohammedans in India.

There is not much hope in the conference to come unless the nations realize before hand the duty of common defense of a common culture and race.

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