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SOLDIERS TAKE MANY LOANS

State Aid to the Service Men
Runs Into Large Figures
—Many Loans Have Been Made.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—Loans paid by the world war veterans' state aid commission up to December 1 aggregated 2457, according to the biennial report of the secretary of the commission filed with the government here today. Eight hundred and five of these loans were made on farm property and 1652 on city property.

The loans aggregate \$6,186,100, of which \$2,088,600 represents farm property and \$4,097,500 city property.

The following summary shows the various counties together with the aggregate amount of loans paid in each:

Baker, \$161,400; Benton, \$84,900; Clackamas, \$320,200; Clatsop, \$411,600; Columbia, \$38,400; Coos, \$122,500; Crook, \$41,800; Curry, \$4,900; Deschutes, \$69,000; Douglas, \$81,900; Gilliam, \$63,800; Grant, \$19,000; Harney, \$24,600; Hood River, \$103,000; Jackson, \$128,700; Jefferson, \$21,000; Josephine, \$30,000; Klamath, \$104,200; Lake, \$34,000; Lane, \$308,100; Lincoln, \$39,800; Linn, \$160,400; Malheur, \$66,100; Marion, \$374,000.

PORTLAND PAYS THIRD OF TAXES

Oregon's Wealth Divides by
About Two-Thirds Being
Located in State Outside
of Big City.

SALEM, Dec. 28.—Multnomah county will foot approximately 34 per cent of the total state tax for 1923, with a contribution of \$3,000,715.71, of which amount \$685,708.33 will be retained in the county treasury for the support of elementary school.

The following table shows the percentage of the total tax to be paid by each county and the amount to be raised in each county under the 1923 state tax levy, which includes two mill levy for elementary school purposes:

Baker	2.2214	\$ 196,267.25
Benton	1.4519	128,279.65
Clackamas	3.8916	344,276.12
Clatsop	3.0580	270,183.35
Columbia	1.5184	134,155.13
Coos	2.3111	204,192.51
Crook	.5953	52,596.51
Curry	.3878	34,263.28
Deschutes	1.9855	175,907.13
Douglas	2.8483	251,655.27
Gilliam	1.0613	93,708.90
Grant	.8057	71,009.27
Harney	1.4443	127,102.29
Hood River	.9773	86,347.34
Jackson	2.7401	242,095.36
Jefferson	.5692	50,290.50
Josephine	.7667	67,740.21
Klamath	1.8418	162,728.47
Lake	1.9995	175,144.87
Lane	4.0194	354,343.26
Lincoln	.7679	67,846.23
Linn	3.2540	287,590.51
Malheur	1.5886	140,357.50
Marion	4.2813	378,265.50
Morrow	1.1449	101,155.40
Multnomah	33.9628	3,000,715.71
Polk	1.8575	164,115.61
Sherman	1.1410	100,810.72
Tillamook	1.7537	154,856.22
Union	4.6950	414,817.12
Umatilla	2.0897	184,631.17
Walla Walla	1.3753	121,511.82
Wasco	1.7511	154,714.86
Washington	3.1037	274,231.06
Wheeler	.5073	44,821.45
Yamhill	2.3384	206,604.55
Totals	100.0000	\$8,835,295.39

MAINE WOMAN IS CENTURIAN

Mrs. M. E. Conklin, of May Park, has just received word that her aunt, Mrs. Mary Taylor, of Patten, Maine, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary on December 28, 1922. According to the letter she is in good health and expects to pass several more natal anniversaries.

LEGION HOLDS AN ELECTION

At the annual election of officers for the ensuing year, the present officers of the Multnomah American Legion Post No. 88, were all re-elected, and an executive committee, consisting of Halvin A. Johnson, Vern Berry, Harold L. Andrews, Arthur Furman and C. M. Thatcher, was appointed.

The Multnomah Legionnaires provided Christmas cheer for all the children in Multnomah and the immediate vicinity, about 175 in number, at a Christmas program given by the schools and the tree in the American Legion Hall. Each youngster was given a sack of candy and nuts, an orange and a toy. Santa Claus' visit to the children of Multnomah was made possible through the proceeds of Apple Jack Gulch, staged recently by that post.

HARDING HAS BORAH PLAN CATALOGUE

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president to call an international conference to discuss economic conditions and disarmament.

In opposing the Borah proposal, which is in the form of an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, Senator Lodge urged that the president be not encouraged "in the efforts"

which he is now making on a matter of fact. Senator Lodge, in the course of an hour's address, against the Borah amendment as presented, did not oppose the calling of an economic conference, but said it should be carefully and strictly defined with such questions as reparations, allied debts and immigration specifically excluded from consideration.

Harding may inform Senate.

The state department, which has consistently maintained silence as to any efforts the administration might be making in reference to improving economic and business conditions in Europe, declined to add anything to the statement of Senator Lodge, but it was learned that President Harding was considering transmitting a letter to the senate giving information of his negotiations and at the same time declining any intervention from congress which might operate to hinder his efforts.

It is understood that through the state department, the president has been "sounding out" several powers regarding the desirability of holding an economic conference. Whether the proposed conference would be called by or for the United States or whether this nation would be a participant were, however, important details not disclosed.

The Borah amendment was discussed for four hours in the senate. Senators Lodge and Lenroot, Republican, Wisconsin, speaking in opposition and Senators Borah and Williams, Democrat, Massachusetts, in behalf of the proposal. No action was taken on the question and further debate went over until Thursday.

HOOP SEASON WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY EVE

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public eye with an assortment of phenomena, the race for the pennant is anybody's.

Union, who meets La Grande here Saturday, with Johnson, Hetrick, Martens, Gilmore, Blacker and Jensen, all veterans, and several other bright prospects, is expected to present a strong team against the home-town boys and "Skeet" is preparing to have his fastest men on the floor to meet the coming onslaught. Union's strongest man is Clark Martens, small but wicked and a shark at snaring baskets, and the rest of her men are strong feeders and not so bad at engaging the ball themselves. Union is likewise famous for her five man defense that has won many a game during former seasons that appeared lost.

Couch Reynolds has not announced his lineup and probably will not until the game is nearly ready to start. The entire squad, is expected to be in uniform and a second team, nearly as strong as the first stringers, will be ready to relieve them at any moment.

Basketball Favored.

With the mole skins cast aside and the calfskin tappers arrayed in regulation shorts, the public is eagerly turning to basketball and if the attendance at the recent class games and at the Alumni-High School contest are a criterion, the sporting element and the student body in general will support the quintette in the coming games stronger than ever before. A large turnout is expected Saturday evening and indications are that it will be as thrilling a season opener as has ever been played.

COVE YULETIDE DINNERS MANY

(Special to The Observer)

COVE, Dec. 27.—One of the most popular events in all the long list of Christmas festivities was the community Christmas tree, at the hall on Saturday evening. The program consisted of an invocation and a few Christmas remarks by Rev. Loree; an introductory speech by the Mayor, Mr. J. E. Trippler; made by the Community Chorus; vocal solos and also violin solos and two little Christmas plays furnished by the first and second grades of the public school. The tree was a thing of beauty and was laden with gifts for all the small folks—delivered by Santa's own hand.

There were special Christmas services at the various churches on Sunday morning.

Christmas Day saw the usual number of happy gatherings, where friends get together to spend the day in feasting and merriment; to make Christmas Day a day set apart from all other days throughout the year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Antles entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Heffy at their family boxed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dean gave a dinner in honor of their small nephew, Parker Sever.

C. G. and G. M. Stackland had a family reunion at their home on Saturday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller and family, of Union; Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Stackland and son, Karl, and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Davis. On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Anderson entertained the families at dinner at noon and on Christmas evening there was another gathering of the families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Stackland.

At the home of Mrs. A. G. Conklin were gathered, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conklin, Mrs. W. Conklin and her daughters, Marion and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Judd Geer, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lockwood and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Packett and children.

Rev. Loree, Mrs. A. B. McClure and Fred Corpe gathered at the home of R. L. Parker.

Mrs. Lon Payne was a dinner guest of Mrs. Mary Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Ray were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams had a family reunion in honor of their son, Thos., and wife, who have just arrived from their Canadian home in time for Christmas.

The day ended with a Christmas party of the ball, which was a joyous occasion and all who attended lent themselves to the happy spirit of Christmas time and enjoyed the passing hour to the fullest extent.

Miss Marian Conklin, a student at Whitman College, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Chas. Deliaas, a teacher at High Valley, came home for a week's vacation.

Grant and Viva Conley, students at Whitman College are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Conley.

There was a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conley on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. A. Conley and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Goodenough, of La Grande; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Conley and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Herford and children made up the happy party.

Mrs. E. B. Conklin and daughter, Mildred, of Ontario, and Miss Nell Ekersley, of Portland, are spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Ekersley.

Mrs. Elmer Fulp is on the sick list. Mrs. J. E. Trippler was taken suddenly ill on Christmas morning.

Billy, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan, has been quite seriously ill with influenza, but is thought to be recovering. Bobby, the elder son, has just been stricken with the disease.

Mrs. Chris Bertach has been in Union helping to care for the Duncan children while Mrs. Duncan is teaching school.

Mrs. H. H. Davis made a fleeting visit to Idaho to spend Christmas with her husband, but in consideration they both returned to their home in Cove for the holidays.

Mr. Fanny Grange, No. 288 will celebrate their Annual New Year's dinner on Saturday, January 6th.

Sherry Chapter No. 123, O. E. S., held their annual election of officers at their lodge Wednesday evening, December 20. Mrs. C. E. Lason, worthy Matron; Mrs. B. W. Peterson, Associate Matron; Mrs. L. E. Anderson, Conductress; Mrs. L. M. Laird, associate conductress; Mrs. Elsie Marchison, secretary, and Mr. L. M. Laird, treasurer.

There was a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Mae Kelley on Christmas Day, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Orton, Miss Bess Kelley and Francis Kelley.

Dr. and Mrs. Herman Trippler of Walla Walla, Washington, came over to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Trippler.

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CARDS EXPECT GREAT FUTURE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., Dec. 28.—Football fans at Stanford university predict a great kicking season next year for Norman Cleveland, a substitute fullback on the 1922 eleven. In fact, Assistant Football Coach "Pink" Templeton thinks Cleveland will be the best kicker in the Pacific Coast conference next year.

Templeton, himself a great football kicker of the rugby days, has been teaching Cleveland how to use his foot. Templeton's coaching system means kicking the football day after day throughout the year.

"Get out and kick every day for about an hour and longer during the football season, until a 40-yard punt to the right place comes as natural as eating breakfast," Templeton tells his men. "Get into his mind behind a magazine as possible to train yourself to get a ball off fast when the other side is rushing down on you."

Cleveland in practice this year outkicked Art Wibaux who did most of Stanford's punting. He had not had enough practice, however, in kicking behind a scrimmage line, to make him sure.

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