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## NEW PROGRAM OF TAXES TO BE REPORTED

Senator Dennis, Chairman of Joint Meeting Makes Announcement.

GOVERNOR TO CALL A JOINT MEETING

Pierce Will Urge the Adoption of Senator Dennis' Bill Providing 10 Per Cent Horizontal Cut in Levies.

"At a joint meeting of the assessment and taxation committees of the house and senate last night, a discussion of house bill 283, relating to increases of taxes on public utilities brought to the defense of equitable taxation many of the state's public utility men," stated P. Lott, manager of the E. O. L. & P. Co., who was present at the meeting. "Full and complete discussion of the measure which was introduced by Representative Kirkwood developed many important phases of the business of the state's public utilities not heretofore generally understood. The final crystallization of the situation occurred when Senator Dennis, of La Grande, chairman of the committee, introduced his new tax program including house bill 141 and its companion measure would be reported out by the committee and provide not only for assessment of all property in Oregon at full value but also provide for machinery to enforce the measure. Under this new taxation plan any public utility would be treated with the same fairness that all other property will receive.

Pierce To Urge Dennis Bill. "Believing that the work of the assessment and taxation committees is by far the most important feature of the present session, Governor Walter M. Pierce announced last night that he would call a joint meeting of the house and senate Friday noon and in a special session will urge the two houses to adopt the taxation program. Senator Dennis' bill providing for a ten per cent horizontal cut in all tax levies for the years 1923 and 1924, he concluded.

East Oregon Men Speak. Representative Shelton is a member of the tax committee which was addressed last night by Franklin T. Griffith, Arthur Spencer, Ben C. Day, A. A. Smith and J. P. Lott.

CURIOS TO BE SHOWN AT BAPTIST CHURCH

In addition to the display of African curios at the Neighborhood Club today, J. D. Austin, who recently returned from La Grande, will also show them tonight at the Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock.

## Opening of Tutankhamen Tomb Reveals Startling Archaeology Discoveries

EUGENE, Feb. 8.—The opening of the tomb of Tutankhamen, involving as it does the discovery of the most brilliant collection of ancient Egyptian art yet found in the hidden crypts of the Pharaohs, ranks among the most astounding revelations in the annals of archaeology, declared Prof. F. S. Dunn, professor of Latin in the University of Oregon, who delivered a lecture recently at La Grande. The lecture was delivered over the radio and was heard by hundreds of Pacific coast radio fans. "The magic spell of Egypt has once again been cast over the world. We are momentarily awaiting the thrill that will attend the opening of that sealed rock chamber where presumably lies Pharaoh Tutankhamen," said Prof. Dunn. When the funeral cortege passed out of Thebes and across the Nile, bearing the dead Pharaoh to his catacomb, how strange a fate it would have seemed to anyone in that procession that a company of archaeologists, 3000 years later, would stumble upon the hidden crypt and reintroduce the mummied monarch to an astonished world. And could anything now be more weird than to await the coming forth from his tomb of an autocrat who wore the double crown of Egypt far back in the 1200's before Christ. "A remarkable fate has befallen a relatively unimportant Pharaoh, in that the discovery of his tomb early in last November, and the opening of the antechamber, some three weeks later, disclosing almost complete funeral paraphernalia to the probable value of half a hundred million dollars, rank among the most astounding revelations in the annals

## REPUBLICANS TO OBSERVE LINCOLN DAY

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Republicans of the state, including legislators, are to attend an annual Lincoln banquet Monday at the Chamber of Commerce here. Stephen A. Lowell, Dean Colon V. Dymond, P. L. Gallagher, I. L. Patterson and a woman, whose name is yet unannounced, are to be the principal speakers. The arrangements were made at a meeting last night of the committee of which Col. A. E. Parker was chairman.

## BURGLAR SCARE LAST EVENING

Another burglar scare occurred last night, again in the Roesch building, which houses the Roesch Motor company, the Perkins Motor company, the Observer and Floyd McKennon's implement establishment. An early survey taken this morning by Mr. McKennon, whose concern was the one visited, found nothing missing but a hasty invoice will be taken later in the day with the intention of checking over the articles with the view of ascertaining if the robber went away empty-handed or otherwise. The city police heard a noise in the Roesch Motor company's headquarters last evening and thought that criminals were again making a visitation of that concern, but a search revealed nothing and eventually led to the discovery that the robber had entered the building, apparently through the Observer composing room, then going into the implement company. The method of entrance is undetermined as no trace of how he escaped from the building was found, although footprints were found entering the building. Mr. McKennon was called to the scene about 2:30 o'clock this morning but found nothing awry at that time.

## DEBT TERMS FAIR ENOUGH

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The American debt commission does not desire to make more favorable terms with debtor nations than those embodied in the settlement with Great Britain, the house ways and means committee was told today by Representative Burton, a member of the commission.

THE MARKET PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Cattle slow; hogs and sheep steady; butter unlisted; eggs steady.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS. (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Wheat, \$1.22 to \$1.32.

## Grandson Is Born to Royal House of Great Britain Last Evening

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Princess Mary, wife of Viscount Lascelles gave birth to a son Wednesday night. The marriage of Princess Mary, daughter of the king and queen of England, to Viscount Lascelles took place at Westminster Abbey on February 25 last year. The wedding was the occasion of a regal ceremony, in which all the world was interested. Princess Mary was the first of the children of King George and Queen Mary to marry and this is the first grandchild of the British royal house.

## LEATHER MITTS FLASH TONIGHT

Twenty-Four Rounds of Boxing Is Scheduled; Barnes and Dean Are Featured in Ten-Round Main Event.

Kid Barnes of Spokane, 134 pounds in weight, and hailed as a hard hitting, shifty lightweight, is in La Grande ready for his go this evening with Frankie Dean in the ten round main event of the boxing card scheduled to be commenced at 8:15 in the Star Theater under the auspices of the La Grande boxing commission. Barnes states that he is in first class shape and is hopeful of a victory over Dean. Dean is also confident that he will emerge victorious. The three preliminaries arranged by Manager Ed Ford for this evening are especially good. In the six round semi-final Battling Lubbes of Baker, meets Slim Barnes, of Spokane, both boys having appeared in many main events in the past year. Both have records that assure the fans a classy combat. In the second four-round event, Jack Roukeys and Gene Krause, two fast, slugging boxers, will furnish plenty of thrilling entertainment and in the opener, Earl Ford will meet Swede Daniels. Earl has yet to meet a better boxer than he within his weight and is expecting to add another victory to his rapidly increasing string. Earl, while young in years, displays an amount of ring wisdom that accompanied with an aggressive and clever attack, always sends the fans into an uproar when he gets into action. Tickets are on sale at the Imperial Billiard Parlors.

## ANNIVERSARY WEEK BANQUET

Tonight at six o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. the official opening of the Boy Scout Anniversary Week in La Grande will be ushered in with a "father and son" banquet. All Boy Scouts and those who wish to join the organization are urged to be present and bring their dads. The members of the local Boy Scout council are also invited and following the program and banquet they will hold their regular election of officers and appointment of directors. All Boy Scouts who are bringing food for the banquet are requested to be at the Y. M. C. A. building by 5:30 o'clock so as not to delay the serving.

COAL THIEVES FINED Harold Smith and Al Hopkins, arrested last night on the charge of the larceny of coal from the O. W. were fined \$20 and costs this morning at 10 o'clock in the justice court by Justice Arthur C. Williams upon their plea of guilty being recorded. Neither man could pay the fine and will serve out the sentence in the county jail. Special Agent Rooney made the arrest.

## GRIST MILL GRINDS ON AT CAPITAL

Many Bills Are Passed in the State Senate; Today Is Busy One.

MOSER BILL ON RECOUNT PASSED

Six Bills Are Passed in the Senate; Hurlburt Bill Passes House; Carkin's Bill Not Recommended.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Feb. 8.—The legislative mill is grinding merrily on today with many measures reaching consideration and the hopper receiving more feed. The senate passed the following bills: Moser's, providing that 10 per cent of the voters in any precinct may ask for a recount; Eddy's, for county oil and gas inspectors and for regulation of oil drilling; Strainer's, authorizing county courts and highway commissions to make rules respecting public highways and providing for the fixing of a limit as to the speed and weight of vehicles; Hall's for the registration of automobiles owned by non-residents; Smith's, exempting pharmacists who have paid licenses for 20 years from further license payments; Taylor's, fixing two years as the term of county and city health officers. In the house the Overturn's bill was indefinitely postponed to permit employers to provide self insurance for employees. The house road committee reported without a recommendation of Carkin's bill for a paid highway commission. The Hurlburt bill requiring all appointive and elective officers to be citizens was passed. Against Free Text Books The house today decided against free text books in elementary schools, voting to accept the majority report of the committee on education and indefinitely postponed the Woodward bill. The senate committee to the printing committee the Toose bill doing away with election pamphlets with instructions to amend it to eliminate candidates pamphlets but to preserve measure's pamphlets. The governor announced that he was studying the new consolidation bill drawn by Senator Garland. The senate referred back to the district committee for reconsideration the senate resolution authorizing recommendations of the joint Oregon-Washington committee which met in Seattle last Saturday relative to the Columbia river fishing. The ways and means committee recently made slashes from requested appropriations and entirely disallowed requests totaling \$482,755, making the total cuts in requests to date \$482,508.28. The committee also approved a total of \$508,000, making the total approved to date \$1,655,352.28.

Liquor Thieves Make Big Haul; Distillery Tapped; Whisky Taken

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—Digging a tunnel 150 feet long and three feet wide from a cellar of a house to the warehouse of the Stewart Distilling company's plant in Highlandtown, a suburb, a band of liquor thieves with the aid of a rubber hose as "the pipe line" and a suction pump, siphoned more than 100 barrels of whisky. The robbery was discovered early Wednesday when police acting on a tip from an unknown source, forced an entrance into the dwelling. The liquor was valued at upwards of \$245,000.

WRONG WOMAN TRAILED (By Associated Press) EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 8.—Miss Juana Avant, school teacher, who resembles Mrs. Clara Phillips, "hammer murderess" of Los Angeles, arrived in El Paso last night and told her private detectives, Mexican police and others had trailed her from El Paso to Juarez and from there to Madera, and then to Chihuahua City, where she was detained while authorities investigated her identity. Detective Captain Armstrong said today he believed Miss Avant is the woman detectives have been suspecting for weeks as being Mrs. Phillips.

## Costa Rica and United States Sign Protocol; Difficulties Settled

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A protocol has been signed by the United States and Costa Rica eliminating difficulties dating back many years and affecting possible future development in the Nicaraguan inter-oceanic canal route.

## MARDI GRAS FRIDAY EVE

In the Far East is a tiny baby girl named La Grande, in China, a missionary supported by the Girls Friendly Society of America, and in Portland is a tiny bed invariably holding a tiny baby. The G. F. S. of La Grande earned this bed and now have the responsibility of its upkeep as it is a charity bed for tiny tots who have no parents. This is the "why" of the Mardi Gras, which is to be held at the Eagles' hall Friday evening, February 9th. The doors will be open at eight o'clock and intermittently during the evening a program consisting of group and minstrel dancing, the first numbers of which are especially planned to please the children, will take place. P. J. Powers will manage the dancing and Loney's orchestra will furnish the music. A waffle booth, coffee, sausage, syrup, and butter to accompany the waffles will form the refreshments. A fish pond, candy, punch, popcorn, peanuts and fortune telling booths will furnish amusement throughout the evening. Five nickels will take in the most expensive feature and many only require one-fifth that amount. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

## FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

The funeral services of J. M. Loughmore, who was found by searching parties, frozen to death on Three Cabin Ridge, between Hilgard and Perry Tuesday evening, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bohnenkamp chapel. Reverend Mr. A. R. Sitton will deliver the funeral sermon and the interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

## BLUE SECONDS INVADE IMBLER

While the Pendleton boys and girls quintette and sextette are attempting to defeat the Blue and White teams at the Round Up City Saturday evening, the La Grande second team will invade Imbler. Last week the Blue and White drubbed Imbler on the local floor 49 to 5 and are confident of a victory Saturday. Imbler is somewhat strengthened for the contest with a week's steady training to combat the powerful defense and offense that the seconds use and are expected to have a much larger score marked up to their credit after the return game.

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## 28 LEGION POSTS WILL VISIT CITY

Legion Caucus to Be Held in La Grande March 10 Will Find Seven Counties Represented.

Plans for the entertainment of the Legion posts from seven Eastern Oregon counties were presented to the local legion post last evening at the regular monthly meeting, they being adopted in practically the original form. Twenty-eight posts from Union, Baker, Wallowa, Umatilla, Malheur, Grant and Harney counties will be in La Grande March 10th gathering in joint conference for the first of five big district caucuses to be held in Oregon. All sessions in the morning will be open to Legionnaires in attendance but in the afternoon, the meetings will be confined to delegations who will present reports and attend to executive matters at that time. The evening banquet will be held at 6 o'clock and after the banquet the celebration will be turned over to the Cheveaux 40 et Hommes society, who will hold a mammoth initiation. State Commander Coming The state commander and the state adjutant of the American Legion organization will be present and the head of the vocational bureau of the northwest will also be in attendance and will deliver an address on the increasing of memberships and various post activities. Social Evening. Following the business session the Legionnaires and the Ladies' auxiliary to the legion combined and enjoyed a delightful social evening, consisting of dancing, interspersed with refreshments and musical specialties.

## WILL REPRINT CITY CHARTER

A resolution was passed by the city commissioners last evening to the effect that the reprinting of the revised and amended city charter of La Grande would be attended to at the earliest possible date. Three commissioners, President Sherwood Williams, Dr. H. J. Brunton and C. J. Black and City Manager F. B. Hayes were present. Several other matters were attended to including the accepting of Maloney and Pierson company's bid to audit the city accounts, the awarding of the fairground concessions for the year of 1923 to W. A. Burns, and the passing of the ordinance establishing a sidewalk on Hemlock street. The Presbyterian church representatives asked the city for the use of the city hall as a meeting place in the future while renovation of the church took place. While no definite action was taken on the matter, the commissioners appeared to not be opposed by the request. The city manager was authorized to repair the fair ground fence. It is understood that the county will jointly aid in the project. Other routine matters, including the weekly reports and the passing of the month's salary list, were attended to preceding adjournment.

## Old Man Winter Meets Many Rebuffs in Valley

Old Man Winter, incessantly trying to horn in on his friend, Indian Summer, is constantly meeting with rebuffs. Although he is having considerably more success in the higher altitudes than in the valley and lowlands, his attempts so far to oust the warm, sunny, spring-like weather that the Grande Ronde valley has been getting two days out of three in the past month, are futile. For a brief period yesterday evening it appeared that his attempt to gain the throne would be successful but today—he is reversed. About an inch of snow fell and this morning, rising bright and warm, Old Sol, allied with Winter's opponent, being the task of erasing the white covering from the earth. Such a winter season as Eastern Oregon is now experiencing is an innovation in this section, now like it being on record for many years back. Farmers and ranchers are rejoicing. The ranchers have less feeding to do, as the ranges are used to a certain extent, and many of the farmers are doing work that would otherwise be done months later when spring usually break into its own. In the mountains and hills, the snowfall is hard to melt and in many places, several feet of snow are banked up. Cold is often intense in these portions but nevertheless, the winter is not nearly so rigorous as is usually the case. Report from mining camps in the mountains, west of Haines, and reports from camps on the level, state that from 7 to 11 feet of snow. Much of the earlier snow was followed by rain and is packed solid on the ground beneath a later and lighter fall. Ranchers report there is enough snow at this time in the mountains to provide all the water that will be required for irrigation purposes later in the season.

## SITUATION IS IMPROVED IN SMYRNA NOW

British Officials Believe That No Fighting Will Occur.

ALLIED SHIPS WILL DEFEND THEMSELVES

Turkish Ultimatum May Be Withdrawn; Americans Join in Allied Protest Against Withdrawal Order.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Smyrna situation is considerably eased today, according to British official quarters, where it was thought it extremely unlikely that any fighting would occur. They believed that the Turkish ultimatum will be withdrawn as soon as Ankara authorities understand the Allies are firm in resisting the demands that all Allied warships quit the Smyrna harbor. American Protest. The British are pleased because American representatives at Smyrna joined in a protest to the Ankara government, French and British warships at Smyrna have been ordered to defend themselves, if attacked. The British ordered other warships to Smyrna. Turk Irregulars Active. SOFIA, Feb. 8.—Advises from the frontier declare that Turkish irregulars are increasing their activity in Thrace and that several Greek military posts along the Maritza and in the interior have been attacked. The Greeks in a reprisal are said to have occupied several points along the Maritza and near the Adrianople station of Karagatch. Turkish and Bulgarian population in Thrace is reported to be moving toward the Bulgarian border.

## COVE BEIEGED FOR TREATMENT

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The halt and the lame and the blind besieging Emilie Cone, French exponent of auto-suggestion, for treatment of their ills overpowered the stage at his third lecture, Wednesday and were only quieted after the smiling little pharmacist from Nancy had halted all cures while the police were called to clear the stage. A hundred cripples in wheel chairs, on crutches, and canes, or in the arms of friends, had gathered on the stage when the demonstration started. A crippled woman was given the "Ca Pousse, Ca Pousse, Ca Pousse" treatment. In a few minutes she walked off the stage, leaving her crutches behind.

## Snapshots of Legislators Taken by Murray Wade in the Capitol Lobby

