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LARGE TAX CUT IS SEEN BY GOVERNOR

Next State Levy Can Be Cut \$1,500,000, Says Pierce.

GOVERNOR'S AIM TO LOWER TAXES

"Real Progress Was Made" States Governor of Oregon; Income Tax Bill Will Reduce Levy.

SALEM, Feb. 27.—Governor Pierce believes that as a result of appropriation cuts by the legislature just closed and that because of money that will be raised by indirect taxes made possible by the passage of the next state tax levy can be reduced to about \$1,500,000, representing a cut of \$1,500,000 from the 1924 levy.

The governor admits some disappointments in the session, but says this was to be expected and that on the whole he is well satisfied with the start made toward a reduction in the cost of state government.

"I regard the object of my life while governor," said the executive, "to point the way toward reducing state expenses to the lowest possible limit, at the same time maintaining state governmental efficiency. For example, I want to keep the schools, both the primary schools and the institutions of higher learning, on a high plane of operation. I do not want to stop the building of market roads and I want to see the provisions of the bonus act carried out."

"But I believe our next tax levy should show a cut of a million and a half, and in three or four years, if the next legislature will do the things that I should, I believe the levy can be reduced from 24 mills to 3 or 4 mills."

Insurance Fees Up.
"As a result of legislation just enacted, fees received from insurance companies will be increased \$200,000 a year, which places us on a parity with the state of Washington, but we are not yet up with California. The increase ought to be \$500,000."

"The income tax will not raise as much money as I hoped it would, but I think it will bring in a million and a half—perhaps not more than a million. If it raises \$1,000,000 it will decrease the state levy to 7 mills, and if it brings in \$1,500,000 it will reduce the levy to 6 1/2 mills."

"Real progress was made and I appreciate the help that was given by the members of the legislature."

"I am sorry the legislature killed the administration bill, introduced by Meff, which would have increased the income from fees of corporations. This legislation we must get two years hence, and then we shall be doing as California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and other states are doing."

"The legislature did not give the state the severance tax that I advocated, but I hope to get this next time. This should raise a million dollars a year."

Would Amend Tax Bill.
"Returning to the income tax, I think my idea of using the federal machinery to collect the tax is better than the state machinery plan that is required in the bill. This makes the administration of the act more expensive. The act should be amended in two years so that it will raise \$1,500,000 instead of \$1,000,000 or \$1,200,000. I think it is possible under the bill as it passed."

"I think one of the important measures that was passed in the legislature was a revolving fund at the state penitentiary, so we can begin to make the prison self-sustaining. This will take several years, but I hope to go a long way toward it in the next four years."

"Of course I was turned down on a number of things, such as the severance tax, but a period of education is necessary before these things can be brought about, and education is what is going on now. You remember, don't you, how I used to be hoisted when I talked about an income tax?"

The governor lists the motion picture film tax among the things that he wanted and didn't get. He estimates that this would have raised \$100,000 a year. He believes that much good could have been accomplished had the bill to centralize the licensing authority been passed, and counts this among his losses.

Wins Tax On Gas.
The governor counts as a victory the enactment of the measure creating a commission of financial control. He will make an effort to get the best men in the state on this commission.

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Postmaster General Work Expects Service To Show Big Surplus

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Heavy increases in postal receipts leads Postmaster General Work to expect the postal service may close the present fiscal year at the end of June with a surplus of \$60,000,000 last year. Sales of postage stamps for the first six months of the fiscal year were \$20,000,000 more than the same period last year and receipts for January at fifty selected postoffices show an increase of almost \$4,000,000 over January a year ago. Numerous economies effected by Postmaster General Work are counted on to help prevent a deficit.

RED CROSS TO START DRIVE NEXT MONDAY

Annual Community Charity Fund to Be Raised for Relief Work During Year.

That charity work is a part of social and business life today is a certain fact and the business firm of the present time figures in a certain amount each year for charity. In former years this fund was donated to the individual who was needy, to the agency that called for it or to most anything that bore the name of charity.

When Mrs. Fay Catlin came to Union county to take charge of the social work for the Red Cross chapter she soon found that charities were being duplicated, that unworthy persons were preying upon the goodness of merchants and that the free giver was unaware of these conditions.

It was not long until the county organization of the Red Cross established a community drive which operates once each year and once only. During that period sufficient funds are raised to care for the charity needs and a scientific method was adopted to register and look after every case. Instead of teaching people to learn on charity Mrs. Catlin's plan has been to render aid for immediate needs only and then render assistance in finding employment. In many instances she has found people who were down and out and had to have aid in the way of a loan. These loans have been looked after and it is surprising to know how many have repaid their obligations when better luck overtook them.

The ex-soldier and sailor is cared for but in most instances reimbursement has followed, but this is only accomplished by having an organization that functions as does the Red Cross chapter, with some one constantly on the job.

Monday morning the annual Red Cross drive for community charity begins and it will last several days. Everyone should give something to this worthy cause for the funds are absolutely necessary in the best way possible and the work done is a very useful work.

On Sunday evening Bishop W. P. Remington will preside the drive with one of his forceful sermons on the work. It will be delivered to a community audience in the Methodist church and will have no sect or other distinction other than the words of a warm-hearted American citizen speaking for an agency in life that is doing a great good.

"Y" DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED

Seven men were elected to the Y. M. C. A. board of directors at an election held yesterday, the polls closing at seven o'clock in the evening. Those elected were S. D. Crowe, G. L. Larson, H. K. O'Brien, A. T. Hill, Bruce Dennis, Floyd McKennon and Ray Murphy. The latter was elected to finish the unexpired term of one year, of Sherwood Williams, retired.

The above men will serve for a period of six years. The officers of the board are Albert Hunter, president; S. D. Crowe, vice-president; H. K. O'Brien, treasurer, and other members of the board are F. L. Meyers, T. J. Scroggin, George Cochran, A. C. Hampton, Elmer Stoddard, Chase Bohnenkamp, C. E. Short, H. E. Dixon and Fred Kiddle.

The board of directors will meet tomorrow noon at a luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. at which time the board will elect new officers for the ensuing year, and will also discuss the yearly budget.

HAGUE SEAT FOR U. S. TO STAY EMPTY

Senate Action Before Congressional Adjournment Is Not Likely.

"IRRECONCILABLES" DECIDEDLY HOSTILE

Senate Faction Leaders All of Opinion That Matter Would Have to Go Over to Next Session.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Postponement of action until the next session of congress upon the pending request for authority to enter the international court of justice, under the league of nations, was virtually decided today by the senate foreign relations committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Possibility of senate action before congress adjourns next Sunday on the administration request for authority to participate in The Hague international court of justice, under the league of nations, was removed Thursday morning by senate leaders.

Preliminary to Tuesday's meeting of the foreign relations committee for initial consideration of the plan, submitted last Saturday, leaders of all senate factions exchanged views and, it was said, all were of the opinion that the matter would have to go over until the next congress. Intense interest among senators in the administration proposal was manifested by a flood of statements.

Those from democratic leaders indicated favor for the plan, but there was a pronounced hostile note from the "irreconcilable" camp and almost complete absence of public comment from the administration and "reservationist" groups.

MR. CANTRELL LAID TO REST

The funeral of William Jasper Cantrell, who passed away Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of his son, Albert, 2144 North Birch St., was held at Highland at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Reverend O. W. Jones delivered the funeral sermon. A large gathering of friends was present and sympathized with his relatives in their bereavement. Mr. Cantrell was a pioneer resident of Eastern Oregon and was 89 years, eight months and two days of age at the time of his demise.

William Jasper Cantrell was born in Woodbury, Warren county, Tennessee.

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High Priced Liquor Is Found On De Mille Yacht; State Customs Officials

(By The Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—A quantity of high priced liquor and rare wines was said by customs officials to have been found on the Seward, a yacht owned by Cecil B. De Mille, motion picture producer, just returned from a voyage into Mexican waters. The Seward, with De Mille and a number of guests aboard, sailed for Tiburon Island in the Gulf of California early in January but put back on account of storms. De Mille returned to Los Angeles aboard his yacht, which recently went to the aid of the San Francisco yacht Elodie, when the latter was reported in distress off Ensenada, Lower California.

PREPARATIONS FOR ROUND-UP ARE UNDER WAY

PENDLETON, Feb. 27.—September 29, 31 and 32, 1923; these are the dates for Pendleton's fourteenth annual Round-Up, to be staged in the western city during the days of early autumn.

Already Pendleton is making plans for the coming event, and as last year's show eclipsed all others, so, say directors, will the 1923 presentation be the finest in the history of the outdoor classic. Again world championships will be decided and for this year is planned a prize list which has as yet been unequalled in the show's history. The resplendent Round-Up saddles and the Police Gazette belt will be in readiness for winners in the lists. Improvements to grandstands will not be forgotten, and the question of accommodations will be solved so that Pendleton's reputation for hospitality will not be assailed.

Henry W. Collins, who for several years has directed the destinies of the Round-Up, will again be in charge as president and as arena director. Other members of the association are Charles H. Marsh, secretary and publicity manager; Geo. C. Baer, business manager; R. E. Choulet, treasurer; Guy Weyck, competitive events; S. R. Thompson, livestock; J. W. Earl, non-competitive events; Chauncey Bishop, Indians; L. G. Frazier, grounds; Dean Tatum, accommodations and E. P. Tulloch, parade and decorations.

Aided to these are the scores of other Pendleton and Umatilla county people who toil tirelessly to make the show a success. The Round-Up is essentially a community affair, operated by a board which serves without pay and which puts all profits into improvements for the Round-Up. As such, it has the undivided support of Pendleton.

BOY CONFESSES KILLING

(By Associated Press)
SPOKANE, Feb. 27.—Don Siefert, of Dallas, today confessed to killing his traveling companion, Napoleon Post, 17, also of Dallas, yesterday at Yardley, Siefert claimed that it was an accident. His confession repudiated the first story that Post had been killed by an unknown tramp.

CAREFUL! CAREFUL!

NOMINATIONS MADE FOR AD CLUB HEADS

Nominating Committee Presents List of Nominations Today.

AMERICAN LEGION POSTS GIVEN AWARDS

Union and Imbler Posts are Presented Post Banner and Flag at the Ad Club Luncheon.

Presenting the American Legion posts of Imbler and Union with a flag and banner respectively at today's luncheon, C. E. Short in behalf of the Ad club told how appreciative that organization has been of the Legion's work in a civic way. With appropriate remarks addressed to Commander Stuen of Union, he handed him the beautiful banner lettered with the Union post's name and number, and then turned to Commander Lytle Kiddle of the Imbler post, presenting him with a beautiful American flag for the H. K. Larson Post No. 86. Each commander made responsive talks, thanking Mr. Short and the Ad club.

These prizes were awarded Union and Imbler posts for having taken part in the American day celebration last November to the extent that the Union post had the largest percentage of men in uniform and Imbler had the largest percentage of men in line on that day.

J. G. Shodoras at today's luncheon called attention to the need of a position for road band men as the band is short a few members and it has capable men in other cities who would come here if positions can be found.

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TODAY'S POWER READINGS

The E. O. L. & P. Co. operates the following conditions:
Output of plants—K.W.H.
Rock Creek.....3160
Fremont.....3100
Morgan Lake.....3320
Cove.....1520
Steam Plant.....9550
Baker Municipal.....882

Total.....23,832

Same day of week last year, 30,900.

Water Storage
Olive Lake, 1923, 1 ft. 7 1/2 in.; 1922, 8 ft. 1 1/2 in. Drop.

Morgan Lake, 1923, 2 ft. 1 1/2 in.; 1922, 4 ft. 9 in. Drop 3 in.

Comments
At yesterday's rate of drop there are 25 1/2 days run left in Olive Lake.

Warmer weather is causing a slight improvement at Cove and Rock Creek.

"Word Drifting to War, Economic Ruin and Moral Disaster," Churches Say

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Expressing fear that the world is drifting towards war, economic ruin and moral disaster, "that may possibly cause an eclipse of civilization for centuries," the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America, today addressed the message to 150,000 protestant churches of 30 communions, urging them to call upon the government to adopt a policy of cooperation with foreign nations and take a larger part in international affairs.

MRS. M'NEALY ACQUITTED BY JUDGE KITCHEN

Defendant Found Not Guilty of Maintaining a Common Nuisance; Judge Gives Reason for Judgment.

In the case of the city of La Grande versus Mrs. L. McNealy, charged with maintaining a common nuisance, which was tried in the municipal court yesterday afternoon at two o'clock before Judge R. J. Kitchen, the defendant was found not guilty. The trial had originally been set for ten o'clock but was postponed until a later hour. Mrs. McNealy was convicted by the city some time ago on the charge of the possession of intoxicating liquor but was acquitted of the charge on appeal to the circuit court.

"The question in establishing the defendant's guilt or innocence," stated Judge Kitchen today, "rested upon whether the city could prove that the defendant knowingly had liquor in rooms over which she had control. According to the witnesses that were examined and their testimony, this could not be decisively proved, and conviction was impossible. To constitute a common nuisance, in the possession of liquor, according to a decision handed down by the supreme court, it must be proved that the defendant was conscious of the fact that liquor was being kept in rooms over which she had control and, as the prosecution could not prove this, I therefore decided in favor of Mrs. McNealy."

The rooms in which the liquor in question had been found had been rented by Mrs. McNealy, according to the defense, to other parties, who had paid for the rooms in advance. Mrs. McNealy stated that she had no knowledge of liquor being kept in the rooms. According to the judge's interpretation of the supreme court's construction of the statutes governing the case in question, the proprietor of a rooming house or hotel cannot be convicted for actions of his or her patrons which are not known to the proprietor.

"Any keeper of a rooming house or hotel is guilty of maintaining a nuisance, if he or she has the knowledge or reasonable grounds to believe that such a condition exists," stated Prosecuting Attorney Henry Hess. "We proved by reliable witnesses the finding of the liquor which was undisputed, although the defendant claimed that she had no knowledge of the liquor on the premises. We introduced testimony of other sales by the defendant, which is competent to show the purpose for which the liquor was kept and we also introduced testimony, which was not rebutted, to the effect that the general reputation of the place was bad."

Believes Judge Mistaken.
"The municipal judge should not be criticized for his decision," Mr. Hess continued, "in such a case. He should not be hampered by the idea that he should convict, but that he should give both the city and the defendant a fair trial. But I believe he was mistaken as to the law applicable to this case. It is seldom proven by direct testimony that the party had knowledge of possession. In practically no case could a conviction be had in a hotel or rooming house case if this was the law, circumstantial evidence of guilty knowledge is sufficient."

EX-JUDGE DIES
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Henry E. McGinn, 63, former circuit judge, dropped dead here today.

THE WEATHER
PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Tonight and Wednesday fair. Gentle northerly winds.

Howell Admits Guilt; Gets Two Years In Pen

The last two days have been busy ones in the circuit court. Several matters have been attended to by Judge J. W. Knowles and with only a short time left before the February term is complete, the grindings of the wheel of justice have been kept prompt.

Howell Gets Two Years
A. J. Howell, alias H. M. Hansen and M. B. Hansen, pleaded guilty to the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses and was sentenced to a maximum term in the state penitentiary of two years.

The civil case of Chapman vs. Miller, involving a damage suit over some hay, was finished and decided in favor of the defendant.

Two Cases Set
Two cases were set for trial: The State of Oregon vs. Herman Rumpert, charged with larceny of calves, for March 12; and the State of Oregon vs. Herman Rumpert, charged with a statutory charge, for March 12.

WORK NAMED SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

Succeeds Albert Fall, Who Resigned from Cabinet A Few Days Ago.

HARRY S. NEW TO HEAD POSTAL UNIT

Brigadier General Frank T. Hines Nominated as Director of the Veteran's Bureau.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The selection of Postmaster General Work to succeed Albert Fall as secretary of the interior and Senator Harry S. New of Indiana, as postmaster general was announced at the White House today. The senate immediately confirmed New.

Brigadier General Frank T. Hines, retired, was nominated as director of the veterans' bureau, succeeding C. R. Forbes, who retires tomorrow. Richard M. Tobin, of California, was nominated minister to the Netherlands, filling a vacancy caused by the appointment of William Phelps as under secretary of state to McKenzie Moss.

SOLONS TELL OF LEGISLATURE

Representative Hunter and Senator Dennis Talk Before Ad Club Meeting Today Noon.

Branding consolidation as a farce and claiming that the only way to reduce expenses of the state government is by elimination of departments, Representative Albert R. Hunter and Senator Bruce Dennis in their talks before the Ad club today were in perfect accord.

Mr. Hunter told of the work of the ways and means committee of which he was a member and how the committee has saved over a million dollars for the coming biennial saving figures to make clear his statements. He reviewed the organization of the legislature and presented a number of slants and side-lights on news already public which give the audience a better idea of the inside workings of the session. The work of the last ways and means committee was a heavy work and it is well recorded in Salem that it was probably the best ways and means committee, insofar as it protected the taxpayer, that has ever convened in an Oregon legislature.

Bruce Dennis, who represents Union and Walla Walla counties in the senate, reviewed the assessment and taxation program, and dwelt upon the consolidation labeling it a farce from beginning to end. He stated that evidently Frank Irvine, a man whom we all love dearly thought he had been elected to the governorship instead of Walter Pierce from the way he threw the lash over the governor on matters pertaining to consolidation.

"Editor Irvine seemed to go mad and snatched at everything in sight," said the speaker, "and we all know that Frank Irvine is smart and he knows down deep the only way to economize in Oregon government is to eliminate, cut off and kill departments, thus doing without things we now have. But we find him fighting for Prof. Kerr's salary when it was threatened by the Cramer bill, just as many others were fighting to save their pots. But the worst part of the whole matter is Governor Pierce was forced to bear the brunt of the Irvine madness for Mr. Irvine's newspaper was lashing away at everyone who opposed the Hall bill which was an unworkable, and not a meritorious measure and would not save the people of the state any money."

Incensed Crowd Cries For Life Of Murderer

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—A white crowd of men and women shouted for a swift justice for Wesley Morgan, the slayer of six year old Lillian Williams, held today.

out bail. Stones and other missiles were hurled at the prison. Morgan confessed last night to kidnapping, attacking, and killing Lillian, whose body was found on the ice twenty miles from here.

