

CAR FUEL TAX FOR JANUARY

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 8.—The state tax on gasoline and distillate produced a revenue of \$26,911.10 during the month of January, 1923, according to a statement compiled by the secretary of state here today. Of this amount \$23,348.29 was raised under the 1919 law, while \$3,562.81 was received under the 1921 enactment.

The total tax collected by the state on the January sales represents an increase of approximately 25 per cent over the returns from the gasoline and distillate sales in January, 1922.

Up until the present time the motor vehicle fuel tax in Oregon has produced a total of \$3,060,629.47. The total receipts for the year 1922 aggregated \$1,182,367.66, or an increase of 12 per cent over the previous year.

The secretary of state today estimated that the additional tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline, which be-

JOSEPH BEATS LA GRANDE BY THREE POINTS

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of ball. Price went in in Hummel's place in both the first and second halves, Hummel playing five minutes in each frame.

Joseph Bound for Salem, by winning from La Grande last night Joseph high school won the undisputed right to send their team to the Salem championship state tournament, March 15-17, inclusive, as the winners of District No. 1, consisting of Malheur, Harney, Grant, Union, Baker and Wallowa counties, repeating their record made last year when the Wallowa county team, for the first time, surged ahead and took district titular honors.

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BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS TO COMPETE

CHICAGO, Mar. 8.—Schoolboy basketball stars from every corner of the country, winners of the championship of their section, will compete for the national high title in the eighth annual national interscholastic basketball tournament to be held under the auspices of the University of Chicago next month, April 4 to 7.

The tournament, according to the plans announced today, will bring together the largest field of schoolboy sectional champions ever assembled. Some of the teams will travel more than 1,000 miles to compete.

While the field this year is to be limited to thirty-two teams, special efforts have been made to match leaders of widely separated sections, so that the finals will show the most representative teams of schoolboys in the country. Last year Lexington, Ky., high school carried off honors in competition with twenty-six squads, defeating Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in the finals. Rockford, Ill., and Hume Fogg high of Nashville, Tenn., won third and fourth places.

One of the outstanding entries this year is the Passaic, N. J., team which claims an unbroken string of 148 victories. Another eastern leader is Naugatuck, Conn., recent winner over Crosby high, of Waterbury, Conn., the runners-up in the 1921 tournament. Lanier high, Macon, Ga., winners of the 1922 Southern title, and undefeated this year, are expected to represent that section of the south, while teams from Texas will come from the southwest.

To enforce eligibility rules strictly the University of Chicago has acted through State Associations of the west, to insure that all entrants are in good standing before they will be allowed to compete.

State organizations already have raised funds to send the winners of the Kansas and Tennessee tournaments. The visiting athletes will be guests here of the university fraternities, with banquets and automobile trips on the entertainment program.

A full size, triple-plated silver basketball mounted on an ebony stand is the trophy to be awarded the title winners, with gold watches for members of the winning team. Other prizes range from a gold-bronze basketball for second prize to shields and basketball watch charms for third and fourth place winners.

The indicated list of entries includes: Passaic, N. J.; Sheridan and Glenbrook, Wyo.; Missoula, Mont.; Westinghouse Tech of Pittsburgh; Austin, Minn.; Lanier High, Macon, Ga.; Buckhampton and Bluefield, W. Va.; Crosby High of Waterbury, Conn.; Union High of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Hollywood Calif.; Greely and Pueblo, Colo.; West High, Salt Lake City, Utah; Cathedral and Central High, Duluth, Minn.; Akron, Ohio; Rockford, Ill.; New Hanover High, Wilmington, N. C.; New Trier High, Tilden and Hyde Park high, Chicago; and Kalamazoo, Mich.

Another Canadian Church Burned



The torch of the incendiary who has been burning Catholic churches in Canada is suspected of causing the destruction of Old Trinity Church in Montreal. Photo shows the ruins after a recent fire which took place after the church had been sold by the Anglican authorities to a Syrian Catholic congregation.

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MONTH'S REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

The report of the La Grande Public Library for February, 1923, submitted by Edith Pickett, librarian, is as follows:

February, with but 28 working days, had a daily average circulation of 174, though the total loans 4,924, did not compare with that of last year. This was partly due to the restriction placed on County borrowers, and also the increased number of volumes of history and literature reserved for school students. Scores of periodicals and pamphlets are ordered for the use of the Melba teams. These cover a variety of subjects, such as: "Resolved that the cat is a menace to health and should be exterminated," "Philippine Independence," "Educational qualifications for suffrage."

The per cent of fiction circulated was 64. Juvenile books loaned 1,082; adult 2,941. State library books loaned 28.

There were three yearly, and three six months membership cards issued. Total new borrowers registered, 97; juvenile 36; adult 67.

Gift of books from Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Newlin, and Mrs. Herzinger were greatly appreciated. Total gifts by purchase were 117, gifts 12.

Henry Ford's, "My Life and Work," H. G. Wells' "Short History of the World," Steffanson's "Hunters of the Great North," Osmondowick's "Beasts, Men and Gods," are among the interesting new titles.

Phone on overdue books amounted to \$27.41.

The reading room attendance on Sunday afternoon was 121.

SPEAKER WILL COME TO CITY

Clarence Hamilton, Field Secretary of U. S. C. E., Will Appear in La Grande Soon.

Clarence C. Hamilton, field secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, will be in the La Grande on April 27-29 to conduct a rally and speak to adults and young people. Delegations from neighboring towns are expected to attend, according to Miss Leadie Craig, in charge of arrangements.

For the five years Mr. Hamilton has been representative for the Christian Endeavor World, previous to that time he was field secretary for the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union, which has produced many noted workers in both positions and requires him to travel the entire country to speak in conventions and rallies every year.

Mr. Hamilton's tour in the east includes California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. In Oregon his tour includes Astoria, Albany, Corvallis, Medford, Salem, McMinnville, Portland, Astoria, Pendleton, La Grande and The Dalles. He will be at The Dalles April 27 to 29 to close the Oregon U. S. C. E. convention to be held there.

Mr. Hamilton's talk gives an affluence of Christian Endeavor messages and also the latest in the way of new policy and program from the international Christian Endeavor headquarters in Boston.

PROMISE SNOW IS NOT DEEP

PROMISE, Mar. 8.—Promise has quite a few inches of snow on the ground.

V. A. Cooper and C. E. Kenworthy went to W. Iowa Sunday where Mr. Kenworthy took seriously ill and is unable to return home.

Thomas Peterson, Everett McGilley and Joe Allen went to camp Tuesday.

Box Martin came to Promise Monday to get another load of furniture which he is moving to Wallowa.

Edith Thompson spent Monday night with Esther Carter.

Mrs. W. E. Sample returned home Saturday from P. A. Trump's where she has been staying during the illness of their little son.

C. P. Carter and Jesse Garrett went to camp Monday.

Lucas Newlin and Theodore Carter started to Joseph Monday. They are moving Mr. Newlin's family from Joseph to Promise.

Mrs. Lee Smith was a passenger on the outgoing stage Monday.

Lena Carter shared with Carl Preston Monday night.

J. C. Swearingen returned home from Wallowa Sunday.

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DANCE SATURDAY
Zober hall, Saturday, March 10th. Hear Olson's seven-piece orchestra play "Chicago," "Dumbell," "Apple-Sauce," etc. 3-8-23

MASONIC LODGE MEETING
There will be a special meeting of La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., at the lodge hall Friday evening, March 9, 1923, at 7:30 o'clock for work in the E. A. degree.
By order of the W. M.
ERNEST R. RINGO, Secretary 3-8-23

Think how far France might get if Gott really had strafed England.
March 10th, last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 3-7-23

That cough or cold in the head can be cured easily by Hyomel. No stomach dosing. Breathe it through its nose and mouth. Money back if it fails. All druggists. 3-8-11

Easter Monday Ball at Rex Hall April 2nd, given by Shriners' Club. 2-28-11

A GOOD LUNCH ANY HOUR OF THE DAY
Homemade pie, cheese and ham sandwiches, but chocolate or coffee with whipped cream, hot malted milk, hot lemonade, all the cold drinks and ice cream are served as usual. Hazelwood Ice-Cream. Blue Mountain Ice cream in any quantity, you wish at Silverthorn-Wright's Family Drug Store, formerly Putnam's drug store. 3-7-11

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ATTENTION LADIES
The Baptist ladies will give a cooked food sale at Skaggs' Grocery Saturday, March 10th at 10 o'clock. 3-5-11

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Have you seen the new six-cylinder Studebaker, \$1190, F. O. B. La Grande, at 1115 Washington avenue, M. J. Goss, local dealer. 2-6-11

SHERRY'S

TODAY and TOMORROW

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SUNDAY SPORTS ARE CONDEMNED

(By Associated Press)

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Mar. 5.—A condemnation of sports and other amusements on Sundays and a plea for a more Christian observance of the Sabbath were contained in a pamphlet sent today by the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist congregational and Baptist churches of New South Wales.

The pamphlet states that the church leaders view with deep anxiety the growing disposition on the part of many persons to "rob the Sabbath" Sunday of its distinctive character, and in that way to deprive the moral atmosphere of the people's definite action against Sunday sport has been taken by the Victorian cabinet, which provided for the prohibition of the playing of sports in public places on Sunday.

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Fancy Comb Honey, 3 cakes	50c	Ivory Soap, 3 bars	25c

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