

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

December 15—Local teachers institute here.

In Portland—

Clint Haynes, chief of police of La Grande, is in Portland today on official business of his department.

Marriage License Issued—

A license to wed was issued from the county clerk's office yesterday to Olyn E. Howard and Pauline Woodell of this city.

Undergoes Operation—

Mrs. Frank Bowman underwent a major operation at the Grande Ronde hospital Saturday. According to today's report she is resting easily.

Commission Meeting Tonight—

The city commission of La Grande will convene this evening in the city hall building for regular weekly session.

To Give Recital—

Miss Winifred Byrd, famous Oregon pianist, will give a concert at the Grande Theater Thursday evening. The piano, which is a Steinway, has arrived in La Grande.

Called to Portland—

Word was received by Rev. A. R. Sifton, of this city, to the effect that Rev. J. C. Austin had been called to Portland and would not be able to spend tonight at the Baptist church here, as was announced.

"Gladened Our Stomachs"—

The R. B. Grill, formerly the Union Lunch, gladened our hearts and "innocent" of the members of the Evening Observer yesterday by bringing in the delicious pumpkin pie for the staff to devour—which they did with much gusto.

At Hospital—

The condition of Edward J. Phillips, who has been seriously ill at the Grande Ronde hospital for the past few days, is no better. Many friends of Mr. Phillips are sorry to hear that his condition shows no improvement.

Powers Home from Boston—

Pat Powers, well known in La Grande, has arrived at his home in Medical Springs from Boston, where he has been for the past year engaged in the construction of business buildings. He expects to be in La Grande on Saturday of this week.

Dan Clarke in Town—

He who ropes the belated steer at the Union stock show and the Pendleton Round-Up, he who rides upright before the grandstand as his horse dances the latest jazz, he who meets the world with a smile and demands a smile in return, is in La Grande today. Dan Clarke, the buckaroo, general utility man of the O.W., came in yesterday and attended the Floyd McKennon dinner at the Country club.

M'KENNON IS HOST TO MANY BUSINESS MEN

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invitation of Omaha which agrees to invest in the insurance world, and that company was used then out the evening in comparing the rates and costs of local revenue insurance.

He gave illustration a which showed the difference between "real" revenue and "surplus" two terms which are easily confused in the insurance world, and then he showed from the Speaker—the insurance man's bible—expenses for thousands of many of the old line companies.

While the occasion was socially a pleasant event it also was an evening of some instruction on life insurance and every guest not only received the information offered freely but everyone entered into the discussion and asked many questions relative to certain points of interest. Among the fifty-five guests it proved that almost as many different insurance companies were represented by policies carried, and the analyzing of the old line companies, their resources, local resources, expenses and rates continued for several hours.

SUPER BOAD INTERVIEWED

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Union county school districts and those instrumental in preparing the budget for the various municipalities. The board also showed that they had used every precaution that the budget was not calling for more than was necessary. We feel that the "practice of economy" is being already made by officials throughout the county.

The commission is expected to make some recommendations regarding the school districts, looking toward consolidation and increased efficiency, at a later date when the present available material is tabulated.

The cut in the Union county tax budget, while not so large as in many other counties, was just as strict but due to the carelessness of the officials who formed the budget, little was left undone.

The members of the commission in some cases while reviewing the budget expressed opinions that in a few cases, allowances were even at a lower point than were in reality conducive to the fullest efficiency, especially in the law enforcement departments.

In a way flies are all right. They keep a lot of people from just sitting around doing nothing.

"Sweet Marie is plumb stupified; she has heard some gossip that is so thrilling she can't exaggerate McKennon dinner at the Country club."

WORK BEGUN OF CUTTING U. S. TAXES

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essay for the government to study means for their protection and welfare.

He presented several questions for consideration by the committee.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Definite assurance that tax reduction legislation will be considered promptly by the house says and means committee was given yesterday by Representative Green, of Iowa, prospective chairman, after a conference with Republican members of the committee.

Mr. Green, in a formal statement, said he expected to call the committee together Monday to take up the draft of the bill submitted by the treasury and "thereafter proceed with the work of revision as rapidly as is consistent with accuracy and thorough consideration."

"It is obvious," the statement continued, "that so great a task as is now presented to the committee cannot be disposed of summarily, but it should also be borne in mind that the income taxes affected by the proposed measure will not be payable until 1925."

"Some time necessarily will elapse before the committee can even complete an examination and consideration of the administrative features alone and the whole bill must be reviewed with great care but there will be no unnecessary delay."

Committee Favorable

Declaring that the ways and means committee always has been accessible to tax reduction, Mr. Green asserted that it ought to be clear to everyone that taxation should not be continued at a rate that would enable the government to pile up a large surplus.

"The time also has arrived," he added, "when a complete revision of our revenue laws should be made for the purpose of simplification."

Republican members of the committee meeting for the first time Tuesday discussed in general way its program.

There was no definite expression of opinion, it was said, as to the merits of Mr. Mellon's tax reduction suggestions nor was there a discussion of the soldiers' bonus bill.

Mr. Green and Representative Hiram Wiley of Oregon and Theodore of Massachusetts, ranking Republicans on the committee, were designated to confer Wednesday with Mr. Mellon on fiscal matters in a preliminary to next week's committee sessions.

FRED GIFFORD IS HERE TODAY

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most constructive features which his organization is working on in the settlement of the Oregon counties.

"I am taking up every county in the state and obtaining information on its industries, its possibilities, its land prices and how it is adapted for settlement. Then that information will go into every plan in the state and be read on the floor with sufficient literature accompanying to supply everyone who is interested. In this way I hope to get settlers on the Oregon land, and I believe it is an undertaking worthy of the effort."

Regarding the recent murder in the press of Portland wherein Gifford was held about to be threatened, the visitor said, "it is all amusing but it does not mean anything. I am getting along in the same old way and the talk about desert and lack of harmony in our organization is wholly without foundation."

Error of Committee Brings Letters With The Wrong Chairman

Owing to an error on the part of the state committee for the Harding Memorial Fund letters have reached the people of Union county directing them J. H. Pearce as the chairman for this county.

Mr. Pearce is not chairman for this county but Joe Woods is the officially named head. "The committee had Mr. Pearce's name along with several others from Union county under consideration, but when he was advised of this consideration Mr. Pearce immediately asked that Joe Woods be named, which was done. All communications and all matters pertaining to the Harding memorial should be taken up with Mr. Woods."

NEW TODAY

120,000 ACRES grazing lands for lease season 1924. Classified and priced according to grazing value. Address: Howard - Hesse Lumber Company, La Grande, Oregon. 12-12-23

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LOST—White gold wrist watch. Return to Carr's tax department. Reward. Mary Gilmore. 12-12-23

Kisses the Coffin



It isn't often a king will bend to kiss a coffin, but King Alfonso of Spain did it over the remains of Colonel Primo de Rivera, brother of the present "Dictator." The colonel died in Mexico two years ago, but his body is just being interred in his homeland.

JUDGE HARRIS HAS RESIGNED

PORTLAND—O. P. Coshove, lawyer of Rosburg, has been appointed as successor to Judge Harris, whose resignation takes effect January 15. Mr. Coshove has accepted the appointment according to Governor Pierce.

PORTLAND—Lawrence T. Harris, associate justice of the supreme court of Oregon, has resigned. It was announced from the governor's office at Salem late Tuesday afternoon.

It is reported that the jurist will enter the race on the Republican ticket for the nomination as United States senator.

The judge has been on the supreme bench since 1915. He was born September 19, 1873, at Albany, Ore. He graduated from the University of Oregon when 26 years old and in 1894 he received his degree in law from the University of Michigan.

He was representative from Lane county in the house of representatives in 1902.

From 1904 to 1905 he had law offices in Eugene and was engaged in the active practice of his profession. He was then appointed circuit judge, to fill the position created by formation of the Second judicial district. Court, Curry, Douglas, Lincoln and Lane counties were in his territory.

He remained on the bench in the years that followed. In 1912 he was on both the Democratic and Republican tickets for the circuit bench and remained there until his election to the supreme court.

REDUCTION OF STATE TAXES

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\$1,250,000. Other items, including an unexpended balance of \$50,000 from the appropriations for 1921-22, bring the total of these resources up to \$2,440,714.44, leaving \$7,460,179 to be raised by direct taxation and for which purpose the tax commission Monday promulgated a levy of 7.13 mills.

Sum Is Given

Of the amount to be raised by direct taxation, however, \$2,582,079.88 is covered by special millage taxes as follows:

Oregon Agricultural College, \$234,795.55.
University of Oregon, \$500,000.
State Normal School, \$92,544.44.
Soldiers' Educational Aid, \$100,000.
Elementary schools, \$2,084,823.24.

Marked bonds, \$1,042,510.62.
Soldiers' home, \$1,042,510.62.
Other than these special millage taxes, which represent approximately 5.33 mills of the total state levy of 7.13 mills, and all of which the people have approved by their direct vote, there remains only \$1,877,890.18 to raise for state purposes in 1924, requiring a tax of only 1.8 mills.

The total needs for state purposes for 1924, according to the

commission's estimates, is \$226,510.77 less than the total estimated needs for 1923, which were fixed at \$19,433,552.21. This, too, in spite of an increase of \$92,114.28 to be raised by the special millage taxes levied on the increased valuation of the state's taxable property.

Offsetting this increase, which is automatic and arbitrary, is a decrease of \$224,322.05 in the estimated needs of the state institutions, departments and commissions not included in the special millage levies, leaving a net decrease of \$226,510.77 in the total estimated needs for all purposes.

Income Tax Help

Estimated receipts from fees, fines, etc., together with unexpended balances available for the 1924 expenditures, aggregate \$1,499,571.44. This, however, is less by \$484,292.38 than the estimated from the same sources for 1923, which were evidently cut of line with the actual receipts from those sources.

The recently enacted income tax law, however, is expected to produce an additional \$1,250,000 to apply toward reduction of the burden imposed in the direct tax levy, which will amount to \$7,460,179 in 1924, as compared to \$8,535,295.39 for 1923, or a net reduction of \$1,075,115.39 in the 1924 state tax.

The reduction in state taxes will be felt in every county of the state. Its effects in Eastern Oregon follow:

Incor county, 1923 state tax, \$161,554.84; 1922 state tax \$196,267.25; Union county, 1923 state tax \$116,345.55; 1922 state tax \$134,631.17; Wellpuck county, 1923 state tax, \$98,000.00; 1922 state tax, \$121,211.00; Umatilla county, 1923 state tax \$30,424.00; 1922 state tax \$44,427.12.

Bars Manned For Fire

RENO, Ore.—Description of "Horn" school house near Mendocino in fire in used state. The rodents had apparently gnawed a quantity of inflammable material in the left of the building, placing it close to the stove and for warmth. It was here that the plan started. Teacher and pupils escaped unharmful.

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Six-room modern house—\$2750.00 \$100.00 cash, balance \$40.00 per month.

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the Lumber company, financed by New England capital, had been 12 years acquiring 40,000 acres in Union county which carries a stand of more than 200,000,000 feet of high quality pine timber, little of which has been cut. A modern sawmill will be built at Union next year to cut this timber into lumber.

Lumber and lumber producing conditions are more favorable in the vicinity of the company's holdings than elsewhere in northeastern Oregon, believes Middleton. He would not disclose the amount of the investment already made there and to be added to it, but admitted that it ran into a few millions of dollars.

"Recently the forest engineering firm of Thomas and McCreary of Portland completed a cruise of the Blue Mountain Lumber company's holdings here."

No further confirmation has been received by the La Grande Evening Observer of the apparent success of the timber move beyond that quoted above.

Being president really must be nice. You know your coal pile is going to last all winter.

La Grande people tell you how they get. Ask your neighbor. Howard C. Trull, 1285 O'Street, La Grande, says: "Dean's Pills are a remedy of merit. I have used them for attacks of kidney complaint which my back was weak and lame and my kidneys acted irregularly. A short use of Dean's have never failed to relieve these attacks and strengthen my back and kidneys."

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