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TAXES THIS
YEAR TOTAL
\$905,307.04Nearly 7,000 Statements
Mailed to County's
Property OwnersSTATE WILL GET
ABOUT \$127,300.00City Taxes Make Big
Item in Whole—La
Grande's Portion Will
Be \$109,413.85.

Nearly 7,000 tax statements went into the mails from the office of Amos Helms, deputy sheriff, today to break the news to Union county taxpayers that they have just \$905,307.04 to pay for the privilege of residence here in 1926.

State, county, school district and city taxes are included in the total.

On a 5.02 millage basis, the state gets \$127,311.68. This sum is not affected by the amount of taxes that are collected without delinquencies. It has to be paid into the state coffers on time regardless of conditions.

The county, which carries a 2.55 millage rate this year, gets \$64,544.75. For school purposes, the tax is \$32,542.73. The public library fund is \$505.22.

Road money for Union county from the general tax will be \$26,311.27. Market roads will get \$34,929.55 from taxation in the county. For bond redemption, \$47,478.85 is to be collected, with an additional \$54,225.45 for interest on bonds.

City Taxes.
City taxes make up a considerable part of the total taxes. La Grande, with a valuation of \$1,973,000, taxes to the extent of \$109,413.85 this year; Union with a valuation of \$425,517, gets \$16,755.85; Elgin, with a valuation of \$258,967, will get \$358.97; North

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ARMY CLUB TO
STAGE PARADE

Led by the drum and bugle corps of the American Legion, 25 boys and girls, who will represent La Grande in the young people's division of the annual council of the Oregon division of the Salvation Army at Portland, Saturday and Sunday, will parade the streets at 7:30 o'clock tonight in all the glory of their regalia.

The parade celebrates two triumphs: The La Grande corps' leadership in young people's work for the last three months; and Eastern Oregon's first representation in the annual demonstration at Portland.

Envoys and Miss J. C. Barker, and their daughter, Maybelle, who is leader of the girl glee club, will accompany the children to the council. The trip will be made by stage and automobiles.

Missionary and Aid Societies
Of Baptist Church AmalgamateA Handicap
To His
Business

The business man who is not a consistent and regular advertiser is, without knowing it, putting a tremendous handicap on his business. When he has no advertising to help him, the entire burden of business getting and business building must rest on his individual shoulders and on the good fortune of a location and window displays.

If you do not know him personally and do not happen to pass his store or shop regularly, you naturally give no thought to him or his business, unless he brings it to your attention through advertising. If he has a worthy product or worthy service, he benefits both you and himself by telling you about it.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Kiddle Will
Run, Report
Today Says

Retirement of Senator H. J. Taylor Creates Stir Here—Hodgins Talked by Democrats.

Announcement late yesterday that Senator H. J. Taylor, democrat, of Pendleton, will retire from political life for personal reasons, including lack of good health, created a considerable stir on this side of the Blue Mountains where several have been considering jumping into the joint senatorship race.

It was reported today that Fred Kiddle, of Island City, has definitely decided to enter the republican primaries and will be ready to make an announcement in the near future. About two o'clock this afternoon Mr. Kiddle told a reporter that he was going to Pendleton later today and will return sometime tomorrow. He refused to declare himself today but will have a statement to make upon his return.

Many politicians in this part of the Union, Umatilla, Morrow county district are of the opinion that Mr. Kiddle will be unopposed in the primaries.

It is said that Democrats are urging Joe, Hodgins, of La Grande, to enter the primaries for the joint senatorship but no definite word has been given out to date.

TAYLOR TO RETIRE.
PENDING, Ore. (Special).—State Senator H. J. Taylor, of the Union, Umatilla, Morrow county district, will not seek re-election to the state legislature. Ill health and personal reasons are said to have caused his retirement.

This action leaves the joint senatorship open.

PIERCE, PATTERSON LEAVE.
Walter M. Pierce, who is governor of Oregon, and L. L. Patterson, who wants to be, met by chance on the station platform in La Grande last night, and learning that they were traveling in the same direction, arranged to ride to

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LA GRANDE UNIT
RANKS SECOND IN
DRILL ATTENDANCE

The La Grande unit of the Oregon National Guard—Company E, 154th Infantry—ranks second in drill attendance rating in the state, according to a report just received by Captain G. L. Patton.

Reports of attendance rating of every company in the state are sent out to the captain of the various companies each month.

The only company with a better rating during the past month was Company E, 162d Infantry, of Portland, whose rating was 89.3 per cent. The La Grande company rated 85.3 per cent. The Portland company has only 75 members and there are 80 men in the La Grande company.

Remington Attending
Preaching Services

Adolph W. P. Remington, of Pendleton, is in La Grande for preaching services at St. Peter's Episcopal church this evening. Dr. W. J. Clark, of New York, the minister, has addressed large crowds nightly, and has preached also at 10 o'clock services in the morning. He has been answering about 15 questions from the question-box every day.

For the sake of economized time and effort, members of the two women's societies of the first Baptist church dissolved their organizations at a meeting in the church Thursday afternoon and formed a new united society that will carry on both missionary and aid work.

Mrs. W. N. Shadle was elected president of the united society, after the meeting had been called together by the Rev. George Albert, of Portland, pastor. Mrs. Lucy Graham was named vice president, representing the missionary interests. Mrs. W. L. Jackson, vice president, from the aid department. Mrs. Roscoe Clark was chosen secretary. Mrs. B. F. Hummel, treasurer.

The society will have two meetings each month, devoting them alternately to missionary and aid work.

Mrs. H. A. Fox, Fred Johnson and Lily Gilman were appointed to draft constitution and by-laws.

Reports of the dissolving of the old societies and the formation of the new, and of the expansion of the Sunday school in the direction of men's Bible study, a class for which meets each Sunday at 6:30 p. m., were made at

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DR. WILSON
SCORED BY
U.S. JUDGEMethodist Official Is
Classed as "Retailer
of Falsehoods"SENATOR EDGE IS
AFTER SHOWDOWN

Preparing National Referendum on Modification of Volstead Act—Challenges Drys.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25. (AP).—Dr. Clarence T. Wilson, of the Methodist board of morals, who was called a liar in the house Wednesday, was invited to change his middle name today by Federal Judge Elmer E. Ritchie, of Alaska, testifying before a senate subcommittee.

He added that while he would not characterize Dr. Wilson as a liar, he considered he was a retailer of falsehoods.

The question arose over prohibition enforcement conditions in Judge Ritchie's district and the judge, whose nomination is being considered, was testifying in his own defense. He referred to statements he said Dr. Wilson had made about Alaska enforcement, and defended the administration of justice in the territory as being effective.

Seek National Referendum.
While the committee was listening to Judge Ritchie, Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, prepared a resolution under which a national referendum on modification of the prohibition act would be held.

"If as the directors claim," he said, "they have a fear that prohibition has reversed itself, then it would seem they should unhesitatingly endorse this plan for a legal national referendum."

Seeking Showdown.
"The purpose of this resolution is to provide a method for securing a national referendum on modification of the Volstead act within constitutional limits. The overwhelming verdict for modification has been frequently challenged by spokesmen for the drys."

"White" disagree with their contentions, still it has appeared to me that an opportunity for a legal referendum should be provided."

SCHOOL DATE
BOOKS FILLED

High school date books are written full for the remainder of the term. What with track meets and commencement events, not to mention the girls' April Antics and the Mayminkers' production, and the boys will have only the books to fill.

Track meets start a week from Saturday with an interschool competition on the high school field. The boys go to Union the following day.

Two Women, One Man
Arrested by Police

Mildred Cook, Jane Doe and Russell Malles are in jail today awaiting trial in municipal court on charges of disorderly conduct. The three were arrested in a local hotel room early this morning, where they were creating a disturbance, police officers say.

The case will probably be tried this evening.

Union-Wallowa County
Debate Title at Stake

The debating teams of Union and Wallowa high schools are scheduled to meet this evening for the championship of Union and Wallowa counties. The winner will probably debate with a Umatilla county team for the Eastern Oregon title.

Patterson, Candidate
For Governor, in City

L. L. Patterson, dirt farmer of Kola, and candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in the republican primaries, spent yesterday in La Grande visiting friends and delivering into the political situation.

Today and Saturday Mr. Patterson visits Pendleton and other points in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

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Bandits Rob,
Kidnap Four
Americans

Affair in State of Durango, Mexico, Is Latest in Series of Recent Attacks.

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 25. (AP).—The kidnapping of a party of American mining engineers, who were tied to trees, is the latest in a series of recent attacks on Americans.

Near Asarco, in the state of Durango, bandits at nightfall on Wednesday seized C. D. Weaver Jr., Emil Kroglan and A. P. Morris, and Adolph M. Matz, a German, and robbed them of about 500 pesos and all their jewelry. The men were carried captives into the hills and tied to trees. The bandits announced their intention to hold them for ten thousand pesos ransom and threatened death if the money was not forthcoming.

Most of the men are connected with the American Smelting and Refining company. Mr. Weaver is president of an American-Mexican Mining Development company. The bandits captured the party between San Lorenzo and Asarco. Mr. Weaver told the captors that he had money at his home near Asarco. Three bandits accompanied him home. They ransacked the place, taking all valuables. The other men meanwhile freed themselves from the trees and went to Asarco and notified the authorities.

Four Arrests Made.
Four Mexican have been arrested at Ixtlan in connection with the recent murder of J. M. McPherson and the kidnapping of E. H. Holden, a Canadian, employed by the American Bridge company, who were attacked, apparently for robbery, while driving a railroad motor car toward a construction camp in the state of Jalisco.

In connection with the death of Joe Hall, an American employed by the Mexican national railways last Monday near Ixtlan, Kompa, a Mexican, has been arrested and other persons are being sought. Hall was strangled to death.

Politics Hot
IN D. A. R. MEET

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 25. (AP).—The right of Umatilla and Umpqua chapters to vote was assailed at this morning's session of the conference of the Oregon Daughters of the American Revolution here. A spirited discussion ended in a negative vote when the court of the conference was asked for the delegates.

Charges were made that these two chapters were not in good standing because their dues were not paid prior to February 1, as required by a national ruling. Mrs. S. A. Lovell, regent for Umatilla chapter, challenged the right of delegates to vote so as to avoid any discussion of the matter at the time of election. It developed that several members of the chapter had neither paid their dues nor resigned, consequently the chapter withheld payment of state dues until it could reach all members. Part of the dues dated January 29 and another check dated February 1 enclosed in the same letter arrived too late to be credited.

Umpqua chapter was in some what the same predicament. The conference voted 29 to 20 against allowing the two chapters to vote.

This action of the conference virtually eliminates Mrs. William Bell, of Roseburg, as a candidate for state regent, leaving the field open to Mrs. E. C. Apperson, of McMinnville, and Mrs. Gordon MacKracken, of Ashland, it was charged.

Both Ashland and Willamette chapters are backing Mrs. MacKracken, Multnomah, Yamhill and another small chapter being out for Mrs. Apperson.

The nominating committee's report will not be made until tomorrow morning, a provision of the constitution preventing the report late yesterday, as had been scheduled.

W. J. Bryan's Daughter
May Take Up Politics

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 25. (AP).—Mrs. Richard Owen, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, announced here today that she is seriously considering entering politics by announcing herself as a democratic candidate for the state legislature. He elected she would be the first woman to hold a seat in the Florida legislature.

Her statement was made following publication of a newspaper editorial endorsing her candidacy. Friends of Mrs. Owen say that her term in the legislature will be a prelude to a race for the United States senate.

Fifth Chancellor of
German Republic Dead

BERLIN, Mar. 25. (AP).—Konstantin Fehrenbach, fifth chancellor of the German republic, died today at Freiburg, Baden, aged 74.

Fehrenbach was born at Weidenstein January 11, 1852. His first studies were in Catholic theology but he later changed to the law.

COMMITTEE
APPROVES
PLANE BILLHouse Military Board
Favors 5-Year Army
Air ProgramWOULD RESULT IN
2,200 NEW PLANESIncrease in Officers and
Men and Addition of
Assistant War Secretary Planned.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25. (AP).—The house military committee today unanimously approved a five-year building program for the army air service, designed to give the service 2,200 new planes at the end of that period.

The program also would provide: An additional assistant secretary of war to handle aviation. Three additional brigadier generals.

Six hundred additional officers. Six thousand additional enlisted men.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS
CAPTURE WOMAN
WANTED IN CHICO

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 25. (AP).—Deputy sheriffs last night captured Mrs. Faye McCrossin, who was wanted by officers as a member of a ring charged with thefts in California and Oregon. She was found hiding in a garage in a residential section.

She is wanted in Chico, Cal., on a warrant charging grand larceny and her apprehension has also been desired by the United States department of justice in San Francisco.

Living here as the well-to-do wife of a railroad engineer, Mrs. McCrossin had made extensive real estate purchases.

Five Men, Who Robbed
Vatican, Are Sentenced

ROME, Mar. 25. (AP).—Five men were convicted and sentenced today for their part in the robbery of the Vatican treasury in St. Peter's basilica last July. Seven others were acquitted for lack of evidence.

Lauro and Primavera, who received eight years imprisonment each, had been working in St. Peter's as painters. They broke into the room containing the Vatican's collection of religious and historical relics and escaped with objects the intrinsic value of which was estimated at more than one million lire, or about \$50,000.

Eugene Men Planning
Natron Celebration

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 25. (AP).—Three hundred enthusiastic men gathered for a stag banquet here last evening as the "kick-off" event of the proposed celebration of completion of the new Natron Cutoff of the Southern Pacific railroad. A committee of local men was appointed at the meeting to act with committees of other communities of the state to put on the celebration.

Tentative dates selected for the rail celebration were August 19-20, following close upon the heels of the Natron Cutoff opening.

Three Klamath Falls
Men Plead in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 25. (AP).—E. J. Miller, Ed Wakefield and three other Klamath Falls men charged of possession of liquor and operating a common nuisance have entered pleas of guilty and will appear in court Monday for sentence. The United States attorney's office here announced today. Abatement proceedings against the place the men were conducting in Klamath Falls are pending.

Charles Gaskill of Klamath Falls was on trial in federal court today charged with possession and transportation of liquor. Arguments to the jury were to be made this afternoon.

He's World "Rabbit King"



P. P. Doze of Norwich, Kas., might be called the world rabbit king; at least, he expects to sell about 20,000 rabbits this year. He sells jackrabbits to race course promoters and cottontails to game preserves, and has \$5000 invested in traps and nets to catch them.

TILLAMOOK TO
BE BENEFITED

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 25. (AP).—The state highway commission late yesterday decided to complete three projects in Tillamook county this year at a cost of \$250,000. They are grading from Hobsonville to Miami, one and one half miles from the Wheeler overhead crossing to Wheeler. Mill and the new Mother bridge over the north fork of the Nehalem.

These will be advertised April 25.

Another beautiful park site along the Roosevelt highway has been secured by the state. It is a 35-acre tract north of Brookings, part of the old Harris homestead and has been named Harris park. It was purchased from the owners, local contractors, for less than \$1,000. It was decided that \$10,000 of federal highway aid money would be spent this year on the Washington cutoff, connecting the Mt. Hood loop with Fremont trail. The cutoff's right of way will be cleared this summer, and grading may start next fall.

Douglas County Seeks Aid
A Douglas county delegation headed by Senator Eddy, of Roseburg, appeared to ask that the North Umpqua road be made a federal highway, and that federal and state aid be given for it. The road as mapped would be 125 miles long and would connect Roseburg with the Sky Line and Fremont trails. The commission made no promises for the near future.

Lincoln county asked for work to start on the Roosevelt highway north from Waldport, a large delegation appearing in support of the request. No promises were made.

Objectors Surprised
The McMinnville objectors appeared to protest against a road sign at Junction City claiming that this notice diverted motorists from using the West Side Pacific highway. Last week the commission had a check made of the travel over the west and east side roads, and this showed 1175 cars used the west side road and only 733 the east side. The protesters were surprised.

The State Construction company, (Continued on Page Five)

Final Rehearsal For
M. I. A. Play Promising

The final rehearsal for "Ann's Little Affair," a three-act comedy drama to be presented by the Mutual Improvement association of Latter Day Saints church this evening in the high school auditorium, was held last night and from all indications the production will be a big success. The play will begin at 8:15 o'clock.

Liner Strikes Rock But
Passengers Are Safe

LONDON, Mar. 25. (AP).—The Union Castle line Garth Castle, which left London March 14, for Capetown, South Africa, with 228 passengers, struck a rock in the English bay, Ascension Island, in the South Atlantic. The number on board was 110, but all passengers were in no immediate danger.

The company has arranged for another liner to take off the passengers next Monday and continue on the voyage to Africa ports.

The only American aboard the Garth Castle according to the sailing list, is Lt. W. T. Trip, a subaltern passenger, whose home address is unknown. He is an employee of the Shire Highlands Railway of Nyasaland.

CHURCH OF
CHRIST TO
TRY MARTINPalmyra, Indiana Man
Accused of "Heresy"
by His EldersEFFORTS MADE TO
KEEP CASE SECRETMartin Will Present
Sections from Scripture to
Prove Innocence, He
Announces.

PALMYRA, Ind., Mar. 25. (AP).—Witnesses leaving the trial of D. Clyde Martin here today said the case against him had been continued until April 1, because those pressing charges had not been able to find any one whom they considered capable of properly presenting their side.

Determined not to sacrifice any of his principles and prepared to fight in the interest of young people's recreations, W. Clyde Martin was ready for trial here today before three evangelists of the Church of Christ. He is charged with "heresy" because of his activity in establishing a recreation center in this village. Only members of the church will hear the trial, others being prohibited.

This is the second time the young evangelist for wholesome recreation for the young people of the village has faced the elders charged with "recreational heresy," the first being in 1924, when he was charged with "heresy" for having been absent from church for 27 days. Efforts were made to keep the date of the second trial secret, but it leaked out.

Martin last night issued a defiant statement, and said that in his trial today he would, if possible, "have his opponents outline what may or may not be done

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DRY OFFICERS
ACCEPT BRIBE

SEATTLE, Mar. 25. (AP).—Charges were to be filed today against Tom Peck and H. D. Kinney, Seattle dry squad officers, whom federal prohibition agents and deputy state prosecutors declared they caught accepting \$500 marked currency as a bribe from King Tanaka, reputed Japanese bootlegger here last night.

The arresting officials asserted Tanaka was apprehended by the city policemen after his arrest March 17 on a lower charge and threatened with prosecution in federal court unless he paid them \$2,000. The amount was said to have been later reduced to \$1,000, and the prohibition officers declared they gave \$500 marked money to Tanaka to pay as the first installment.

Last night, the federal agents declared, they seized Peck and Kinney after the Japanese had included the former a package containing the marked money.

The maximum penalty in this state for accepting a bribe is 10 years imprisonment.

Jail a la Cabaret; Prisoners
Indulge In Wine, Women, Cards

AUGUSTA, Me., Mar. 25. (AP).—Prisoners at the Kennebec county jail had women visitors in their cells and plenty of booze, witnesses have testified to Governor Brewer and his council investigating charges brought by prohibitionists.

Additional witnesses were called for today after the council took testimony until late last night.

William Shaw, a witness last night, read two poems he wrote while a prisoner. One was called "Sunday Night in Kennebec Jail" and the other was a tribute to Sheriff Cummings for a Christmas party he gave the prisoners in 1924.

Entertain Young Girls.
The first rhymes told of visits by young girls to the prisoners' cells. Shaw testified that there was lax behavior on the part of women visitors, but he could not recall any of their names. He declared that the prisoners had plenty of liquor in their cells, that other some prisoners stole liquor that was stored as evidence, and that many prisoners made their own liquor from mash.