

Horse Subject of Argument of State Assessors

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22. (AP)—Whether a horse is a product of the soil was a question that influenced the state tax investigating committee here in voting one of its recommendations to the legislature. State Treasurer Kay believed a horse might be so considered, but Governor Pierce said not, and the other members agreed with Pierce.

The question arose in connection with the proposal to make Jan. 1 instead of March 1 the date from which assessments shall be made by the county assessors.

The committee voted to recommend that the legislature pass such a bill assessing products of the soil in the hands of the growers. The committee was of the opinion that horses and other livestock would not be considered by the legislature as soil products. The purpose of the recommendation is to give some leeway to farmers in marketing their products.

Another revision was made and will be recommended to the legislature in the matter of county assessors. The sum of \$2,000 was made the minimum instead of \$1,500 as proposed several weeks ago, but others were reduced. According to the recommendation that the committee voted to submit to the legislature the \$2,000 salary will apply to Curry, Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook, Josephine, Grant, Clatsop, Sherman, Hood River and Lincoln counties. Salaries of \$2,200 will be recommended for the assessors of Harney, Morrow, Lake, Wallowa, Malheur, Deschutes, Wasco, Benton, Union, Columbia, Polk and Baker counties. Salaries of \$2,400 will be recommended for Klamath, Tillamook, Yamhill, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Clatsop, Linn, Washington, Clatsop, Clackamas, Lane and Marion counties.

Favorable action was taken on two other recommendations of the assessors. One of these was that the county school superintendents be required to approve school district levies as to legality. The other was that a new codification of laws be made during the next biennium by a committee to be provided for by the 1927 legislature.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special).—L. Couch recently was a visitor at the home of his brother, John Couch, of Leap.

Blanche, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, of Leap, had the misfortune to freeze her feet severely Monday morning while going to school, a distance of about three miles. Miss Mable Warner, teacher of the Leap school, placed the child's feet in cold water and snow, and was successful in drawing out the frost.

F. A. Downing, Leap farmer, was an Enterprise business visitor the first of the week.

Miss Southwick, rural carrier on the route east of here, has been unable to make his trip each day by auto, until last week when he changed to a horse and sleigh. John Couch, of Leap, was a business visitor here the first of the week.

Mrs. Bruce Fisher, of Leap, was on the sick list a few days the past week. She is reported much improved now.

V. Lathrop and wife were at Alder Slope Sunday to see Mrs. Lathrop's father, who has been suffering from an attack of the "flu." They report him somewhat improved.

Charles, daughter of Mrs. John Couch, has been confined to her home a few days. She had the measles. A number of cases are reported to have broken out recently.

Nea Harmon was called to Enterprise the last of the week by the serious illness of his small daughter, Viola. She had been sick for several days and was threatened with pneumonia, but latest reports state the little girl is improved.

H. C. Rogers, of Lower Valley, was in the hill section east of here recently looking after cattle he has in pasture.

A. Hunter moved a large bunch of his cattle to feed lots in the valley the past week. From the hills, where he has been pasturing them. The feed in most of the hill pastures are covered with snow. Many bands of horses are still ranging in the pastures and feeders are doing well.

George Cassina and Dee Gastin have been building some feed racks for their stock.

Frank Weaver, Leap, has been hauling a supply of wood from the timber. He also made a trip to Lostine with wood last week.

V. Lathrop was a Lostine business visitor Thursday.

Dee and Eugene Gastin were visitors here last week.

Mrs. Meek and sons, of Leap, were visitors here recently.

Miss Yarnall Harmon reached home the last of the week from Eugene where she has been attending school. Miss Harmon will visit her parents during the holiday vacation.

Frank Fisher, of Joseph, was visiting relatives in the Leap section last week.

James Weaver and wife, of Enterprise, are visiting at the home of Mr. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Downing, of Leap.

F. E. Harmon and wife were Enterprise visitors the last of the week.

Dance given at Mr. Thrasher's home in the Dry Creek section Friday night was well attended. Charles Klinghammer, of Leap, was a business visitor here recently.

Sam Meek and Dee Gastin went to the Cassins' farm near Lostine the first of the week, bringing

HAPPINESS IS KNOCKING



home some calves. F. A. Downing and wife, of Leap, were Lostine visitors Saturday.

Eugene Gastin spent the week-end visiting friends in town.

George Downing, who is working for John Couch, has been hauling wood for several days. Weather conditions have been quite mild in this section following the severe cold spell. With the warmer weather a considerable amount of snow has fallen in all parts of the county, and about eight inches cover the ground in the valley, while higher in the hills it is considerably deeper. Reports from farmers state the ground is frozen but little in the grain fields, and with a heavy blanket of snow covering the ground, many express the opinion that the small amount of frost will be drawn out.

MEDICAL SPRINGS

MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special).—Those who went to Baker last week were Mr. and Mrs. F. Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Wirth, Mrs. B. Kammer, Mrs. J. E. Kennedy, Roy Wirth and Everett and Clifford Whitten.

Mrs. George South is visiting at the ranch at Huntington.

Mr. Tall passed through Medical Springs Sunday. He delivered a Washington machine to Mrs. Joe Lay, of the Park, and one to Mrs. Win Duncan.

Mrs. Vivian Kennedy and Fae and Jean Kennedy were Sunday guests at the Peater's home.

W. Harbin went to the mountains Saturday after a Christmas tree for the Washington school.

The school teachers here are



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busy this week preparing a program for Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in connection with the program.

Bob Wanker has been riding in the mountains after cattle this week.

J. E. Kennedy sold a beef cow to Kenneth Vander last week. Vander is getting beef for the logging camps at The Park.

A. Oliver, of Kenosha, is feeding his sheep on the T. E. Kennedy

ranch here. L. S. Wirth is hauling logs from the mountains.

KLAMATH WEATHER COLD. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 22. (AP)—Following a day of intermittent snowfall, temperature dropped to six above here last night. Today dawned clear and cloudless and the temperature was mounting rapidly.



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Railroads Share in Christmas Rush; Extra Cars Needed to Carry Mail

If one believes that only the post office employees know the ins and outs of parcel post at Christmas time, that belief is only half accurate. The railroad, carriers of the gift packages to wherever they are addressed, whether it be Ithaca, N. Y., also know of the "Christmas rush."

Last Sunday one train arriving here alone carried seven mail cars and three express cars, all loaded to the top with packages. That is only one example, and it is reported that the incoming gifts have required even more coaches to carry during the last few days.

When the mailman starts to take the pouches from the depot to the post office, the quantity of sacks of

U. S. mail that faces him is surprising, and what they represent in man-power-handling in both post offices and mail cars—is likewise eye-opening.

Times Have Changed

In former Christmas seasons the railroad men did not pay so much attention to the mail cars, at least before parcel post became a fact. Then it was the express cars that were added to the train and it was the express clerks that found their hands full until the holiday season was ended.

Each year, however, since the parcel post law was passed, the shipments of mail have increased in size.

Not only in packages, but in the

first-class mail as well. Growing prosperity of the country's population and a growing desire to remember all one's friends by sending a Christmas card or a letter of greetings if not a gift, has made itself felt in both the locked pouches and the sacks carrying parcels.

The railroad companies, however, are not unappreciative of the greater shipments they must carry and have made every effort. It is said, to provide the best of service, cooperating with the federal postal requirements in all respects.

In the sending of a letter or a package from a person in one city to another in a second city, both the trains and the post offices play

a nearly-equal part in the shipment.

An example of post office cooperation occurred last week when the local postmaster urged that persons refrain from using the mail boxes at the depot except in emergencies, so as to make the work of the mail clerks, who have a limited time between towns to which to sort the mail, easier to perform and prevent any delays that might result from excessive quantities of mail to handle on the trains.

A dust attack from airplanes has been used with some success in Russia in combating grasshoppers.

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