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## THOSE MILLAGE TAXES.

The editorial comment that has followed the enactment by the legislature of a law limiting to 6 per cent the increase in the amount of money that may be raised by the University of Oregon and Agricultural college millage levies is a fair sample of the way the work of a legislative session is misrepresented and is a sample of what The Sentinel referred to in recent comment when it said that the unfair way in which the legislature is dealt with is one reason why it often is difficult to get the state's ablest men to become candidates for positions in the state's highest law-making body.

In the first place, there was nothing underhanded about the way the limit on the millage taxes was raised from 3 per cent to 6 per cent. Bear in mind that putting any limit was a new idea. The bill passed the house with the 3 per cent provision. In the senate the limitation was raised to 6 per cent. There was plenty of discussion in the upper house, even at the last minute. In the house there was not the concurrence in the amendment by mere motion of the author of the bill, as often happened in years past. The author of the bill, Ralph Hamilton of Bend, explained fully that an agreement had been reached to allow the educational institutions of the state the same increase in available moneys as is allowed every taxing unit of the state. Following a clear explanation of the amendment, which was understood by all present, the roll was called in an orderly manner, and every member knew just what he was voting for.

Every city in the state can increase its taxes 6 per cent. Every county in the state can increase its taxes 6 per cent. Every port district, every school district and every other taxing unit can increase its levy 6 per cent.

It is true that the millages have not increased at the rate of 6 per cent, but that is only because the property of the state has not been fairly assessed, and it never would be possible to get a fair assessment so long as doubling the assessed valuation would mean doubling the amounts produced by the millage taxes. Heretofore there was no limitation of any kind on most of the millage taxes. The legislature really took away from the educational institutions, instead of giving anything to them.

Assuming that the millage taxes voted by the people themselves were fair in the first instance, and that the money which those mill-

ages could be reasonably expected to produce, were needed by the institutions, then the educational institutions never have received what they were entitled to receive, for the reason that assessed valuations have not increased in the proportions that it was at the time reasonably expected that they would increase.

This writer is not certain as to the exact increase in attendance at the institutions of higher learning since the millage taxes were voted, but it probably is close to 50 per cent, possibly more. We are, however, certain of this, that the amount of money received by these institutions has not increased in proportion to the increase in attendance, and we are reasonably certain that the attendance will continue to increase at a rate greater than 6 per cent a year, the amount which the millages may increase.

There may be good reason to believe that tax money is being wasted on those who go to college for the glitter that attaches to a college education, for athletics and for other things that have little to do with education, but no one has ever found a way to separate the undeserving from the deserving, no one has found a way to distinguish between those whom education will benefit and those whom education will not benefit, and until some way is found to make such distinctions, or until some way is found to shift a greater proportion of the burden to those benefited, we should expect the expenses of our educational institutions to increase in the same proportion as the expenses of our cities, school districts, in the same proportion as the expenses of the state, and there are ways that the expenses of all of these could be materially reduced by strict business administration.

Most emphatically the 6 per cent limitation on the millages was not put over by any underhanded methods at any midnight session.

## BETTER THAN COMEDY.

Buster Keaton, who filmed "The General" at Cottage Grove last year, must have had to limber up that frozen face of his when he got the news from Ohio that the serious-minded people of that state objected to the levity that Buster put into his picture that was based upon an event of the Civil war.

Relatives of those who took part in some of the scenes connected with the famous Andrews raid, did not like comedy worked into what was an extremely serious matter. Buster must be wondering why he couldn't have thought of something as funny as that to work into the picture.

Buster was making a picture to draw crowds. The Andrews raid was merely a vehicle to carry the comedy. Few would have gone to see a picture that merely showed Union and Confederate soldiers fighting for possession of an engine that could be put into a cab of a modern mogul of today and leave plenty of room for the fireman and engineer.

In the real story there was no cannon that did all kinds of funny tricks, and the probabilities are that the engineer of the real General did not have a pretty Marion Mack to spur him to valorous deeds, and if he had had his sweetheart with him he probably wouldn't have rammed her into a gunny sack and tossed her around like a sack of potatoes.

In the real story it is not likely that Buster's counterpart slew half the Union army by the simple method of letting his sword fly from its hilt as the bearer thereof tried to emphasize his commands to the Confederate soldiers.

It probably is these things that the frozen-faced Buckeyes refer to as inaccuracies.

Haven't the people of Ohio ever seen a real red-blooded comedy before?

Whether they have or not, they beat the gag writers when they got their board of censors to demand that in the introduction to the picture it be explained that in the picture to follow there would be some deviations from history.

Ha! Ha! Ho! Ho! Wow! Guess that's knocking 'em for a row.

Former Senator Robert N. Stanford has become associated with a news dispensary at the national capital. Having in mind the eleventh-hour attempt to besmirch the character of Senator Fred Steiwer, we express the hope that Editor Stanford will not give credence to news on the word of some one who heard someone else say that he had heard a secretary to a bootlegger say that so-and-so was so.

The nicest thing about a duty is when providence or accident puts a barrier in the way of performing it.

Smiles will usually do more than cross words, but a woman's tears have them both benten.

It's easy to catch people if you can keep them from thinking that you are suspicious.

A chaperon is a superfluity to a sour-faced girl.

## SOCIETY

The Epworth League of the Methodist church held a party Friday night in the church parlors. The league was divided into two teams during the recent church revival and the team receiving the highest attendance percentage for the first two weeks of the meetings was entertained by the losing side. Kenneth Goff was captain of the losing side and Ellen Arnest was captain of the winners. A chicken dinner was served at 6 o'clock and the evening was spent socially. Roy Leonard acted as toastmaster and a program was given. At the close of the evening ice cream and cake were served.

Duncan P. Cameron was an interesting speaker at the meeting of Eastern Star Friday night. He gave a history of the star points, gave their interpretation and advised acceptance of their true meaning. Other numbers on the program were a piano solo by Francis Mackin and piano duet by Mrs. Bessie Sutcliffe and Mrs. Elmer Monson. A short business meeting was held and announcement was made that in two weeks past matrons' and past patrons' night would be observed. On April 8 the Rainbow girls of Eugene, under the direction of Mrs. Alberta McMurphy, will be here to give a demonstration of their work.

The Mizpah class of the Presbyterian Sunday school entertained Thursday afternoon in the church parlors with a silver tea. A large number attended and the sum raised will be used for the church budget. The following program was given: Reading, Mrs. Ray Baker; piano number, Miss Louise Wynne; readings, Mrs. Inman and Mrs. D. D. Roberts. Mrs. W. V. McGee and Mrs. Fred Wright presided at the tea table. Mrs. Mary Smith, president of the class, was in general charge.

Mrs. Herbert Eakin entertained Thursday for the Social Twelve with a 1 o'clock luncheon. In honor of the sixteenth anniversary of the club the table was attractively decorated with sixteen candles. The following officers were elected: Mrs. N. E. Compton, president; Mrs. Bessie Sutcliffe, vice president; Mrs. J. H. Chambers, secretary. After the business meeting the time was spent sewing for the Doernbecher hospital in Portland.

The Tuesday Evening Study club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. B. R. Job. The life, style and works of Willa Cather was the topic for study and Mrs. Charles Beidler was program leader. Mrs. J. H. Chambers gave an interesting review of one of Miss Cather's well known books, "O Pioneers." A contribution was received from the Joker club for the scholarship loan fund being raised by that state federated clubs.

Mrs. R. L. Cooper was hostess Thursday afternoon to the Ad Libitum club. Special guests were Mrs. Evans, mother of Mrs. Clyde Leonard, Mrs. C. E. Umphrey, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. A. A. Richmond and Mrs. W. F. Tate. A social afternoon was enjoyed and a dainty two-course luncheon was served. The table centerpiece was a basket of daffodils and potted plants were room decorations.

The Latham community club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Peckham. Plans for another community meeting to be held soon at the Latham school house were made and committees were appointed to have charge. A social time was enjoyed following the business session and delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Esther Trunnell and Mrs. Amanda Howe were assisting hostesses.

A benefit card party, sponsored by the Constellation club, will be held tonight in Masonic hall. Both bridge and five hundred will be played and a program will be given. Masons, members of the Eastern Star and their friends are invited. The general committee is Mrs. C. C. Cruson, Mrs. Schofield Stewart and Mrs. F. E. Dickson.

The W. O. W. and Neighbors of Woodcraft held a joint entertainment Friday night in Woodmen hall. A musical and literary program was given and was followed by cards. At the close of the evening refreshments were served.

Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. Victor Chambers and Mrs. H. A. Hagen will be hostesses for Constellation club Thursday afternoon. Members have been requested to wear green as a St. Patrick's day feature.

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian church will hold a program and social hour Thursday evening in the church parlors. An invitation has been extended to the public.

Mrs. C. A. Bartell will entertain Tuesday at Hotel Bartell with a 12:45 luncheon for the La Comus club.

Plans for an institute to be held the latter part of April or the first of May were discussed at the W. C. T. U. meeting held Friday afternoon. The institute will deal with various phases of the work of the organization. County officers of the W. C. T. U. will assist in the demonstration. The local organization started the study of Irving Fisher's book, "Prohibition at Its Worst."

Mrs. H. B. Griggs entertained Saturday evening with a surprise party for her daughter Irene in celebration of her birthday anniversary. Sixteen guests were present. The evening was spent playing games and dancing and at a late hour delicious refreshments were served. The rooms were decorated in keeping with St. Patrick's day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Godard entertained with a dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Spencer and two children and Mrs. Grace Van Boskirk, all of Eugene.

Miss Naomi Wynne entertained a group of young people at cards Thursday evening at her home. At a late hour dainty refreshments were served.

The Good Neighbors club will be entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. W. McKinney.

The Joker club will be entertained Friday evening at the home of Mrs. O. M. Miller.

Mrs. O. L. Nichols will be hostess to the M. P. G. club Tuesday afternoon.

WEEK END TRAGEDY TOLL  
IS 12 DEAD, 58 INJURED

(Special to The Sentinel.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—(U.P.)—Tragedy exacted heavy toll in injuries to motorists over the week end but the death toll was light. Slippery pavements and reckless driving claimed their share of the accidents.

Twelve persons met tragic death while 58 injuries were recorded in cities of the Pacific coast.

Deaths in Oregon over the week end were two, one in Astoria the other in Oregon City. Edwin Fuerny of Astoria was found drowned. The body was washed up on the beach. Ruben Weigel of Oregon City, 35, committed suicide by hanging himself.

## Cantonese Troops Suffer Heavy Loss

(Special to The Sentinel.)  
SHANGHAI, March 14.—(U.P.)—Cantonese troops were suffering heavy casualties west of here today, recent reports state. Reports from Hankow indicated that disintegration in the ranks of the Cantonese army was increasing.

Heavy snow storms are no deterrent to the war lords of China who are carrying on sharp encounters in the face of severe storms. Traffic has been slowed up considerably by the snow and reinforcements and supplies have been delayed.

## Two Speeders Fined.

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3rd 9, leaving a balance of... 6  
4th 6, leaving a balance of... 0  
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\$51  
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men amazing even to ourself we have contrived a plan to more than double our money every year. The plan is as follows: First, and this is easy, we persuade 50 bankers to keep their books in the above way. Second, on the first Monday of the year we deposit with one of said bankers \$5000, which we draw out during the week in the same ratio as above, leaving \$100 to our credit on his books. We then deposit the \$5000 in bank number two and follow the same process as before, and so we go on during the entire

year, ending up with our \$5000 in hand and a trail of 52 banks owing us \$100 each. Total, \$10,200.

P. S.—The extra \$200, by the way, might be spent in advance, feeding dope to the 50 bankers in order to get them to keep our account on their books in this peculiar way. If we could manage it with bootleg whisky, so much the better.—Boston Transcript.

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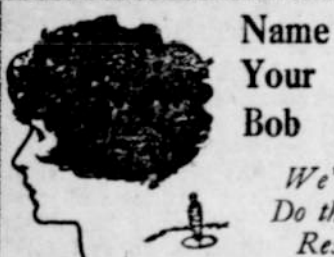
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