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Death of Mrs. Balch

Mrs. Clara J. Balch died at the home of her father, H. C. Goddard, 713 East Richmond street, Saturday, November 24th, aged about 58 years. Cancer of the stomach was the cause of her death, after an illness of about five months. It is said that the deceased had more than 5,000 relatives residing in different parts of the United States including which are three sons and one daughter. She was born in the state of New York and for the past four years has resided in St. Johns. Mrs. Balch, but better known as "Mother Balch," was a woman who was loved by all her friends and all who knew her. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the residential parlors of Miller & Tracey, undertakers, Rev. McCloud, of Portland, officiating at the service. Interment in Columbia cemetery.

His Place Will Be Filled

In this fair world in which we dwell no man's so greatly needed that when they toll his passing bell his going is much heeded. Today we see a shining guy of whom the world is talking, and we remark, "If he should die 'twould set the planet rocking. Oh, it would jolt this country hard, to lose this human pattern; the solar system would be jarred from Juniper to Saturn." And then this man of mighty brains is taken with the colic, and fifty-seven kinds of pains around his inwards frolic. The doctors round his couch have swarmed as thick as they were able, and in the end we are informed that he has slipped his cable. The great man's dead! And still the sun its daily bonfire raises, and still the stars, when day is done, come forth and shine like blazes. The government wags on the same, dissatisfaction giving, and men pursue the same old game they played when he was living. The fame he worked so long to build has vanished, as enchanted; the great man's place is promptly filled, the great man's dead and planted.—Walt Mason.

Meets Every Wednesday

The first meeting of the St. Johns Red Cross Auxiliary for sewing was held in the library Wednesday of last week, with the following ladies present: Miss Cornany, Mrs. T. T. Parker, Mrs. J. M. Shaw, Mrs. Bonham, Mrs. J. Gilmore, Miss Gilmore, Mrs. J. Harney, Mrs. A. W. Vincent, Mrs. H. Brice, Mrs. S. Downey, Mrs. R. D. Douglas, Mrs. S. A. Mulkey, Mrs. W. R. Evans, Mrs. W. J. Gilstrap and Mrs. Kilton. Good progress was made in sewing, a number of garments being completed like the two models furnished. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 5, an all day meeting. If anyone has a sewing machine that they can loan to the workroom, communicate with Miss Cornany, Columbia 108.—Reporter.

A Pleasant Surprise

Dean Elliott was given a surprise at his home, 719 S. Jersey street, Saturday evening, by a number of friends. Games were played and refreshments were served. Those present were: Bertha and Bessie Lauth, Edna Martin, Verda Carley, Erna Haskell, Ruth Weiss, Ruby and Dorothy Walker, Pearl and Irene McQuarrie, Dorothy Melton, Bonnie Wagner and Nina Hoes; Dean Elliott, Romane Strickland, Lloyd Martin, Harvey Melton, Joe Ward, Robert Haskens, William Carley, Mrs. Simons, Ivy Burk and Gladys Elliott assisted in the entertainment. Every one had a fine time.

J. F. Gillmore reports the following sales in the past ten days: Five room house for Mr. Peterson, to G. H. Pantenburg, of Newberg, located in the J. C. Scott Addition, for \$1500; Five room house on East Mohawk street for Mr. Thompson, to E. J. Thompkins of Woodburn, for \$1300; ten acres of land at Beaverton for Mrs. C. J. Pennicord to J. Haine for \$2,000.

The Stamp Tax Law

The stamp tax on legal instruments, provided for in the recently enacted war revenue measure, will go into effect Saturday. On and after that date revenue stamps must be affixed to notes, drafts, deeds, certificates of stock, powers of attorney and other legal papers. Severe penalties are provided for failure to comply. Exemptions from this tax are provided for bonds, notes or other instruments issued by the United States, by foreign governments, or by states and territories, sub-divisions, or municipalities; and for stocks and bonds issued by cooperative building and loan associations which are organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of their members and make loans only to their shareholders, or by mutual ditch or irrigating companies.

The penalty for failing to affix the proper amount of stamps to designated legal documents or papers is fixed at not more than \$100 for each offense, while the penalty for fraudulent use or alteration is not more than \$1000, or by imprisonment for not more than five years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Included in the revenue measure and subject to stamp tax are playing cards, which must pay a tax of 5 cents a package and parcel post packages on which the postage amount is 25 cents or more, bearing a 1 per cent tax for every 25 cents postage or fraction thereof. No package may be transported until the tax is affixed.

Following, in summary, are the documents subject to stamp tax, and the amount of tax: Bonds, debentures, or certificates of indebtedness issued on and after December 1, 1917, by any person, corporation, partnership, or association, on each \$100 of face valuation or fraction thereof, 5 cents. Every renewal of the foregoing shall be taxed as a new issue. Indemnity and surety bonds, for the indemnifying of any person, corporation or partnership, or corporation who shall have been bound or engaged as surety, and all bonds for the due enacting of any contract, obligation or requirement, or official bonds, and to account for money received, 50 cents. Policies of reinsurance are exempt from the tax imposed by this subdivision.

The tax on each original issue of capital stock, whether on organization or reorganization, on each \$100 or face value or fraction thereof, shall be 5 cents a share. If the actual value is in excess of \$100 a share, the tax shall be 5 cents on each \$100 of actual value or fraction thereof. Capital stock, sales or transfers, on each \$100 of face value or fraction thereof, shall pay 2 cents, and where such shares are without par value the tax shall be 2 cents on the transfer or sale or agreement to sell on each share. If in excess of \$100 a share, the tax shall be based on each \$100 of actual value or fraction thereof.

Sales of produce on exchange are taxed as follows: Upon each sale, agreement of sale, or agreement to sell, including so called transferred or scratch sales, and products or merchandise covered by such sale or agreement, 2 cents, and for each additional \$100 or fractional part thereof in excess of \$100, 2 cents.

Drafts and checks payable otherwise than by sight or on demand, promissory notes, except bank notes issued for circulation, and for each renewal of the same, for a sum not exceeding \$100, 2 cents; for each additional \$100 or fractional part, 2 cents. Conveyances, deeds, instruments, or writings where by any realty shall be conveyed or assigned, when the consideration or value of any lien or encumbrance remaining thereon at the time of sale, exceeds \$100 and does not exceed \$500, tax of 50 cents, and for each additional \$500 or fraction thereof, 50 cents.

Entry of any goods or merchandise at any custom house, either for consumption or warehousing, not exceeding \$100 in value, a tax of 25 cents; exceeding \$100 and not exceeding \$500 in value, 50 cents; exceeding \$500 in value, \$1. Entry for the withdrawal of any goods or merchandise from customs bonded warehouse, 50 cents. Passage tickets, one way or round trip, for each passenger, sold or issued in the United States for passage by any vessel to a port or place not in the

Duck Wheat Seized

Over 30,000 pounds of wheat was seized Saturday by officers of the federal food administration for Oregon, acting under authority of the law department of Washington and in conjunction with the United States attorney's office in Portland. The grain was seized at various duck hunting preserves along the Columbia river, where it had been stored as food for wild ducks. About 90 per cent of this wheat has been approved by government grain experts as suitable for milling purposes. The food administration has ruled that the practice of feeding grain of good quality to wild ducks is wasteful and has ordered that all such grain found in storage on hunting preserves be requisitioned for government use. Owners of wheat seized and sealed are being notified to ship this grain to the food administration grain corporation where it will be purchased according to grade and the owners will be reimbursed to that extent. Food administration officials have samples of other lots of wheat shipped to hunters, and the exact amount of each lot. These shipments total more than the amount seized. Hunters whose preserves have not been visited by officials from the department of justice are advised to refrain from feeding any more wheat until their supply has been inspected. Samples may be submitted to the office of the federal food administration for Oregon, 401 Northwestern National Bank building. Many duck hunters have voluntarily and cheerfully complied with a previous request that no grain be used to attract ducks to their preserves and others have ceased shooting altogether for the period of the war. Other hunters are using potatoes too small for market and carrots as a substitute, and report success.

To Celebrate Anniversary

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of St. Johns, known as the "Deborah Livingston Union," will celebrate their twelfth anniversary of the organization next Monday at the home of Mrs. J. C. Scott, 102 Central avenue. We hope to see at this meeting every woman of St. Johns who has been a member of the W. C. T. U. in St. Johns or in any other place in the world, and in addition to these we hope to see every woman who is at all interested in the work of this organization. Come and enjoy the afternoon with us. There will be music and reading, several selections of each, and there will also be opportunity for all to take part in the discussion of the subject for the afternoon, "Employment for People Above Fifty Years of Age; What About the Older Theory?" We are also very desirous of having all our White Ribbon Recruits present. We expect to have some additions. Come at two o'clock.—Reporter.

United States, Canada or Mexico, if costing not exceeding \$30, a \$1 tax; more than \$30 and not exceeding \$60, tax of \$3; costing more than \$60, tax of \$5. Passage tickets of \$10 or less shall be exempt from taxation.

Proxies for voting at any election for officers or meeting for the transaction of business of any incorporated company or association, other than religious, charitable fraternal, or literary societies or public cemeteries, a tax of 10 cents.

Power of attorney is taxed at 25 cents; providing that no stamps shall be required upon any papers necessary to be used for the collection of claims from the United States or any state for pensions, back pay, bounty, or for property lost in the military or naval service, or upon powers of attorneys required in bankruptcy cases. The act provides for the sales of tax stamps at postoffices. It may also be obtained in Portland, at the office of Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue.

Officials who show increased receipts and reduced overhead with improved service in their department are going to be in demand by the taxpayers. Increasing office holders and raising official salaries is not what taxpayers want.

Thanksgiving Day

Give thanks! Thanksgiving day is here; But once it comes in every year. There is one thing I'd like to say, We ought to give thanks every day; In sixteen hundred, twenty-one, We find when harvest work was done, Our Pilgrims held then a feast day, A Harvest Festival, so they say. In sixteen hundred, twenty three, We find as we read history, A drought was threatening all the land, To pray there came a little band, While lifting up their hearts in prayer, Some drops of rain came falling there, The meeting changed thanks then to give, As withering crops would grow and live, When crops were taken from the field, They offered thanks for the big yield. This custom they have kept, they say, And called that time Thanksgiving Day. When the Revolution ended This method we see extended To the Middle States, and we find The Western states come close behind. The states down South were very slow, This system to adopt, you know, Some kept this day, and now we see, Since eighteen hundred, sixty three, Our President each year proclaims, A legal holiday for the same. And then the governors of each state, Send out a notice, time and date, And papers our attention call A day to be observed by all, November was the month they set The fourth Thursday, it's that way yet. Give thanks for what? I hear you say, You have more this Thanksgiving Day, If you will pause and look around, There's lots of things that can be found; So many things 'twould be a shame To take up space right here to name. It's a feast day, good eats to all, Though what some have is mighty small. Our kin folks come from near and far, In their farm rigs or auto car; Some come by boat, others by train, Some a few days with you remain. 'Tis then for "good eats" we prepare, And we see that we have our share. "Safety first," we must bear in mind, When lots of goodies 'round we find. You may offer thanks for what is best, But health we place above the rest. Your attention I want to call, When that is gone you have lost all. Give thanks for health, which one can't buy With all the gold beneath the sky.—O. O. Smith.

Will Give a Dance

The Bachelor Club will give a dance in the skating rink a few days before Christmas, the proceeds from which will be devoted to the Red Cross fund. It has been the annual custom of the Bachelor Club to give entertainments prior to Christmas in order to raise funds for destitute families of St. Johns, but this year the boys say they have been unable to find any real destitution here, and therefore will raise funds for Red Cross purposes this year instead. It is a matter of much gratification that destitution has been eliminated from St. Johns. The date of the dance will be announced later.

Gifford Pinchot now concedes the importance of immediate water power legislation on a basis of fifty year lease on fair terms to secure investment of capital and hasten power development.

High School Happenings

"The Disappearance of Dora" has been selected for the school play. Watch for further announcements. Prospects for a good basket ball team are favorable. The boys will start practicing shortly after Thanksgiving. The Manual Training boys are busy making toys for the Red Cross Sale to be held in the public auditorium on the sixth and seventh of December. About one hundred of the James John students took advantage of the unusual opportunity to see the drama, "Merchant of Venice," on Monday night. English IV is now reading the play, while others of the advanced classes read it last year; hence the discussion and criticism of the Ben Greet presentation was animated. Many of those who went to the game waited during the interval before the Y. W. C. A. parlors, which the association kindly opened to them. The paper campaign is as interesting as ever, each class being eager to cop the pennant offered to the winner. The results so far are: 1st termers, 1840 lbs; 2nd termers, 720 lbs; 3rd termers, 657 lbs; 4th termers, 502 lbs; Juniors 2153 lbs; Seniors 1389 lbs. The proceeds will be turned over to the Student Body Treasury. The activity of the campaign closed at noon Wednesday, but these notes went to press too early to report final results. "James John brought its 1917 football season to a whirlwind finish Monday by whitewashing Jefferson 26-0. This was one of the biggest surprises of the year, as Jefferson held Franklin, the topnotchers, to two touchdowns in the championship battle last Friday. James John finishes the season in second place by virtue of its unexpected victory Monday. A crowd of about 500 persons, equally divided between the rival schools, turned out and was treated to as fast and exciting an exhibition as has been played this year. James John wound up the season with a garrison finish, scoring two touchdowns in the last two minutes of play. The first quarter was scoreless and hard fought, but gave the fans no inkling of the series of explosions in store for them. Willeford attempted a field goal from the 30 yard line, but missed the goal by inches. Plummer intercepted James John's first attempted pass, but Herman Schroeder picked the ball out of the air a few moments later when Jefferson tried to pass. The second quarter opened with a thriller. Bill Schroeder tried to shoot a pass over the Jefferson goal, but Plummer intercepted it on the one yard line. James John tried to do the next best thing and throw Plummer across his own goal for a touchback, but the husky fullback was too foxy and returned the ball to the 10 yard line, where Willeford kicked to safety. Receiving Jefferson's punt, James John marched the ball right back again, and by straight foot ball hung up the first touchdown. Herman Schroeder scoring. Jefferson blocked the kick in. James John opened the final half by plowing straight along to Jefferson's 20 yard line, where it lost the ball on the only fumble of the game. Willeford torpedoed the James John line and backed the ball up to the 35 yard marker. James John held Jefferson for downs, and for the first time opened up its famous forward pass system. Bill Schroeder passed to Girt for 10 yards, to Smith for 10 yards, and finally directly over the goal to Smith, who neatly hooked the 15 yard transfer and scored a touchdown. Schroeder kicked goal. Jefferson opened the final period by trying to beat James John at its own game. Plummer hooked 10 yard pass on the first play, but Wulf, of the opposition, intercepted the next attempt. Two passes, Bill Schroeder and Smith, the first for 30 and the second for 15 yards, put the ball across Jefferson's goal for another touchdown. Bill Schroeder kicked goal. Jefferson, desperate, tried the kill-or-cure pass system, but the plan backfired when Bill Schroeder intercepted the initial pass and skirted Jefferson's left side for a final touchdown. Schroeder missed goal. All in all, James John

St. Johns' Roll of Honor

Following is a list of those from St. Johns who have enlisted in Uncle Sam's service and who are now at the different training camps. We probably overlooked some, as it is exceedingly difficult to learn them all. So if you know of any overlooked, will you kindly furnish their names, so that they may be added to St. Johns Roll of Honor. Taylor M. Whitmore, Athill W. Irvine, Deane H. Knowles, Earl H. Knowles, Theodore Bugbee, H. Byron Poff, Armand Olin, Claude E. Harris, Russell Poff, R. P. Galloway, Chas. E. Garlick, Murne Donaldson, Glenn Haskell, Ray Clark, Benjamin Swan, Hubert Martin, Leon Sorber, Donald Strickland, Lowell Anderson, John LaVillett, Frank L. Thompson, Orin Lear, Hal J. Davis, Donald N. Trovbridge, Bert Larson, Alan Ruthford, Homer Plaskett, Henry Brandenburg, J. W. Welch, David Bove, Clyde Heath, Walter Mayer, Fred Scmallings, John Boggs, Ernest Johnson, Hiram EATINGER, Kenneth Simmons, Thornton Toole, Eugene Hiatt, Dowe Walker, August Jensen, Ray Myer, Walter Pearson, Elmer Maples, Roy Gagnon, Harold and Arthur Holcomb, Lester D. and Basil B. Smith, Bryant Kilkenny, Paul Rude, Emory Gillmore, Lewis Wirth, Harold Meredith, Ray Hawkins, Hugh Ward, Kindle C. Satterlee, Zelta Rice, John O'Neill, Harry Truman, Frank Green, Walter Rickson, Frank Whitney, Thomas Reynolds, Carlyle Cunningham, Percy Smith, Frank Whitney, Arthur C. Clark, Alphonso Fox, Harry G. Hughes, Geo. Downey, Thos. E. Edward G. and Ingolf Willikson, F. Edward Isbell.

gave the neatest exhibition of the year. Wulf and the Schroeder brothers did the starring, while Plummer and Willeford deserve Jefferson's high honors. Considering the records of some of the larger schools, James John has made a good showing the first two years in the league, scoring a total of seven points the first year, a feat which many league leaders failed to accomplish. This year James John has fourteen points against them with 210 scored on opponents. With about 80 boys in the school, James John managed to turn out a team which defeated the three largest schools in the league. The James John team accepted the challenge of Everett, Wash., and left Tuesday night to play on Thanksgiving. The following men comprise the squad: Delbert Day, Everett Day, John Wulf, Dick Girt, Max Sterns, Bill Schroeder, Herman Schroeder, Charles Spackman, Russell Meyer, Russell Smith, Joseph Toole, Donald Schafer, Louis Dunsmore, Oliver Jessup, Kelsey Cook and Coach Strong. They will return Saturday, John McGregor accompanied the team as referee. At a short assembly Tuesday morning the boys were given a rousing send off. The team knows the support of the school even if they could not attend the game.

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At the inquest held on Tuesday morning concerning the death of William Rowe, who was killed last Thursday in St. Johns, when a street car crashed into the rear end of an auto truck, the jury was unable to fix responsibility for the accident. The evidence revealed the fact that neither motor-man nor truck driver had sufficient warning of danger until too late to avert the crash. Conflicting testimony concerning the speed of the car and truck was offered. Thick fog was declared to have made the accident possible.

"Pentecosts I have Seen," will be the sermon subject at the Methodist church Sunday morning and in the evening, "Blaming God" will be exposed as a common cloak for defeat and sin. Will there be a Victrola in your home this Xmas? Currin Says So.

Now is Time to Enlist

If you want to be a volunteer, now is the time to enlist. After December 15, when the new draft regulations become effective, men of draft age will not be permitted to enlist voluntarily in the army, navy or marine corps. Under the new classification system through which the draft will be conducted after Questionnaires to be sent every registered man in the next few weeks have been answered and returned to local boards, these men will be held for service under the draft. Heretofore any man of draft age who had not been called up before his local board for physical examination could enlist voluntarily if he so desired. This will continue to be the case until December 15, but on that date the new rule goes into effect. There are only two exceptions to this rule. Here is the exact language of the regulations in regard to the first exception: "Upon presentation to a recruiting officer of a certificate by his local board to the effect that his class and order number are so low that he is not within the current quota of his local board, any registrant may enlist voluntarily in the Navy or in the Marine Corps." But no provision is made for voluntary enlistment of men of draft age in the Army. The other exception has to do with medical students, hospital internes, dentists, dental students, veterinarians or veterinary students, who will be permitted under regulations to be drawn up by the Surgeon General of the Army, to enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Medical Department. The new rule does not affect voluntary enlistment by men not of draft age.—Adjutant General, Portland.

Taxes to Be High

Portland is confronted by a city tax rate of eleven mills, the highest in the city's history. This high rate is not the fault of the city commission, as the cost of operating the city government is far lower than for nearly all other cities of Portland's class. The high tax rate is the direct result of Portland's propensity for going into debt. Interest payments on bonded indebtedness incurred by Portland are far higher than any in any other city of its class in America except Seattle. Portland rushed headlong into debt, and for many years its taxpayers will pay the ever mounting interest bills. For years the Voter has been predicting the high rates that inevitably would be imposed to meet these interest payments. We predict now, that the tax rates for a number of years in Portland will be eleven mills higher, so that the interest as it falls due may be paid. What a comparison with the five and six mills tax rates paid by Portland taxpayers for municipal purposes during the golden years when our people recklessly sanctioned bond issues for the improvements that cost so little at the time but which now must be paid for! To provide for Portland's needs, much more expenditure will be required; but let prudence and financial judgment be coupled with courage in meeting these new needs as they become manifest. Thus may we be enabled to enjoy the benefits of civic betterment without the necessity of levying so heavily to meet interest and principal of debt incurred so easily and without thought for the future. An average of \$4.12 per capita for 1916 was paid as interest on debt by 213 American cities of over 30,000 population. Portland paid \$5.85 per capita for interest charges during the same year, more than one-third the cost of operating all the departments of the city government.—Oregon Voter.

The Portland Garbage Co. is prepared to remove rubbish of any nature from the residences and business places of St. Johns at 75c per month for residences and from business places at reasonable rates. Calls made every Saturday. Leave orders at St. Johns Hardware, or phone Woodlawn 2693.