

STATE TAX CALLS FOR \$1,675,000

Revenue Which Oregon Must Furnish for 1909 Expenses.

YEARLY INCREASE LARGE

Deficit Appropriation for State University Included This Time. \$160,000 for Oregon City Locks May Be Refunded.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The total amount of revenue to be raised for state purposes for 1909 will approximate \$1,675,000, of which about \$400,000 will be derived from indirect sources, leaving \$1,275,000 to be apportioned among the several counties. This amount is \$125,000 greater than the levy last year and \$250,000 greater than the levy two years ago. January 1, 1907, it will be in part to the holding up of the University of Oregon appropriation bill last year, by reason of which the levy for 1908 was at the rate of \$1,500 per year, as provided by laws then in existence. Since the appropriation bill has gone into effect, carrying an appropriation dating back to January 1, 1907, it will be necessary, in making the 1909 levy to include a University of Oregon deficit of about \$185,000. The 1909 levy will include \$100,000 for the purchase of the Oregon City locks. Should the Legislature repeal the locks appropriation bill, this \$100,000 will be in the treasury subject to appropriation for other purposes. One installment of \$100,000 has already been levied.

The levy will not be made until early in January, 1909, but the total amount here indicated, \$1,675,000, is based on the actual amount that will be levied so that County Courts may act upon it in computing their shares of state taxes. Already a number of counties have been anxiously inquiring what the state levy will be under existing laws, the apportionment among the counties will be made at a fixed ratio which has been in force a number of years.

In making the apportionment for 1909, the State Board will be confronted with the problem of making an apportionment between Hood River and Wasco counties without any law prescribing how the apportionment shall be made. The act creating Hood River County contained no provision upon this subject. The State Board passed the question up to the Attorney-General and that official has advised the Board to divide the Wasco County ratio between Wasco and Hood River in proportion to assessed valuations. Thus the law prescribing the ratio of apportionment of state taxes requires that Wasco County pay 92 1/2% of the whole amount. But since then Hood River County has been carved out of Wasco. The assessed valuation of Wasco County is now \$5,271,845 and that of Hood River \$2,570,250. Dividing the apportionment accordingly, Wasco's new ratio will be 61.88 and that of Hood River 38.12. Through there is no law expressly authorizing such an apportionment, the Attorney-General expresses the opinion that this is equitable and should be adopted. The Board will follow his advice.

Each county can ascertain approximately the amount of its share of the state taxes for 1909 by multiplying \$1,275,000 by its ratio. The ratios of the several counties are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: County, Ratio, and Total. Lists counties like Baker, Benton, Clatsop, etc., with their respective ratios and total amounts.

LOAN COMPANIES ORGANIZE

Propose to Secure Favorable Legislation at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—A state league of building, savings and loan associations was organized here today by Washington representatives of such associations in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Walla Walla, North Yakima, Bellingham, Olympia, Aberdeen, Portland and Salt Lake. Fifteen companies are represented.

The purpose of the organization is chiefly to secure amendments to the present laws. Temporary officers were elected as follows:

President, A. B. Wood, of North Yakima; vice-president, H. Campbell, of Seattle; secretary, Dudley Eshelman, of Tacoma.

The representatives discussed proposed amendments which will agree upon a bill satisfactory to all interests. Probably the most important amendment will wipe out the section of the law to report stock of the companies for taxation.

A delegation from the league this afternoon visited the Tax Commission to discuss this matter, and was assured by Tax Commissioner J. E. Frost that the commission would not oppose a law which exempted building and loan stock from taxation.

UNKNOWN MAN IS SUICIDE

Lifeless Body Found in Hophouse, Where It Had Hung for Months.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Coroner Clough, received a telephone message from Aurora today, informing him that the body of an unknown man had been found hanging in an abandoned hophouse near that place. Apparently the man committed suicide last August. There was nothing by which he could be identified.

Civil War Veteran Dies.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Joseph W. Wormworth, aged 70 years, died of paralysis this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. A. West, in this city. Mr. Wormworth was a Civil War veteran, being a member of the 11th Battery, Wisconsin Volunteers. He came West 16 years ago and settled in Salem, Or., where he lived about eight years. He went from there to Portland, and after a short stay in that city came to Vancouver two years ago. He was a member of Joseph Hooker Post, G. A. R., in Tracy, Minn. He is survived by his wife, his daughter, Mrs. West of Vancouver, and a son, R. H. Wormworth, of Portland, Or.

U. P. BUYS AT CENTRALIA

Railroad Believed to Be Securing Land for Carshops.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—August Sewall, of this city, gave an option today on 300 acres of land, half a mile north of town, and it is believed that Union Pacific agents are the purchasers. The sale price is \$25,000.

Carshop talk has been current in Centralia for some days past, originating from some remarks made by representatives of the road. Because of its location, midway between Portland and Tacoma, and at the junction with the branch to Aberdeen, Centralia would be an excellent location for car and repair shops.

SNATCHES PURSE AT DOOR

Crook Follows Woman and Robs Her on Porch.

Mrs. M. Weller, of 205 Sixth street, reported to the police last night that a man had followed her home, and as she entered her door he grabbed her purse containing \$5 and the keys.

According to Mrs. Weller, she had arrived at her home about 7 o'clock, and while she noticed a man following her, midway between Portland and Tacoma, and at the junction with the branch to Aberdeen, Centralia would be an excellent location for car and repair shops.

CLAIMANT TO MILLIONS

Yardmaster Third in Line to Innuence Delaware Estate.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 21.—J. F. Springer, yardmaster of the Southern Pacific Company at Reno, is a third claimant for a share of the estate of late Christopher Springer, said to be a German baron who died leaving property worth \$50,000,000 in Wilmington, Del.

Springer says his grandfather was the grandfather of Arizona and William Lyle, of St. Louis, who also claim a share in the estate, were brother and sister, and that he is a lineal descendant of Baron Christopher Springer. He has writal to Wilmington, Del., setting forth his claims.

TERRIBLE BATTLE WITH ICE

Danish Bark Reaches Port After Losing Four Men in Blizzard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—According to a dispatch received by the Merchants' Exchange today, the Danish bark Havilla, grain-laden from Tacoma, has arrived at Falmouth, England, 59 days overdue, after a terrible passage through ice-fields.

On October 1, during a snow blizzard, four men of the crew were washed overboard and one of them was drowned, the other three being rescued with great difficulty.

BOY KILLED IN CRUSH

Christmas Shoppers in Elevator Kill Little Seattle Boy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Pushed by crowds of Christmas shoppers, Elmer A. Birdseye, a 7-year-old son of George Birdseye, a wholesale grocer of Seattle, Wash., was crushed to death in an elevator of the Boston Store here tonight.

The boy was being taken by his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Birdseye, to see the toys. The elevator operator was arrested, pending a Coroner's inquest.

ELIZABETH RANON, '53, Dies.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Ranon, an Oregon pioneer of 1853, aged 76, died at Dilley today. In 1923 in this county she was married to Hiram Parsons, who died here in 1924. In 1906 she was married to Dilley to Abraham Ranon, who with the following children survive her: Mrs. Eliza Tupper and Mrs. Gertrude Hall, Gaston; Mrs. Edna T. Bond, Forest Grove; Mrs. Minnie Gerrish, Hillsboro; W. L. Parsons, Dilley, and Charles Parsons, Australia.

APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE WALL STREET METHODS.

HORACE WHITE.

Copyright 1908 by George G. Bain. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Horace White, who has been chosen by Governor Hughes to investigate Wall street, is the well-known New York editor and author. It was the threat of this investigation of speculation in New York which helped make the election of Hughes uncertain. His result is awaited with interest.

GRAYS HARBOR SERVICE TO BE IMPROVED, SAYS CHARLTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—In answer to a request of the business men of Grays Harbor for an owl train between the Harbor cities and Puget Sound, A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, has written a letter to W. J. Patterson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in which Mr. Charlton says that the train will be granted as soon as the trade will warrant, intimating that such time will probably occur during the Rose Festival in Portland, and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle.

TRAFFIC AT PRESENT WILL NOT WARRANT EXTRA TRAIN ON NORTHERN PACIFIC, BUT OFFICIAL SAYS COMPANY IS PREPARING FOR IT.

Mr. Charlton goes into details, declaring that while the traffic is not now large enough to justify another train, he has no doubt it will be within a few months. He reiterates the promise of a through coach to Portland as soon as the

MONDELL'S DRY-FARM BILL MEETS SUSPICIOUS MEMBERS.

Believe Measure Contains Joke and Author Has Little Hope for Action in Present Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The outlook for the

HOMESTEAD OUTLOOK DARK

220-acre dry farm homestead bill is decidedly gloomy. When Congress assembled the friends of this measure entertained hope that the objectionable features might be eliminated and the bill as amended be passed before March 4.

Representative Mondell, chairman of the Public Lands Committee, who has charge of the bill in the House, has been canvassing the situation and as a result of his inquiries believes that it will be impossible to secure any further action this Congress. Members of the House generally are inclined to view this measure with suspicion, for the impression was created during the consideration of the conference report last session that the bill contained a joker and that it could be so construed as to permit the entry of almost any vacant public lands in tracts of 320 acres, and under terms much more lenient than allowed in the present homestead law.

According to Mr. Mondell, the opposition to the bill hinges on the so-called Smoot amendment, which permits entrymen, under certain circumstances, to acquire title without residing upon the land. This amendment was adopted to meet conditions in Utah, but for some unexplained reason the Utah Senator would not consent to confine the amendment to his state alone, but insisted that it should be general in its effect and applicable to all arid and semi-arid states.

Friends of dry farm legislation have appealed to Senator Smoot this session to withdraw his amendment, or at least re-draft it so as to apply only to Utah. Senator Smoot has replied that Secretary Garrison is responsible for the general character of his amendment and has virtually insisted that the amendment be made applicable to all parts of the arid West, rather than to the state of Utah alone.

Whatever may be the merits of the dispute, the fact remains that the House Representatives will not consent to the passage of any kind of a homestead bill which will enable the settler to obtain title to 320 acres of land unless he is required to reside on it. Senator Smoot believes that he can secure the final passage of a non-resident farm bill, but is sensible only to Utah, and if this could be done it might open the way for an agreement upon the general 320-acre bill. The probabilities are, however, that Senator Smoot will not be able to pass a non-resident Utah bill, for the objections raised in the House last session would be raised again, and Utah having but a single Congressman, the bill would stand little show of getting through. From present indications it would seem that the dry farm homestead bill would have to go over until the next regular session of Congress, one year from now, when an entirely new measure, lacking the objectionable features of the one now pending, could be introduced with some show of favorable consideration.

Falls From Trestle, May Die.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—An Austrian laborer named Rude, in attempting to cross the railroad trestle east of town Saturday night, was overtaken by a train, and losing his hold on the tie, fell 20 feet into the ravine below, breaking several ribs and sustaining internal injuries, which are thought to be fatal.

Eight Couples Want to Marry.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The record was broken today when the County Auditor issued eight marriage licenses. Two of the brides-to-be were under age, the consent of the father in each case being given.

Life Sentence for Thomas.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 21.—Denying a motion for a new trial, Judge Neterer in Department One of the Superior Court today sentenced J. K. Thomas to life imprisonment for the murder of his divorced wife on July 19 last.

Earnings of English Lawyers.

London Globe.

In the Law List are the names of 10,000 barristers. How many are practicing

from the United States fishery at Mill Creek in the Argentine Republic. Two years ago a similar shipment was made and the experiment was a complete success.

Salt Lake City.—President Jacob G. Schurman, of Cornell University, who is here by the invitation of the State Teachers' Institute, delivered an address in the Mormon tabernacle this afternoon. From here he will go to San Francisco, journeying by way of Portland.

Washington.—Secretary Root Monday signed an arbitration treaty with San Salvador.

Tokio.—Both houses of the Japanese Diet were formally opened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Sumitaka Hasegawa, a prominent leader of the Constitutional party, was elected Speaker.

San Francisco.—The petition of Mrs. Cornelia Berlin, now serving a life sentence for the murder of Mrs. C. Downing, of Wilmington, Del., by sending poisoned candy through the mails, for a rehearing of her petition for appeal was denied by the Supreme Court.

Washington.—E. E. Rittenhouse, insurance commissioner of Colorado, was elected Monday president of the President Savings Life Insurance Company of New York, succeeding Arthur G. Langham, of Louisville, Ky.

Washington.—The cruiser Buffalo will leave San Francisco early in January with a battalion of marines, officers and men, for Honolulu.

EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM



Victor Morris, Russell Calkins, Andrew Collier, Eugene Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Eugene High School debating team defeated the Albany High School in a debate in this city December 18. The question was, "Resolved, That all the state institutions for higher education should be under the control of a single state board." The Eugene team upheld the negative.

MRS. LEITER BINDS BURNS

Millionaire's Beautiful Wife Aids Fire-Fighters at Mine.

ZEIGLER, Ill., Dec. 21.—With a stubborn fire slowly fighting back hundreds of men who have been ceaselessly at work for days seeking to save the coal supply of the great Zeigler mine, Joe Leiter, the Chicago millionaire, and his beautiful young wife have joined forces with the workmen, and today Leiter and his wife, formerly Miss Juliette Williams, of Washington, D. C., were at the scene of the conflict. Leiter was leading the workmen with an inspiring energy, while on the fighting line, tired but determined, was his beautiful young wife, serving the exhausted men with coffee and sandwiches, and encouraging them by her presence.

Fire started in the coal beds several days ago. Gradually the flames have eaten their way forward and threaten the destruction of an indefinite amount of wealth-producing mineral, and the loss of employment to hundreds. Mrs. Leiter has had bandages, medicines, salves, etc., brought from the commissary to the mouth of the shaft, and there she has created a temporary hospital tent.

The Zeigler mines are the most valuable of the Leiter properties. Their supply is practically limitless.

GIVE NAMES OF SOLDIERS

List of Those Who Died of Native Drink Published.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The following are the names of the soldiers who died last week in the Philippine islands of acute alcoholism, resulting from drinking methyl, said to have been served to them as vino, a native drink: John Duffy, Edward C. Clark, Thomas W. Bing and Charles Delaney, of Company I, Eighteenth Infantry, and Otto Kupper, John J. Phelan, Frank L. Smith, James E. Curtis, Samuel E. Bramel, John O. Corbell and William Nickolas, of Company M, Eighteenth Infantry.

CONDENSED NEWS BY WIRE

Chicago.—At the call of Dr. Ottomian Zaradush, Ha Niah, high priest at the Mazdaznan Temple, the members of the ancient Mazdaznan cult of Zoroaster will assemble here for their seventh annual gathering.

Hawesville, Ky.—The jury in the case against James H. Parrish, an Owenboro, Ky., banker, charged with receiving a deposit when his bank, the Owenboro Savings Bank & Trust Company, was insolvent, has reported that it could not agree and is discharged.

Pittsburg.—John Bobb Morloch, 34 years old, member of a prominent Salt Side family, committed suicide in a state ward in Mercy Hospital Monday morning.

New York.—A preliminary meeting for the organization of a National Association of Commissioners of shell fisheries will be held here January 15. Many states, including Oregon and Washington, will send representatives.

New York.—Suppression of the stage-door "Johnny" will be urged again in the New York Legislature this year by a local Association. All men must register if they desire to communicate with actresses, and state whether married or single.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Brandsling a heavy wooden cross and gestulating wildly, an unidentified man yesterday threw worshippers in two Roman Catholic churches into a panic while he struggled to break through the communion railing to reach the priests who were officiating at early mass. The assailant escaped.

Jehon.—King Manuel has charged Dr. W. Despaers, de Lima, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, to form a Cabinet, the success of which, however, is doubtful.

London.—A shortage in the city's accounts of over \$7,000,000. The former municipal councilors lay the blame upon the government, which they say illegally took the city's money.

London.—Over a hundred thousand chinook salmon eggs were shipped Sunday

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK REED CHAIRS AND ROCKERS. Such pieces as these make both appropriate and inexpensive gifts. In our line of reed furniture is shown variety of artistic and novel designs, and those who have in mind an attractive bedroom or reading chair or rocker will find selection here an easy matter. The Colonial and leather-upholstered designs are very stylish pieces. Some are finished in the darker shades, although the natural finish is extensively shown. Wide range here for selection, \$4.75 up to \$32.00.

Sale of Cut Glass. Good-quality pieces in artistically-cut designs—priced for holiday buying today in the Crockery Department. Cut Glass Bonbon Dishes, special, ea. \$1.35. Cut Glass Olive Dishes, special, each. \$1.35. Cut Glass Nappies, special, each. \$1.50. Cut Glass Handed Nappies, special. \$1.65. Cut Glass Tumblers, special, each. \$2.00. Cut Glass Berry Bowls, special, each. \$2.50.

SHAVING CABINETS. A suggestion offered here for an ideal Christmas gift. They embody the conveniences that appeal to all men. The mirrors can be adjusted to any position and a number of styles are fitted with drawers for collars, cuffs, etc. These Cabinets are shown in the mahogany, golden oak, birdseye maple and the fumed and weathered oak.

CHILD'S DESK. Made of hardwood and finished golden; twenty-seven inches high, with cabinet top and collapsible stand. Today at special \$1.25. TULL & GIBBS COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS. We Assure PROMPT AND SATISFACTORY DELIVERY of All Christmas Selections.

Suitable Xmas Presents. NICKEL-PLATED WARE OF ALL KINDS. OPEN EVENINGS. FOR BROTHER, FOR SISTER, FOR BOTH. HONEYMAN HARDWARE CO. FOURTH AND ALDER. members of the profession? Sir Robert Finlay once put the number as low as 2000 and nobody has ever placed it higher than 3000. It is tolerably safe, then, to say that there are 2500 members of the bar, who, to quote Sir Robert Finley, "either get work or are putting themselves in the way of getting it."

Swedish Utopia Without Taxes. Kansas City Journal. Orsa, in Sweden, has in the course of a generation sold \$5,500,000 worth of trees, and by means of judicious replanting has provided for a similar income every 30 or 40 years. There are no taxes. Railways and telephones are free and so are the schools, teaching and many other things. World's Newspaper Statistics. Kansas City Journal. There are 12,000 newspapers published in the United States; about 1000 of them are published daily and 120 are managed, edited and published by negroes. In Asia there are 3000 periodical publications, of which the greater part appear in British India and Japan; the latter country publishes 1200 newspapers. Africa has only 200 newspapers, of which 20 are published in Egypt and the rest appear in the various European colonies. Asphalt Find in Syria. Kansas City Star. What are declared by experts to be practically inexhaustible layers of asphalt have been discovered in Syria, 25 miles from the port of Latakia, on the road leading toward Aleppo. Petrified Cat's Body Uncarried. Baltimore News. Plumbers examining an elbow in a hot-air furnace in a house in Tompkinsville, S. C., which has been more or less clogged up for 10 years, found the body of a petrified cat.