TAX DELINQUENCY DATE SEPTEMBER

Penalties Illegal Before That Date.

PARTS OF ACT DECLARED VOID

Judge Cleeton Rules Many Provisions Are Inconsistent.

Opinion Probably Will Be Accepted Throughout State-Officials Say Emergency Exists and Spe-

cial Meeting Called.

FEATURES OF JUDGE CLEETON'S DECISION IN TAX SUIT.

Date of delinquency held to be

No legal duty on taxpayer to pay taxes before September 1. Sections providing for penalty on

taxes not paid before September held inoperative. Injunction granted restraining the Treasurer from collecting penalty on second half payments, if first half of

tuxes shall have been paid before measure effective unless one-half of taxes shall have been paid before April 1.

Collection of taxes to continue without interruption.
County and state officials to meet

Friday to discuss effects of decision.

the taxpayers to pay taxes prior to August 31, and there is no default until September 1," Circuit Judge Cleeton ruled yesterday in the case brought by Attorney Roger Sinnott, president of the Portland Taxpayers' Association, in which he asked for an order restraining County Treasurer Lewis from collecting penaltics against persons who have paid one-half of their taxes before April 1.

Though in the suit filed by Mr. Sinnott an injunction was asked restraining Treasurer Lewis from the collection of penalties only against those who have paid one-half of their taxes before April 1, Judge Cleeton went fur-

September 1 Delinquency Date. The time of delinquency, Judge Clee-

ton held, is September 1.

Under the pleadings in the case one-half their taxes on or before March and J. Schwartz. 21, Judge Cleeton is able to grant an injunction only against the collection of a penalty on second-half payments, if the first half shall have been paid before April I, even though, in his decision, he declared all the provisions regarding penalties which may be collected before delinquency inoperative. This leaves the entire law, with all

its provisions, operative against taxpayers who fall to pay one-half of

their taxes on or before March 31. Penalty Collection Intent.

Deputy Huckaby said yesterday that he will proceed to collect taxes as heretofore, and will prepare to collect penalties on all taxes one-half of which are not paid before the last of this

It was suggested yesterday that Attorney Sinnott and District Attorney Evans agree to Mr. Sinnott amending his complaint to include all taxes in stead of only second-half payments, that the injunction might be granted accordingly. This Mr. Sinnott said he would refuse.

"The man who has not paid half his taxes and does not pay them before April 1 is not entitled to any relief nder this order," said Mr. Sinnott. "The suit was brought primarily for these who have made a part payment, nd relief for them was all that was

asked and all that was intended. pay their taxes before April 1, they are

not entitled to any relief." Fund Shortage Is Feared.

Treasurer Lewis said after he had considered the decision that if the payment of taxes is deferred because of ruling the county would be short of funds before the full collections are made in August. Under th law he must pay to the State Treasurer by May 1 one-half of all the state taxes due from Multnomah.

If this first half payment to the state is delayed, legal interest attaches until It is paid and a heavy penalty operates against the County Treasurer, which, if the default continues 30 days, operates as a forfeiture of his office by the Treasurer. If the default is 10 days the Treasurer is penalized 20 per cent

of the amount of default. "This means that when April 30 comes I will make a check, payable to the State Treasurer, for \$785,456, onehalf of the amount due the state from this county," said Mr. Lewis. "The sec and half is not due until November I and I don't anticipate any trouble in making that payment. But I don't intend to default on this first payment, for the penalty is a personal one, in addition to the interest on the amount making that payment. But I don't in-(Concluded on Page 15)

DOCTOR REPORTS BICHLORIDE 'CURE'

POISON CONVERTED INTO ONE MUCH LESS DEADLY.

Iodide of Potassium and Albumer Declared to Have Produced Results in Case of Woman.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24,-(Special.)-An antidote, or "cure" for bichloride of mercury poisoning has been found, according to Dr. Veirlin C. Thomas, of San Francisco. He delared today he had discovered a 'cure" which transforms the poison within the victim's system into another polson, far less posent. Such an antidote has been sought by the scientists of the world for a long time.

National interest was recently aroused by the announcement of Eastern scientists that they had discovered an antidote for bichloride of mercury LEVY INCREASED, FINDING poisoning-the injection of calcium nto the blood directly. This has now

een dropped, however. Dr. Thomas expects to announce his method to the medical world in a short time, after further experiments.

To be effective, he said today, his system must be resorted to without delay. At least one cure is reported already. Three weeks ago Mrs. Florence M. Elliott, of Stockton, visiting friends here, took seven and a half grains of bichloride of mercury by mistake. She s now practically well, although the dose she took was sufficient to kill

half a dozen persons. Dr. Thomas' method is the administration of fodide of potassium and aloumen and the inducement of profuse perspiration. The mercury bichloride is changed into iodide of mercury, only ne-eighth as polsonous.

PRUNES AHEAD OF SEASON Clarke County Crop Well Along in

Development.

VANCOUVER, Wash, March 24 .-Clarke County are from 10 to 12 days shead of the season in development. Buds are swelling, leaves are coming out, and there is every probability that the blossoms will come out about April I to 5. By April 15, or 20, a fair esti-mate may be made of how heavy the crop will be this year, not taking into consideration frosts, or early Fall

rains. Some packers are already figuring on buying their annual supply of boxes and other supplies, and salesmen are now here taking care of the business. Frune here form the chief fruit export every year, the crop some seasons running to \$1,000,000.

Sessions at Culdesac Will Continue

Two Days.

CULDESAC, Idaho, March 24,-(Spe cial.)—Parents, teachers, school offi-cials and all interested in public school taxes unpaid after April 1, unless the school faculty and the next day a sessame shall be delinquent.

ture of the programme. Among the speakers will be C. W. Farr, of the Holden improvement committee: Professor R. R. Richmond, of Lapwai; Miss Redfield, County Super Under the pleadings in the case intendent; Miss Alba Bales, head of the brought by Mr. Sinnott, in which relief was asked only for those who pay Lewiston State Normal; O. M. Osburn,

SNOW FALLING AT BAKER

Stockmen and Fruitmen Apprehensive of Danger.

BAKER, Or., March 24 .- (Special.)-Snow began falling here at 6:30 tonight and by 8 o'clock it was an inch deep, with a prospect of a depth of several inches by morning. Temperatures of from 40 to 55 de-

grees in the last three weeks were succeeded by a sharp drop in temperature today, and cattlemen and sheepmen who have turned their stock on the ranges are worrying tonight.

Farmers also are perturbed, as fruit rees are blooming, and a return of Winter now may mean heavy losses.

STREET JOGS FACE BAN

Commissioner Dieck Would Stop Irregular Platting.

To prevent irregularities in streets due to irregular methods of platting tracts of property for sale as lots, City ommissioner Dieck will submit to the d relief for them was all that was deel and all that was intended.

"If the taxpayers don't get in and to be platted before they are finally

ubdivided into lots.

The city faces the necessity of changing a number of streets. Commis-sioner Dieck says he believes the pro-posed ordinance will correct this trouble in the future.

DEPUTY LOSES PRISONER

Man Charged With Stealing Team at Ashland Makes Esacpe.

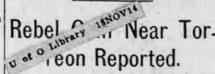
ASHLAND, Or., March 24,-(Special.) -Walter Grow, accused of stealing a team of horses valued at \$1500 from Fred Herrin, escaped from Deputy Sheriff Good last night while entering a local restaurant to which he was being taken from the city jail. Grow has not been caught.

JUDGE HUMPHRIES ENTERS

Scattle Jurist Says He Will Be Candidate for Supreme Justice.

SEATTLE, March 24.—Superior Judge John E. Humphries announces that he

ROUNDHOUSE BASE OF FIERCE BATTLE



ROSEATE RUMORS DISCOUNTED

Palacio Unfinished.

PRIVATE NEWS CONFLICTS

Constitutionalists at Juarez Hear Report Torreon Has Surrendered, but High Spirits Are

Checked for Time.

CHIHUAHUA, March 24.-An official dispatch received at 5 P. M. today says fighting continues fiercely at Gomez The rebels are said to have captured the stone railroad roundhouse and to be fighting from it. The

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 24 .- Roseate mors and "official" reports of the onward sweep of General Francisco Villa and his victorious rebels kept this city in a state of gratified excitement today, but the optimism was dashed somewhat by the receipt of the Assoclated Press dispatch from Chihuahua quoting an official dispatch to the Special.)-The prune orchards of effect that fighting continues at Gomez

Conflicting Reports Received.

It was announced officially in the ourse of the forenoon that this city, three miles from Torreon, was taken last night at 9 o'clock and that General Villa had ordered supplies sent direct to that city.

Next came word that General Aguirre Benavides had captured two federal quartels in Torreon itself. This information was conveyed in a private telegram from Colonel Trevino, one of Benavides' staff officers, to his brother in Juarez. At this there was great joy, but it was nothing to the excitement oc asioned when General Manuel Chao, SCHOOL MEETING IS SET Military Governor of the State of Chihuahua, and now in this city to greet General Carranza, received a private report that General Velasco, the federal commander at Torreon, had surren-

Report Accepted With Reserve.

The dispatch from the Associated and is preparing to use more. Press staff correspondent at Chihuahua had something of a dampening effect (Concluded on Page 2)

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STATE TO BUY CULVERTS

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 24 .pany in this city, was in Olympia yes- East. General Chao accepted the report | terday conferring with the State High ther and declared inoperative all the provisions of the 1913 law which require collection of penalities on any 27 and 28. On the evening of March quire collection of penalities on any 27 a reception will be given by the tion or denial. After two hours he had improvements this year. The state has

The new plant of the Stanley con- tional wealth to the Pacific Slope,"

ONE SOUND PLANK GOES BY THE BOARD

TO CUT LIVING COST

Develop Coast.

Pacific Expected to Rival Great Fishing Banks.

EDIBLE SCALLOP

This and Consumption of Mussels Mentioned Among Recent Achieve-

ments - Department Investigating Possibilities.

much during the coming Summer for the benefit of the Pacific Coast, Some hing of the department's plans wa outlined before the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in a speech today by Secretary Redfield. He prom ised to tell more of these plans when he speaks before the Commonwealth Break in corn affects wheat at Chicago. Club of California at a luncheon to-Page 19. morrow.

Two great undertakings, at least, already have been determined on-a survey of the fisheries off the Oregon oast, to determine how much they the Coast, and a more careful survey of the Alaskan coast to increase the safety of shipping in the Far North.

Edible Scallop Introduced.

Secretary Redfield spoke of what the epartment had done through its Bureau of Fisheries to cheapen the cost of living in the East by promoting the onsumption of mussels and the introduction of the edible scallop, found in great quantities outside New York Harbor and almost unheard of until about a year ago. The steamer Albatross, now lying in San Francisco Bay, will leave next Summer for the Oregon oast, he said, to investigate the hall but and other fishing possibilities of the Pacific waters.

"I believe that we may add as great ly to the food supply of the Pacific Coast in this way," he said, "as the (Special.)—R. C. Stanley, manager of fishing banks of the Atlantic Coast the Stanley Reinforced Concrete Com-

Investors Reported Ready.

already used some of the local product such an enterprise, to undertake the of Olympia, on the Yakima reservadevelopment of this source of addi-tion.

> Speaking of what problems the Bu-(Concluded on Page 2)

MOOSE ESPOUSE MAINE PROHIBITION

PROGRESSIVES GO ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF DRY STATE,

Submission of Liquor Question to Voters of Nation Advocated at Convention in Bangor.

BANGOR, Me., March 24 .- A strong stand for prohibition was taken by Maine Progressives at their first state convention today to nominate candidates. Their platform advocated the submission of the question of National prohibition to the people of every state and pledged the party to a strict statewide enforcement of the prohibitory liquor law.

Halbert P. Gardner of Patten, member of the Progressive National Committee, was unanimously nominated fo

The platform declared in favor of the initiative and referendum, woman uffrage, a 54-hour week for women and children, workmen's compensation the recall of all elective executive officials in state and counties, conservation and development of resources, and the extension of good roads,

United States Senator Clapp, Minnesota, who addressed the convention, pictured two great national parties is the future-one Conservative and the other Liberal.

E. M. Thompson, of Augusta, and Dr. SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 .- The E. D. Merrill, of Foxcroft, were nomi-Department of Commerce is going to do nated for Congress in the Third and Fourth districts, respectively.

BAKER FUGITIVE CAUGHT Martin Knezevich, Late of Copper-

field, in Tolls in Idaho.

BAKER, Or., March 24 .- (Special.)-Martin Knezevich, the Copperfield saoonkeeper who, on being ousted by the saloon-owning Councilmen there, complained to Governor West, who sent the militia to Copperfield, closing may contribute to the food supply of the saloons, has been captured at Caldwell, Idaho, by the City Marshal there. Knezewich wa: indicted last Friday, but he fled across the line into Idaho before the officers could get

> He declared today he would not re turn to Baker voluntarily and a legal battle may follow his attempt to escape prosecution on the charge of

gambling and selling liquor to minors. District Attorney Godwin tonight telegraphed Governor West asking if Burns was indicted on a charge of he would give extradition papers for Knezevich. Up to a late bouh tonight he had received no reply.

ARTESIAN FLOW IS STRUCK

Warm Water Available for Irrigation

on Yakima Reservation. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 24 .-(Special.)-An artesian flow of warm were all the other Copperfield salconwater which spouts 20 feet into the men including ex-Mayor Stewart "We hope next Fall to report pros- air from a four-inch pipe was struck Warner, a Councilman, and William concrete culverta for use on highway pects which will encourage the men, improvements this year. The state has who I am told are ready to invest in ranch of Judge Stephen J. Chadwick, Warner.

> The ranch lies about 10 miles directly where S. D. Jones, a hotel man, was west of Wapato, and is near the J. T. indicted on a charge of bootlegging. Harrah ranch, on which a larger ar- There were other indictments in Eagle tesian well was brought in about two and Pine Valley, but these were not years ago. The land is being put in revealed. alfalfa, and the flow of this well will

> be sufficient to irrigate it. tion of a large and easily accessible of bills for bail for himself and for body of artesian water.

MAMMOTH'S TUSKS FOUND

Professors Decide Elephas Once Godwin retired from the grand jury Roamed in Willamette Valley.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 24 .- (Special.)-Parts of two seven grand jurors and Mr. Snodgrass huge tusks and a tooth found two miles from here indicate that in prehistoric times the mammoth elephas roamed in the Willamette Valley, say professors at the university.

Professor W. A. Beer made the find Sunday on the Fairington farm. Proment of geology, today classified the saloon than I did," he said. tooth and tusks as being part of the remains of an elephas, the forerunner

of the modern elephant. The elephas lived in the Pleistocone

BRIDGE CAUSING WORRY

Vancouver People Wonder When Work on Span Will Begin.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 24 .-(Special.) - Now that the bonds for \$500,000 have been voted for the crection of Washington's share of the interstate bridge, and it has been more than seven months since the election, people here are wondering what is being done about building the bridge. They are beginning to worry about it the man he represents, Governor West." and wonder when work will start. It will not be long before high water.

or more feet high.

Republican Candidate Welcomed by Business Men.

HILLSBORO, Or., March 24 .- (Special.)-C. A. Johns, Republican candidate for nomination as Governor, reached Hillsboro last night and was met by a delegation of business men, who are working in the interest of the Portland attorney.

Although Mr. Joans will hold no pubic meetings and make no addresses

25 ARE INDICTED BY BAKER GRAND JURY

Ex-Convict, Made Councilman by West, Is One.

COPPERFIELD OFFICERS IN NET

Governor's Agent and Probers Have Stormy Session.

FUGITIVE INFORMER FOUND

District Attorney Ridicules Excentive's Man After Permitting Him

Private Audience With Body of Investigators. BAKER, Or., March 24 .- (Special.) --

Today's session of the grand jury in Baker was the most spectacular in the history of Baker County. Twenty-five indictments word returned. Every Copperfield saloon man was indicted. and Frank H. Snodgrass, special investigator for Governor West, appeared before the grand jury in a stormy session at which he and the grand jo. ors shouted at each other at the top of their voices and at which the spokesman for the Governor made general and sweeping charges against Sheriff Rand and District Attorney Godwincharges to which the grand jurors paid

but small heed. One of the most startling in the list of indictments returned by the grand jury was that against J. J. Burns, one of Governor West's appointees as ; member of the Council at Copperfield.

Indicted Man Ex-Convict. Eurns is an ex-convict who was pardoned by Governor West when it was shown to him to be necessary to do so if Burns should act on the Council

giving liquor to minors. William Wiegand was not indicted on the charge of displaying improper pictures in his saloon, despite Mr. nodgrass' appearance. The grand jury had asked for Lieutenant-Colonel B. K. Lawson's testimony. Mr. Snodgrass testified today that he had beloed Colonel Lawson take the pictures from

the walls of the saloon Wiegand was indicted, however, on a charge of selling liquor to minors. So

Hotel Man Is Accused.

The cleanup extended to Richland,

William Wiegand awaited his indictment at the door of the Sheriff's The flow is regarded as an indica- office, where he stool with a handful his Copperfield associates-but not for J. J. Burns, who was "one of the opposition."

Snodgrass' interview with the grand room and let Mr. Snodgrass present whatever evidence he might have. Loud talking was heard through the doors and at times it seemed that the

were all shouting at the some time. Discoveries Are Told.

Mr. Snodgrass said he did not comespecially for the grand fury, but was here primarily on a parole case. "Colonel Lawson knew nothing mor

about the pictures in the Wiegand "As to any testimony against Mr. Godwin and Mr. Rand, I have nothing. I can simply testify to the grand jury that I came here and found the slot machines and disorderly houses runage, from 500,000 to 1,000,000 years ago, ning open and above board, with no attempt at concealment. Whether Mr. Godwin or Mr. Rand knew of them I could not say. I can only say that I would be ashamed to say that I did not know of these conditions if I lived

in a town where things were as wide open as they were here.
"No, I did not call the attention of Godwin and Rand to the conditions. But they were informed. That I know. And no prosecutions resulted."

Mr. Godwin declared Snodgrass statements were ridiculous. Governor's Action Late.

"The caliber of Mr. Snodgrass and he said, "Is shown by the statement that prosecutions were expected for and little can be done in constructing something that everyone knew was piers when the Columbia River is 20 going on here and which was covered by city ordinance. Of course there were slot machines and disorderly C. A. JOHNS IN HILLSBORO houses, but there have been none lor a long time, long before Governor West started his fireworks here. We didn't prosecute them as it would not have been fair. But we issued one warning and they all did close up right away and there have been no violations since which have not been prosecuted." The grand jury expects to complete

> Warships Asked for Encampment. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

its work tomorrow.

ington March 24 .- Senator Jones today urged the Secretary of the Navy to delic meetings and make no addresses tail several battleships to Bellingham while here, he will confer with leading Republicans of the district. Mr. Johns encampment, to be held June 24-26. The rill return to Fortland tomorrow Secretary promised to give the request consideration.

Rebel 18 18 Near Tor-

Fight for Possession of Gomez

rebels say the federal dead number 700.

received no reply.

Centralia Product to Be Used on Roads of Washington.

ern started up yesterday morning. The output has been doubled.

