

TAXPAYERS SCORE COUNTY EARNINGS Report of Commissioner Holman Is Disputed. GRAND JURY PROBE ASKED

Expenditure of \$26,224 Is Said to Have Resulted in Return of \$214 for Produce. Charges that the Multnomah county farm, operated under the direction of County Commissioner Holman, suffered heavy losses for the years 1919, 1920 and 1921, instead of enjoying annual profits aggregating \$7500 for the last three or four years, as claimed by Mr. Holman, were made in a statement filed by a group of taxpayers with the grand jury yesterday.

Deficit Pointed Out. Attention is called, in the statement, to the county auditor's figures showing a net loss for the county farm operation of \$14,208.42 in 1919; \$15,251.19 in 1920 and \$26,224.27 in 1921. The complete statement addressed to the grand jury is as follows: "We have noticed by the press that Mr. Holman, county commissioner, has made statements to the effect that the Multnomah farm has been a paying institution, showing large net profits annually. We also have seen letters signed by Mr. Holman in which he said that the Multnomah farm, under the supervision of the Oregon Agricultural college, has made a profit of approximately \$7500 annually for the last three or four years.

Statements Are Refuted. "These statements are at such a variance with reports of the county auditor that we feel that a thorough investigation should be made in order to let the overburdened taxpayers have the true facts regarding the operation of the farm. "The county auditor's figures show a net loss as follows: 1919, \$14,208.42; 1920, \$15,251.19; 1921, \$26,224.27. We also note in the auditor's statement an item of \$8527.42 for feed purchased for stock at the farm during 1920. This appears to be poor management and very unprofitable farming.

Provisions Cost \$2880. In the main division of the farm, according to figures prepared by Auditor Martin, a total of \$13,420.26 was expended during the six months ended June 1, 1921, for the cost of groceries, provisions and meat, which under ordinary circumstances should cost only \$2000. In addition, the figures showed that feed for the stock on this farm cost the county \$827.42 during 1920. "Taxpayers who are asking for the investigation, in reviewing cost figures of farms throughout the state of Oregon, said they had learned of a 190-acre farm where more than \$4000 a month is paid in salaries of help and almost \$2000 annually is spent for stock feed.

Supplies and repairs have been on the upward trend at the county farm during the past few years, as has been practically all items. In 1916 supplies and repairs for the farm division of the county farm took \$222.45 out of the county treasury, while in 1920 \$224.35 was spent for this item alone. An interesting observation in checking County Auditor Martin's figures was that after expending a total of \$26,224.27 for the operation of the farm division the county received a grand total of \$214 for the sale of produce.

TEN-YEAR LEASE CLOSED Business Property at Broadway and Oak Street Involved. Negotiations for the lease of the three-story brick building at the southeast corner of Broadway and Oak street, owned by the H. H. Wright and other, were completed yesterday. The Western Supply agency of Los Angeles has acquired the entire building for a ten-year period from the E. Henry Wenne estate at a total consideration of \$225,000. The Auto Supply agency will move from its present location at Sixth and Oak streets about January 1, 1922, and plans to spend approximately \$20,000 in alterations, according to E. G. Crosssett, local manager. The new building required by the company will be suitable to other concerns.

Picture News

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Columbia—"Salvation Nell." Majestic—"Katherine MacDonald, "Stranger Than Fiction." Hollywood—"The Daniels, "One Wild Week." Peoples—"Elsie Hammerstein, "The Miracle of Manhattan." Liberty—"William S. Hart, "The Whistle." Star—"The Woman God Chased." Hippodrome—"Buster Keaton, "The High Sign." Grand—"Gladys Swisher, "Kismet." Globe—"Bert Lytell, "The Man Who." THE value of a woman's sweet and unselfish love is the basic theme of "If Women Only Knew," the screen drama which opens at the Star tomorrow. The picture is based on Balzac's "Meditations on Marriage" and is said to be a dramatic story marked by a number of unusual situations. The photoplay opens with a series of scenes of college life. A realistic "shot" of a student poker game is shown, and when the game is at its height the building catches fire. The students hesitatingly fight the blaze, but the big house burns to the ground in spectacular fashion. Hundreds of students take an active part in the fire-fighting, and many others are shown as spectators. Another highlight in the picture is that of a great college crowd on the way to the big baseball game of the season. The college scenes for the picture were taken at Cornell university, at Ithaca, N. Y. This famous university, nestled close to Lake Cayuga, is noted for its beautiful campus and surrounding scenery, and a number of fine scenic effects are presented in the picture. Madeline Clark, Robert Gordon, Virginia Lee and Blanche Davenport have the leading roles in the picture. "Hoot," Gibson, popular western star, will be seen in a characteristic film play of action, "The Fighting Terror," on the new programme. The Star will have a complete change of programme starting Wednesday, with "Live and Let Live," which will be a picture with a different director, William Christy Cabanne, one of the foremost directors in film-

Society News HARVEY BLACK and William Stevenson, who are to act as ushers at the wedding of Miss Constance Hyland and Harry Prentiss, Edmond, at a dinner on the highway last evening. Those who made up the party were Miss Hyland, Miss Helen Haller, Miss Jane Reed, Mr. Edward, Mr. Black and Mr. Stevenson. The ceremony will take place tomorrow at 10 o'clock at Trinity chapel. Rev. A. A. Morrison will officiate. Mr. and Mrs. James Meese will attend the bride and groom. The wedding will be preceded by the wedding, Miss Hyland's uncle, George Kirkpatrick, is to give her in marriage. A small reception will be held at the chapel, following which the young couple will leave for their honeymoon. A "ten days' trip they will be at home in Rose City Park. Miss Margaret Maier of The Dalles, Or., has been the house guest of Miss Frances Howard for the past week. The Alpha Delta Pi alumnae will hold a meeting at the home of Miss Lela D. White at 1121 1/2 Second street, August 31, at 8 o'clock. All alumnae are cordially invited. Please call Miss Howard at 610. Mrs. Dora A. Danforth has been spending the month of August with her daughter, Mrs. David L. Horgan. In the latter's cottage at Cannon Beach. Mrs. Robert R. Dewey returned today from Princeton, where she has been visiting for two weeks. Mrs. Dewey enjoyed a motor trip in the Blue mountains and Ochoco reserve. Mrs. A. C. Shaw gave a dinner at Highway Lodge for Mrs. Emily Williams of Portland and Miss Mary Fisher, Miss Emma Steyer, Mrs. M. Seaba and Miss Teresa Miller of St. Paul, Minn. Miss Charlotte Demess of Washington, D. C. is an interesting guest of Mr. and Mrs. Schiller B. Hermann of Rose City Park. Miss Demess has been employed for many years as a teacher in the public schools of Washington. Her father, Leon Demess, was a distinguished engineer of French nationality and designed the fortifications around Richmond in the civil war, he being at that time a resident of North Carolina. Miss Demess, in company with friends, was detained in Europe when war was declared, teaching Paris in the interval. Her witnessing many of the horrors of the battle of the Marne, fought at that time, with Paris in fearful apprehension of the German entrance into the city. Miss Demess has many interesting stories to tell of her experiences. Mrs. C. M. Baker of 404 East Fortieth street North has as her guests Mrs. W. L. Leland and her mother, Mrs. H. Conley, of Los Angeles, Cal., at luncheon in her home yesterday. Those present were: Mrs. Emma Ure, Mrs. Walter Adams of Iowa, Mrs. Charles Fowler, Mrs. John Greenwood, Mrs. C. D. Baker and Mrs. E. R. Gelinsky of 411 East Forty-first street North gave a dinner in their honor Tuesday evening.

FRAUD IN ROAD CHARGED CONTRACTORS SUE COUNTY FOR \$53,010.65. Baker Brothers Assert Roadmaster Furnished Inaccurate Data on Greeley-Street Extension. Gross mistakes, "so gross that no competent engineer in the exercise of an honest judgment could have committed such errors," were made by the county roadmaster in classifying the work of Baker Brothers, contractors on the Greeley-street extension to the St. Johns river road, the charges contained in a suit for \$53,010.65 filed by the contractors against Multnomah county in the circuit court yesterday. Roadmaster Eatchel is not attacked directly. The complaint says the estimate of the work prepared by the county roadmaster without personal inspection of the work and from reports furnished by incompetent as-

stantials who, through lack of education and experience, were not qualified to furnish sufficient data from which a correct final estimate could be made. The contract for completing the road was entered into on June 2, 1919, and after two postponements of the date for closing, the work was completed June 1, 1920. On June 20, 1920, the roadmaster submitted to the county on the work of \$118,747.31. This sum did not include many items of work and material and was based on erroneous classifications, assert the plaintiffs, who contend that they are defrauded out of \$53,010.65. Apple Packing to Begin. SHERIDAN, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The apple packing would begin at the Oregon grower's plant here Monday was the statement made yesterday by C. R. Thomson, manager of this district. Two cars of Gravensteins from the orchard of Kenneth Miller, north of Sheridan, will be handled first. The crop about Sheridan is very light this year, said Mr. Thomson. Only about 15 cars will be packed. Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070. Automatic 860-98.

POST CONDITIONS HERE FOUND GOOD Employees Faring Well, Says Dr. Lee H. Frankel. NEW OFFICE HELD MODEL Welfare Director, Touring Country in Interest of Workers, Pleased With Local Outlook.

"Conditions in the main postoffice here from the standpoint of employees are almost ideal," said Dr. Lee H. Frankel, welfare director for the postoffice department, yesterday. Dr. Frankel was in Portland on a brief visit to investigate conditions in the postoffice and to see what he could do to aid employees. "The new postoffice is one of the best equipped buildings I have ever seen," he said. "It is well designed and is much better than many other buildings I have visited. The old building leaves something to be desired in course of time." Dr. Frankel, as director of the newly created welfare department of the postoffice, has set himself to the task of making all postal employees in the United States satisfied with their work. His method is to investigate the conditions which they work and make improvements and suggestions so that their daily tasks will become as agreeable and pleasurable as possible. Director Gets No Pay. He is the direct representative of Postmaster-General Hays and serves without pay. He was asked to take over the welfare work, since he had had years of experience as executive of the Metropolitan Life insurance company, of which he is a vice-president. Dr. Frankel met here with representatives of the letter carriers, postal clerks, railway and rural mail carriers and postal laborers, and explained to them the purpose of the welfare department. He also started the organization of a local welfare council to be made up of representatives of the various classes of employees, who will meet with the postmaster to discuss local conditions. Similar councils are being organized in all the principal cities of the United States at Dr. Frankel's suggestion. I found a delightful spirit among the men here," said Dr. Frankel. "I enjoyed my talk with the employees very much. I am sure they catch the vision of the work." A national welfare council will be organized in Washington, D. C., to discuss problems of national interest. The council will be composed of eight officers of national postal employees' associations, who will meet with Dr. Frankel at stated intervals. Red Cross to Co-operate. It is Dr. Frankel's plan to provide rest rooms, lunch rooms, amusements and recreation hours and sick benefits for employees all over the United States. The Red Cross will co-operate in the work by providing the cost in buildings, wherever they are desired, and also by giving courses and lectures in first aid, and other health work. Experiments will begin soon in New York to determine the effect of light on the eyes of men who labor at the distributing mail cases. Dr. Frankel has visited on his trip postoffice employees at Denver, Colorado Springs, Riverside, Cal.; Los Angeles, San Diego and Chicago. He left yesterday for Seattle and after a National picnic for a few days. Mrs. Frankel is accompanying her husband on the tour. They were guests while here of J. M. Jones, postmaster on a trip over the Columbia river highway.

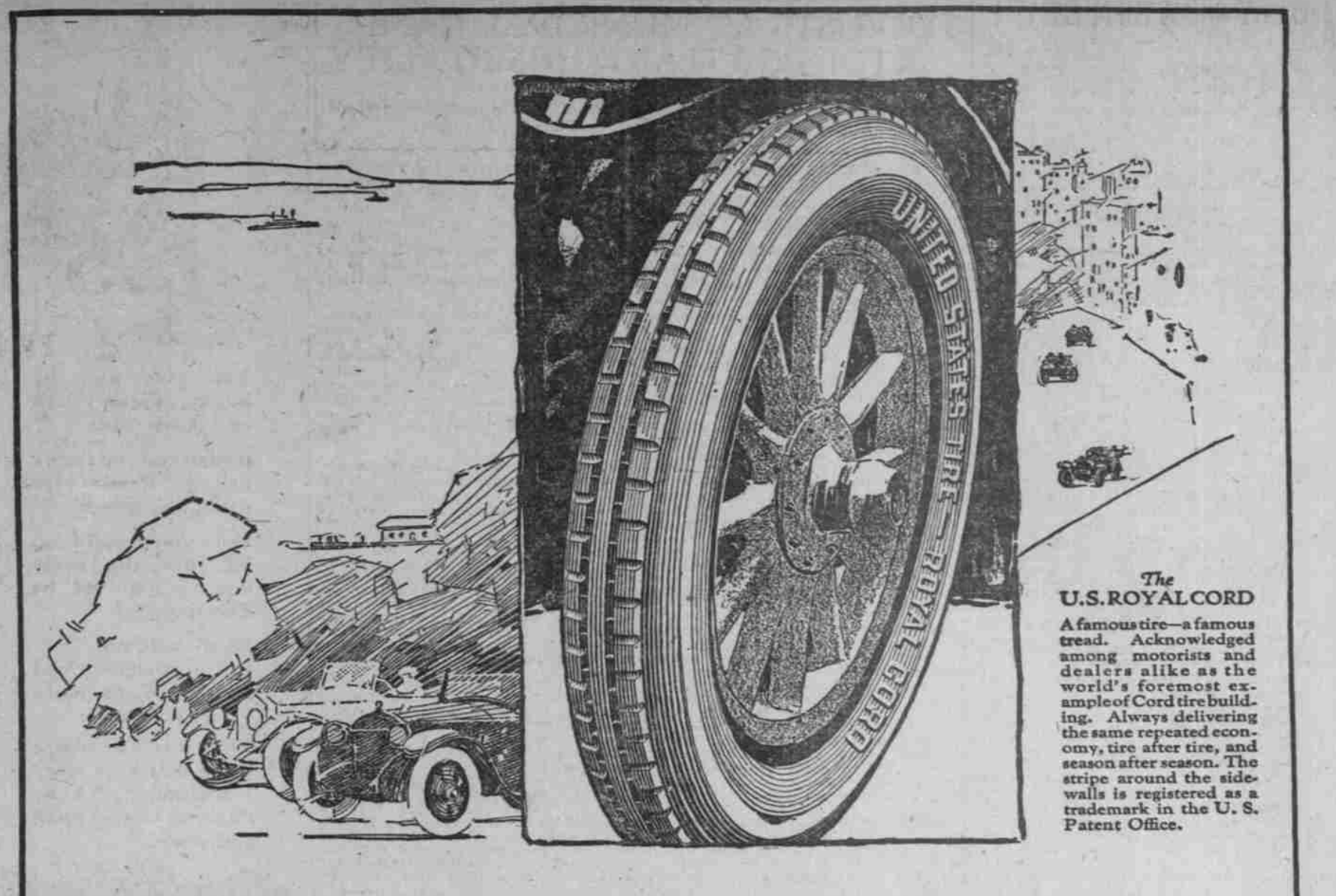
Women's Activities MRS. CHARLES E. RUNYON, to co-operate with the Oregon section of the clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons, has sent out a request to her club members in the Portland Women's club which she is president, asking the women to help in the work of inviting them to attend the public meeting to be held on Monday evening at the University auditorium. Dr. Andrew C. Smith will preside. Speakers will be Governor Olcott, Francis and Virginia, M. D., Chicago; Allen B. Kanavel, M. D., Chicago; John Osborn Polak, M. D., Brooklyn; Father C. B. Moynihan. All clubwomen, members of parent-teacher circles and all who are interested in social service and child welfare are invited. The meeting is free.

Mrs. Mary E. T. Chapin, who has been interesting a number of Portlanders, has decided to remain until next Wednesday and will lecture in Christensen's hall each afternoon and evening on "Concentration and How to Prosper." Mrs. Chapin is a member of the Prags and Authors' club and vice-president of the national New Thought Alliance. She has been entertained by a number of local club and society women.

Scout Young camp, No. 2, United Veterans War Veterans, will hold their annual picnic at Peninsula park, Sunday, August 28. All Spanish war veterans and their families are requested to be present with their lunch baskets. The committee in charge will furnish coffee, sugar, cream and lemonade. Lunch will be spread at 12:30 o'clock. A programme of sport is listed for the afternoon. Prizes will be awarded. A basket picnic at the Oak Wednesday, August 31, will take the place of the regular business meeting of the Oregon State Graduate Nurses association. All members will bring well-filled baskets. Coffee will be served on the grounds. Invitations are extended to members of Oregon and especially to student nurses.

Miss May Pfordner, department patriotic instructor of the Daughters of Veterans, is a visitor in Marshfield. Or. the house guest of Mrs. Frances McLeod, department president of the order. Monday evening Nancy Leland, of Marshfield, No. 3, entertained for Miss Pfordner in their cozy hall in the Eagles' building.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—After an extended visit to the state and other eastern points, Miss Lillian Sherman, head of the department of household arts at the university of Oregon, has returned to the campus. She was one of the Oregon delegates at the convention of the National Home Eco-



To Car-Owners Everywhere About the Tire Merchant who is Happy in his Business

EVEN today some motorists are still looking for the ideal tire dealer. Alert, courteous, carrying a complete stock of good tires. As eager to serve you with a valve cap or a tube, as with a new spare. His enthusiasm a reflection of his clean business and his happy relations with his customers.

With midseason here—the sales of U. S. Royal Cords all over the country during April, May, June and July, 1921, exceed the same four months of last year by 88 per cent. You might expect merchants who are seeing such remarkable sales increases to be preoccupied with figures to the exclusion of all else. Yet you will not be surprised to hear them speak of the pleasure of handling Royal Cord Tires. The cleanliness of the transaction. The fine kind of people attracted to their stores. The freedom from worry. Satisfied, permanent customers. Steady demand as against "spotty" sales. There is so much glib talk these days of "merchandising" in the abstract, that perhaps some have overlooked the need of a man being happy as well as prosperous. What keeps business more satisfying than the pleasure of dealing in quality? Of having the authority of quality? Of creating self-respect both in buyer and seller? As U. S. Royal Cords are doing today.

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economics association, which was held at Swampscott, Mass., last June. A plea for the support of the American dye industry as a measure of economic efficiency and military preparedness was one of the features of the convention, according to Miss Tingle. Among other discussions was that concerning standardization of home economics courses in the colleges of the country. The household arts department of the university is soon to be removed to more spacious quarters in the old music building and at present Miss Tingle is supervising the removal of the department from its old home in Mary Spiller hall. OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Eugene, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Willetta Moore of Eugene, a 1918 graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college, has been appointed instructor in household science and institutional management in the school of home

The Juvenile Outfitters for Children 143 Sixth—Near Alder "O-K-B" HAIR TONIC It makes the hair soft, lustrous and beautiful. It brings field gray and faded hair back to its youthful color. It is a real preventive of the "O.K.B." hair. Absolutely harmless. Order a bottle today. Prescription by pupil of W. Gerth, M.D., Prof. de l'Academie française de Paris recipient of gold, silver and bronze medals. Manufactured by O-K-B MANUFACTURING CO. For sale in Portland by The Owl Drug Co., Rosenthal Sisters with both Shop at Portland hotel; Lewis-Stonger Barber Supply Co. A Natural Tonic NAPOLEON EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL