

TAXPAYERS DECRY EXPENSIVE FRILLS

Complaints on Higher Education Most Severe.

UMATILLA, MORROW HEARD

Regent of Agricultural College Pledges Cuts.

SCHOOL IS HELD TOO BIG

About \$370,000 Can Be Saved by Closing Extension Work—Experiment Stations Hit.

BY JOHN W. KELLY.

PENDLETON, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Here in Pendleton, where the tax rate is 37.5 mills and where 75 cent wheat will bankrupt the richest wheat county in Oregon, the tax investigation commission today found taxpayers' protests in suggestions as to what to do with the tax problem. As usual, on this trip in eastern Oregon, the commission found sharp complaint against the cost of higher education and its ramifications. All this agitation accumulated to the point where Walter M. Pierce, member of the commission and member of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college, placed himself on record.

"Dear as the college is to my heart," declared Mr. Pierce to the crowd of taxpayers and officials of Umatilla and Morrow counties, assembled in the courthouse, "I will vote to cut every frill and fancy from the school. Every unnecessary cost must be eliminated. The situation with the taxpayers is becoming desperate. There is the cost of the schools and of roads. The gasoline tax must go to 5 cents in two years for maintenance. We'd better walk than build more roads at present. I'd rather have my land clear and stick in the mud with my mules than be owned by an insurance company in the east."

Slash All Around Favored.

Here is the way sentiment was expressed at the hearing: Appropriations for county fairs can be passed up for a few years; appropriations for new buildings at the state fair should be disapproved; appropriations should be withheld from the Northwest Tourist association and the Pacific International Livestock exposition.

Abolish the 6 per cent tax limitation.

The legislature will have to repeal many obligations which force a tax levy.

About \$370,000 can be saved by closing the extension work of the agricultural college.

College Held Too Big.

The agricultural college is too big for the population of the state; the college is trying to build up a school for the Pacific northwest. Outside students should pay a tuition as high as that charged in California or Washington. If this causes a decrease in outside students, it will also reduce the cost of operating the institution.

Abolition of experiment stations—

on this there is a difference of opinion among farmers and taxpayers. Roy W. Ritter, president of the state senate, suggested closing the experiment stations unless the fees of outside students can maintain them. Cut out the bug investigations—this being proposed by Mr. Pierce.

Stop the bounty on coyotes—

Reach the marauders in other ways.

State industrial accident board

should be self-supporting, receiving no aid from the state.

Non-Taxable Securities Hit.

Close the affairs of the water board in six months and dissolve the board.

Stop the issuance of non-taxable securities.

Wipe out county agents, county demonstrators and county nurses.

While this has been repeatedly suggested, various county courts either champion the retention of these people or else assert that too much pressure is brought on the courts to retain them.

An income tax is advocated and

only one voice was raised against this method of dividing the tax burden at today's meeting. Opinion is not a unit as to whether the tax should be flat or graduated.

State sales tax as proposed by Dr.

F. W. Vincent, president of the taxpayers' league, who also charged the educational field with "too much paternalism," with playground instructors and what-not.

Notwithstanding that 32.3 per cent

of the taxes of Morrow county are delinquent, Samuel E. Notson, district attorney for that district, opposed an income tax, the elimination of extension work, county agents, demonstrators or economy in any of the schools, high or low. He asserted that it would be better to eliminate something else other than the playground instructors.

Mr. Notson was anchored to the

idea that it isn't possible to shave down expenses anywhere; that there is no apparent way of finding revenue save on real property.

According to Dr. L. U. Temple of

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CORVALLIS STUDENTS INJURED IN EXPLOSION

BLAST OCCURS DURING CLASS EXPERIMENT IN CHEMISTRY.

Flying Glass Cuts Two Freshmen Severely, While Others Suffer Minor Casualties.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 15.—(Special.)—R. G. Fulton of Bend, freshman in mechanical engineering, received cuts on the face and eye, caused by flying glass, as the result of an explosion of carbon disulphide during an experiment by a class in the chemistry laboratory today.

Kenneth B. Hollingsworth of McMinnville was cut near the eye and received a scalp wound in addition. Others received minor scratches and cuts. Students quickly extinguished a fire which spread across the laboratory tables. The injured men were taken to the college health service and treated.

The explosion occurred during a lecture by Dr. Walter Scott, professor of chemistry.

BONDS CACHED IN STOVE

Coal Bin Yields \$75,000 Worth of Stolen Liberties.

WINCHESTER, Va., March 15.—The corner of a liberty bond protruding from the door of the stove into which he was shoveling coal led to the discovery by R. A. Mitchell, railroad agent, of about \$75,000 in bonds cached in the station coal bin. Some of the bonds were registered in the name of officials of the Grottoes, Va., state bank, and part, at least, of the cache was believed to represent loot taken from that institution when it was robbed June 30, 1921.

Two-thirds of the bonds recovered were registered, the remainder being railroad and industrial issues. Mitchell said he had been scooping up papers with the coal for several days and he was speculating today as to what may have been the intrinsic cost of the station fire during the recent cold spell.

NURSEMAID ON RAMPAGE

Plate-Glass Windows Smashed With Poker Following Dismissal.

Indignant at being "fired," Elizabeth Stinson, nursemaid, grabbed a poker and shattered two valuable plate-glass windows in the home of F. S. Durkheimer, 850 Northrup street, according to a complaint made to Deputy District Attorney DeLoach yesterday. A warrant was issued, charging the young woman with "malicious and wanton injury to property."

Mr. Durkheimer said that Miss Stinson had been employed for about two weeks at the Durkheimer residence for all-night absences and when asked for an explanation had told her employer that it was "none of his business."

OFFICER ARRESTS WIFE

Traffic Policeman Halts Woman Driver Who Cuts Corners.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 15.—W. H. Garratt, traffic policeman, appeared on the police court records today as the complaining witness against his wife for cutting a corner at the crossing where he was on duty.

He halted the offending driver before discovering her identity, but arrested her anyhow and ordered her to proceed to the police station. She obeyed and deposited \$10 bail out of her own purse, but failed to appear in court when her case was called today.

POET'S FARM IS MARKED

Catskill Mountain Place Will Be Dedicated to John Burroughs.

MONTREAL, March 15.—The old farm in the Catskill mountains where as a boy John Burroughs, poet and naturalist, began his studies, will be dedicated to his memory on April 3, the anniversary of his birth and his burial. Ormiston Roy of this city today announced completion of plans for the dedication of the naturalist's former home as a John Burroughs memorial field, set apart as a literary shrine for the American people.

RELIEF SHIP AGROUND

Western Glen, With Supplies for Russia, Hits Near Odessa.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 15.—The American relief administration food ship Western Glen has been aground since last night on the beach, 25 miles south of Odessa. It was reported the vessel is not damaged. Deputy Dondoni, chief of the Italian Red Cross in southern Russia, in an appeal to all civilized nations to aid in feeding Russia, today paid a tribute to the rapidity with which American grain is being distributed in the famine regions.

PIPE LINE TO CUT MELON

Kansas Concern Is to Pay \$3 on Each Share April 29.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., March 15.—The Pacific Pipe Line company declared a dividend of \$3 a share. It will be payable April 29 on stock of 6,000,000 shares.

VACCINATION ROW AT TAGOMA WAXES

Schools May Stay Shut Another 18 Days.

ORDER WILL BE ENFORCED

Health Officers Are to Be Supported in Campaign.

PARADES VOICE PROTEST

Number of Cases of Smallpox Less Than Last Year, but Vigilance Is Not to Be Relaxed.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Unvaccinated Tacoma children may take another enforced vacation of 18 days after the present suspension of school is over if one smallpox case exists, according to Dr. Paul A. Turner, state director of public health. He announced his determination to stand by Dr. Joseph P. Kane, Tacoma city health officer, who enforced the vaccination order even with the guns of the anti-vaccinationists turned upon him.

Dr. Kane likewise received letters signed K. K. K. warning him that if he did not relent in his fight that he would meet with disaster. He turned the letter over to the police and kept right on the job. The Ku Klux Klan, through the league of this district, said that the organization was not responsible for the threat.

Bankers Make Protest.

While Dr. Kane and his assistants are vaccinating poor children at the city clinics, the anti-vaccinationists are holding indignation meetings, adopting resolutions and threatening court proceedings. Dr. E. J. Brown, Seattle physician, who opposes preventive measures against smallpox, addressed a meeting of several hundred persons here tonight. The audience was made up entirely of persons who oppose vaccination because of religious or other scruples. They have banner carriers parading the streets accusing opposition to the vaccination order.

Smallpox has taken a toll of one death in Tacoma in the last two years, and in every month of that period the city was suffering from a smallpox epidemic. If the state board of health ruling that five or more cases constitute an epidemic is accepted literally, according to figures obtained from the city health department records today.

Cases Fewer This Year.

The records show that in November of last year there were 25 more cases of smallpox in Tacoma than there are today. A table showing the number of smallpox cases in Tacoma for the past year is as follows:

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ROBBERS LOCK UP GROCERS IN ICE BOX

HOLDUP MAN WAITS ON CUSTOMER AND SELLS BUTTER.

Highwaymen Get \$60 and Make Escape After Warning Woman Not to Give Alarm.

While one holdup man was looking A. Horn and his son, Ernest P. Horn, in the refrigerator in the rear room of their grocery store at 640 East Main street, his confederate rifled the cash register, politely greeted Mrs. M. T. Smedley, a customer, and sold her a two-pound roll of butter.

The two thieves escaped in an automobile with cash amounting to about \$60, and the police are confident they are the same men who held up and robbed F. M. Maus of \$20 in his drug store at 324 Sixth street on Tuesday night at about the same time.

Only three persons were in the Horn grocery when the two hold-up men entered. They were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Horn and Ernest P. Horn. Both of the thieves drew revolvers and forced the three into the rear room, where one man ordered them into a large refrigerator and the other turned his attention to the cash register. Only the two Horn men could get inside the refrigerator and Mrs. Horn was allowed to remain outside. The man holding her at bay with a gun took a bank book, a check book and a bunch of keys from her apron pocket.

It was at this juncture that Mrs. Smedley entered the store and mistook the robbers at the cash register for a friend of the Horns. She asked for a two-pound roll of butter and the man handed it to her, taking her money. Mrs. Smedley then left the store and did not know it was being robbed until the police went to question her about the description of the robbers.

As soon as she was outside the robbers backed out of the store, warning Mrs. Horn not to make any noise. When they were gone Mrs. Horn released her husband and son from the icebox and the police were immediately informed. Although motorcycle officers and detectives scoured the vicinity for an hour they could find no trace of the pair.

Mrs. Smedley said the men were between the ages of 20 and 25 years, both about the same height and weight. They were about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed about 145 pounds. Both wore overalls, army shirts, short dark coats, slouch hats and one carried a heavy automatic pistol. The other used a small nicked revolver. This description tallies closely with that of the pair who robbed F. M. Maus the previous night.

Robbers just as impudent and calm also broke into the house of E. F. Platt, 534 Clifton place, early yesterday morning. It was reported last night. They jimmyed a side window and went first to the pantry, where they drank two quarts of milk, one and one-half pints of cream and ate some cold chicken that was in the ice box. Afterwards they stole a watch valued at \$150 and \$10 in money.

Farmers' Union Meets.

SWEET HOME, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—A farmers' union meeting was held Saturday at the Sweet Home high school building to transact business. The next meeting will be held March 25.

GRAND OPERA SINGER WANTS HUSBAND BACK

MADAME MATZENAUER ASKS CHAUFFEUR TO RETURN.

Appeal of Expectant Mother Has Little Effect, Because Spouse Declares He Is Through.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Margaret Matzenauer, grand opera singer, today appealed to her husband, Floyd Glotzbach, Del Monte chauffeur, to return to her at once because she was expecting to become a mother. Glotzbach separated from the diva some days ago because, he said, life in the circus grand opera stars occupy involved living "on skim milk and applause."

A San Francisco newspaper tomorrow will print a copy of the telegram in which the diva made her appeal. This message was sent to a friend of Glotzbach with the request that her plea and the information on which it was based be laid before the chauffeur husband.

Glotzbach brought an automobile load of tourists from Del Monte to San Francisco early tonight and with the air of a business-like professional chauffeur, began to look around for passengers for the return trip to the beach resort.

He would make no direct comment on his wife's telegram.

Told of a statement attributed to his father-in-law to the effect that Glotzbach had not left of his own accord, the grand opera star's husband said: "Let them talk. 'When I said I was through and back here to stay, I told my story. 'The letters and the telegrams certainly knock that story about being kicked out into a cocked hat. I haven't had any quarrel with anyone. 'Why all the fuss, if I'd rather drive a motor for wages than to play Faust to Marguerite with the old man, Mephisto, lurking in the background? Hasn't a man a right to earn his own living? I wasn't built for a caddy. I'm too healthy to loaf around the lobby of a theater.'"

JOPLIN, Mo., March 15.—Shown a dispatch from San Francisco in which Floyd Glotzbach, her husband, is quoted as saying he sticks to his original statement, that he was "through with the limelight," Grand opera singer, Margaret Matzenauer, grand opera star, tonight still maintained an attitude of regarding the situation as a "joke."

She was much less talkative than last night, however, when she talked freely with newspaper men.

Referring to the late dispatch from San Francisco, Madame Matzenauer said the interview "resembles a fanciful creation of a reporter."

"The language is not my husband's," she stated.

She was reminded that even if the language was not that used by Glotzbach, the fact remained that he was back on his old job of driving a sight-seeing motorcar.

"Well, what of that," she countered. "If he wants to drive someone else's car that's his business and I haven't the slightest objection."

"No," she replied, when asked if a divorce had been suggested.

She sent a long telegram to her lawyer in New York telling of her interview and asking his advice. She refused to divulge what her lawyer advised.

Madame Matzenauer left tonight for (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

GIRL IS DECLARED INCENDIARY GHOST

Spirit-Hunter Traces Fires to Lass.

ACTS DONE IN DREAM STATE

Discarnate Intelligence May Have Directed Arson.

SLAPS ARE DISCOUNTED

One of Witnesses Said to Have Been Particularly Susceptible to Strange Influences.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mary Ellen MacDonald, four-year daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacDonald, the ghost of Antigoniash, Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, scientific ghost hunter, declared in a report on his investigation of the "haunted" MacDonald home at Caledonia Mills, made public tonight.

At least Mary Ellen set the mysterious fires which were among the chief of the ghostly manifestations, Dr. Prince said. He held that she was not "morally culpable," however, as she was in an "altered state of consciousness" and did not realize what she was doing.

"There is the possibility, supported by a body of evidence," the report said, "that the altered state was brought about by a discarnate intelligence, whereas the external facts seem certain."

Dr. Prince indicated that the branding of the cows' tails and the shifting of farm stock also probably was a result of Mary Ellen's altered state of "consciousness."

The slaps that Harold Whidden, Halifax Herald reporter, and P. C. Carroll, detective, claim to have suffered from a ghostly hand, after the MacDonalds had been frightened out of their homes, were not traced to Mary Ellen's hand.

Their experiences, said the report, "were probably of a supernatural character, which does not necessarily imply that the supernatural cause was spiritual in nature. It may have been a psycho-physiological cause which is perfectly natural, though imperfectly normal."

In other words, Dr. Prince implied, Whidden and Carroll might have slapped each other—or might merely have thought they were slapped.

Dr. Prince's summary of his report follows: "My visit of six nights and five days at the house, in the vicinity of Antigoniash, N. S., which has attracted so much attention, ended Monday morning. It is difficult to condense a report of some 7000 words into a much briefer statement, and only the salient points can be mentioned.

"Apart from the statements of Signor Marconi and other experts, I have proved that the wireless waves theory cannot be true unless the waves are endowed with intelligence to know just when people are in the house, with a diatleke for the upper part of the room walls, with a repugnance to having persons see them break into flames, and with ability to transport cushions from one room to another and the like.

"The fires were undoubtedly set by human hands, judging by the unmistakable signs left in the house.

Burns Are Not High.

"The burns are never found on the wallpaper higher than the reach of a person five feet tall, which is the height of the girl in the family. Over the bed which fills one end of a room they are never higher than such a person kneeling could reach, and in muddy or snowy weather one would not stand on the bed.

"Other slightly higher places on the woodwork were always set on fire by pieces of cloth, which could easily have been tossed. In a recess over a door where a fire occurred were found the fragments of a glove, undisturbed, and in the midst of them a match where it could not have been placed prior to the fire, nor have been placed there after its extinguishment.

"The fires avoided starting before witnesses, as there was no occult reason for doing, and avoided all parts of the dining room and parlor visible from the meeting place in the kitchen.

"Liquid found on beam.

"An odorless, inflammable liquid was found in a bottle on a beam which produced the described effects on wet paper. Other indices were found pointing to the same conclusion, namely, that a person five feet tall secretly performed the acts as opportunity offered.

"The various witnesses were undoubtedly honest in believing that the acts could not have been thus performed, but my acquaintance with the errors of observation and of memory on the part of intelligent persons dealing with a large number of details in a matter quite new to them has often demonstrated that such testimony may be vitally in error.

"But I am of the opinion that the girl was not mentally culpable. She is mentally exceedingly young for (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

MORE THAN 75,000 TO PAY INCOME TAX

TIME FOR FILING RETURNS ENDED AT MIDNIGHT.

Increase Over Number Who Made Out Statements Last Year Is Expected.

The income tax troubles of something more than 75,000 citizens of the state closed last night, at midnight, which was the final time upon which an income tax statement could be filed with the collector of internal revenue without penalty.

Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, estimated last night that the total of returns filed would be slightly in excess of the 75,000 filed last year. He said that the total tax represented would be in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000, compared with \$28,000,000 last year. The aggregate, he said, would be less this year owing to exemptions and lower salaries.

Approximately 10,000 tax returns were received at the office during yesterday by mail, and it was estimated that the total of receipts today of reports mailed yesterday would be even greater.

At the offices in the custom house there was not the rush yesterday and last night that was anticipated, although it was found necessary to keep open until about midnight to take care of belated ones who wished to file their returns. The number of those making returns yesterday at the office was much less than on either of the preceding two days.

HAT ABLAZE AT FUNERAL

Woman Candle-Bearer Sets Fire to Millinery; Panic Averted.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 15.—A woman's hat caught fire during the funeral services for Mrs. Victoria Cayce and her daughter Helen in the Sacred Heart church this morning. The accident occurred to Mrs. Mary Swiderski, one of the 150 candle-bearers.

Prompt action on the part of a man standing beside the candle-bearer prevented a panic among 1500 people in the church. He snatched the burning hat from the woman's head and stamped out the flames but not before her hair had caught fire. Mrs. Swiderski was carrying a two-foot candle.

CUSTOMER STEALS RINGS

Robber Requests Jewels, Draws Revolver, Leaves Calmly.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 15.—Three diamond rings, valued at \$850, were stolen this afternoon from a local jewelry store by a pseudo customer, who told the proprietor, P. Saffron, that he wanted to see the "best he had." When the three "best" rings were produced from the safe, the visitor reached down as if to pull a handkerchief from his pocket, but withdrew a revolver instead.

While crowds outside passed the store, the robber calmly tore the rings from the pasteboard cards, pocketed them, and walked out.

VIENNA BEAST RUNS WILD

Jackal, Suffering From Rabies, Attacks Pedestrians.

VIENNA, March 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—A full-grown jackal ran wild through the streets in the heart of Vienna last night, terrorizing the population. The beast pursued pedestrians, charging right and left and biting many persons.

Finally, it was killed. An examination revealed the fact that it had been suffering from rabies.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 46 degrees; minimum, 23 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain; southerly wind.

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\$6,000,000 ASKED FOR CITY SCHOOLS

Urgent Building Needs of Portland Outlined.

BONDS FOR \$3,000,000 PLAN

Tax Levy of \$1,000,000 for Next 3 Years Proposed.

BOARD TAKES NO ACTION

Special Meeting Called for Monday, When Committee Report Will Be Considered.

An outline of urgent building needs of Portland schools, estimated at \$6,000,000, and recommendation that this amount be raised by a bond issue of \$3,000,000 and a tax levy of \$1,000,000 at each of the next three school elections, was submitted to the school board last night by the committee on education, composed of Directors Frank A. Shull, chairman, and W. J. H. Clark.

The committee also recommended the discontinuance of swimming pools, orchestra, band work, two and three-year commercial courses, and adult instruction in schools at the expense of the district at the close of the school term in June. This would save the district a total of \$66,500 a year, according to the committee's report.

No Action Taken.

No action was taken on the report by the board last night, but the subject will be discussed fully and will be acted upon at a special meeting of the school board at 7:30 P. M. next Monday.

Immediate needs of the district, as outlined in the report, place building requirements of elementary schools at \$1,200,000, high schools at \$1,000,000, and equipment at \$400,000.

The report of Directors Shull and Clark presents full details of the district's actual needs in new buildings, additional rooms and improvements, replacements and equipment. No comment on the report was made by board members last night, but it is understood that the recommendations are fully approved and that a much greater amount of money for building purposes would be desirable, for the district is far behind in its building programme, they say.

Recommendations Are Explained.

The following is explanatory of the recommendations of the committee of education with respect to the most urgent building needs for the next year, as outlined in the report:

"Northeast high school (Roosevelt)—The congested condition of the present high schools and the use of numerous portables, also in consideration of the increase in number of high school students this fall, make it necessary to provide for another high school. The location recommended is in the neighborhood of the Fernwood school and adjoining some ten acres or more owned by the city for park purposes. This location happens to be one of the most desirable, for the district is not now supplied and, being adjacent to the city park, makes it necessary to buy no more than five acres instead of 10 or 15 if located at another point.

"Benson—While this school undoubtedly needs more than the usual \$1,000,000 which is herewith provided, it is felt that the addition recommended will be all that could be expected at this time.

"Franklin—This school, built for about 900 pupils, is now taking care of at least 200 more than was intended and an addition should undoubtedly be provided."

"Building Held Dangerous.