

HOME DEBTS HEAVIEST

MORTGAGES ARE MORE THAN THIRD OF VALUES.

Average Incumbrance Against Farm Homes in Washington State Placed at \$1381 Each.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—Farm property in the state of Washington less encumbered than home property, records compiled by J. S. McIntosh, commissioner of statistics and immigration in the secretary of state's office from the 1920 census returns show.

The mortgage debt on owned homes and farms in the state in 1920 was \$125,129,796, while the total value of the property bearing these encumbrances was \$70,350,231, making the debt equal 56.2 per cent of the total value. These figures do not include rented homes, tenant farms or farms partly owned and partly rented.

The total number of homes other than farm homes was 272,028, of which 156,238, or 49.9 per cent, were owned by the occupants. Of the latter number 43, or 3.3 per cent, were mortgaged. The average value of each home was \$242, and the average amount of the mortgage debt per home was \$121. The total mortgage debt on homes not on farms was \$74,092,845. The total value of mortgaged homes was \$133,473,023, making the ratio of mortgaged debt to value 44 per cent.

The total value of 13,505 owned farms in the state in 1920 was \$292,823,238 and the total mortgage debt on such farms was \$61,120,551, making the ratio of farm debt to value 20.3 per cent. More than half of the homes in the state are occupied by their owners. The figures show, out of a total of 242,228 homes in the state in 1920, 151,513, or 45.3 per cent, were rented, while 181,322, or 54.7 per cent, were occupied by the owner.

SUIT FOR TAX IS FILED

Government Seeks \$6000 From C. L. Boss and E. W. A. Peake.

In a civil suit filed by the government and opening yesterday in federal court, with C. L. Boss and E. W. A. Peake as defendants, collection of \$6000 income tax is sought—an amount charged against the former automobile firm of Boss & Peake, which was dissolved four years ago. The original tax against the company was \$12,000, of which Boss paid one-half when the concern was discontinued. Contending that his former partner was liable for the entire amount, Boss steadfastly refused to pay the remaining \$6000. The present suit arises from the government's determination that one or both shall make the long delayed remittance. The case for the government is conducted by United States Attorney Humphreys.

CLUB FETES MEMBERS

Artists, Musicians, Dancers and Concert Singers Entertain.

The Cinema Art club, a social and professional organization, gave an informal entertainment for its members and friends at the Multnomah hotel last night. An interesting programme by well-known artists, musicians, dancers and concert singers was given. The Sleigh ballet dance, with 12 graceful young artists, was particularly attractive. The Yacht sisters, recently arrived from the east, did the team work in their various dance numbers. The features of the evening was "Fifteen Minutes in a Moving Picture Studio," mirthfully giving a glimpse of the making, showing of the directing and actual "shooting" of the various scenes. This number was put on by the president of the club, Hells de Valliere.

SCHOOL CONTRACT IS LET

Seattle Man Is to Build \$31,513 Structure at Rochester.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—C. F. Martin of Seattle won a contract Saturday for the erection of a new union high school at Rochester. His bid was \$31,513.13. Construction will begin at once and it is expected the new building will be ready for occupancy by the opening of a new school year in September. Bonds for the new school were voted recently at a special election held in the union district, which comprises Rochester, Grand Mound, Gate and adjoining districts. The building will be located in the Lissaluen grove, which also affords ground for a splendid athletic field. The school will be two stories in height, of brick construction, and will accommodate 300 pupils. It will contain an auditorium and gymnasium.

BANQUET IS ARRANGED

Publishers and Job Printers to Meet in Olympia June 17.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—A meeting of publishers and job printers of Lewis and Pacific counties was held in Centralia Saturday, at which arrangements were made for a southwest Washington meeting in Olympia on June 17. A banquet will be a feature of the programme. All members of the printing industry in the district will be invited to attend.

M. E. Meloy, publisher of the Winlock News, is chairman of the Lewis-Pacific county group. T. P. Horn is secretary. It was reported at Saturday's meeting that G. E. Parks, who recently suspended publication of the Lewis county independent at Napevina, is preparing to establish a paper in Tenino.

PORTLAND DANCER FINED

F. L. Delashmitt Pays \$60 for His Share in Cascade Locks Party.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—F. L. Delashmitt, 21, Portland sawmill worker, arrested at Cascade Locks Saturday night on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor, was fined \$50 and assessed 10 cents today by Justice of the Peace Othank. Delashmitt stated that his widowed mother and four school children were dependent on himself and a younger brother. Delashmitt had not been drinking, but, according to officers, had accompanied a rowdy party from Portland to a Cascade Locks dance. Authorities declare that a public hall at Cascade Locks will have to eliminate carousals or the county court will be asked to revoke the license.

FIREMEN HIT FOUR AUTOS

Cars Are Damaged and Driver of Towed Machine Held to Blame.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—In answering an alarm at 11

o'clock Saturday night to the Club cafe, where about \$5 damage was done by a smoldering fire under the range, two pieces of fire-fighting apparatus damaged four automobiles in a series of collisions, all being caused, police allege, by Jim W. Thorp, who is in the city, child charged with driving while intoxicated. It is estimated the damage to machines will approximate \$1500.

Emil Jones, driving a "for-hire" car, was towing Thorp and a companion in another car. They had arrived in front of the police headquarters on J street when Jones, hearing the fire siren, drew to the curbing. Witnesses say Thorp steered his still moving machine into the center of the street. Three blocks ahead of him on the paved street came the combination chemical and ladder truck, while behind it was the hose cart. Jones' car was damaged and knocked against two others, while Thorp's car was wrecked by the fire engines.

CLOTHES TO BE TICKETS

CHILDREN TO SEE SHOW IF THEY MAKE GIFTS TO POOR.

Liberty Theater Arranges Novel System to Assist in Collection of Needed Garments.

"Something for something" will be the order of the day at the Liberty theater next Saturday morning, when all school children of the city will be admitted free to the showhouse on condition that they furnish a package of old clothing or household articles for the poor.

This novel admission system has been arranged by the public welfare board, and the articles collected at the door of the theater will be used in the bureau's work in alleviating distress among the poor families of the city. In addition, a novel contest, with a suit of the famous Jackie Coogan stage garments as the prize, will be staged in connection with the show. To the youngster who presents himself in the best Coogan make-up, the outfit, sent direct from the studio by Jackie Coogan, will be awarded. Four other prizes, art panel portraits, personally lithographed by the star and handsomely framed, will be awarded to the other pseudo Jackies. Jackie Coogan's latest photoplay, "Trouble," will be the offering at the children's show. The doors of the theater will be open at 9 A. M. Special arrangements have been made for carting away the juveniles' donations. The welfare bureau is desirous of securing plain, serviceable, cast-off clothing and shoes in particular. Household goods, cooking utensils, in fact anything that would be of service to a poor family, will be accepted as the price of admission. In connection with the prizes for the best Coogan make-up, Manager Noble of the Liberty theater announces that the type to be followed in the make-up used by little Jackie in "The Kid," "My Boy" and his latest work, "Trouble," which will be next week's bill at the Liberty.

PASTORS ARE ASSIGNED

Places Announced at Inland Empire District Conference.

YAKIMA, Wash., May 22.—Assignments to churches of the Inland Empire district conference of the Church of the Nazarene for the ensuing year were announced last night as follows: Washington—Duffax, H. L. Tom; Chelan, Miss Lottie Kohenberg; Cheney, Ora Ogle; Dayton, D. L. Simons; Dixie, W. H. Huntington; Garfield, N. E. Franklin; Goldendale, L. W. Goss; Spokane, First, W. W. Hess; Lincoln Heights (Spokane), C. U. Fowler; Union Grove, John W. Croft; Walla Walla, L. E. Burger; Yakima, J. H. Hepburn; Grandview, John Anglin.

Idaho—Moscow, August W. Nilson; Onaway, William M. Irwin; Princeton, C. R. Langdon; Troy, Edward W. Miller; St. Martin, W. W. Anglin.

Oregon—Condon, Albert Beiner; Pendleton, Harold E. Churchill. The conference closed tonight.

Union High School Voted.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—At a special election Saturday in the Tenino-Skoookmuck, Cattail and Stony Point school districts it was voted to organize a union high school district, with Tenino as the center. The proposal carried in each of the four districts, the vote being: Tenino, 89 to 2; Skoookmuck, 12 to 2; Stony Point, 14 to 7; Cattail, 13 to 2. Other districts are expected to join the union later.

Oil Syndicate Head on Trial.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 22.—Alleged to have sold 35,000 shares of worthless stock at \$1 a share, Eldon J. Edwards, president of the 300-member National Oil syndicate, was placed on trial before Superior Judge Everett Smith here today charged with grand larceny. Edwards is alleged to have sold his alleged unlawful representation of the syndicate's stock, according to Deputy Prosecutor Bartling, who represented the state's case to the jury.

Pendleton Artisans to Be Host.

PENDLETON, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—United Artisans of this city will be hosts tomorrow to all Artisans of eastern Oregon. A delegation of 150 will be here from The Dalles and big delegations are scheduled from Walla Walla, Wash., Mosier, Hood River, Milton, Weston, Pilot Rock, Ukiah and other points. The entire work for a large class of candidates will be done by the degree staff of The Dalles assembly.

Centralia Man Found Dead.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—Tom Weyer, 60, was found dead in bed yesterday afternoon in a local hotel, where he had been staying for the last two years. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death. Weyer, before retiring Saturday night, complained of a pain in his side.

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EXCURSION RATES LOW REDUCED FARES INTENDED TO PUT AUTO OUT OF BUSINESS. Companies Declare Railroad Can Be Used Even More Cheaply Than One's Own Car. To stimulate travel by rail between Portland and Western Oregon points both the Southern Pacific company and the Oregon Electric have announced exceptionally low round-trip summer excursion fares. The Southern Pacific has announced reductions in 15-day limit round-trip fares that bring tickets down to practically a 2-cents-a-mile basis. The rates of both companies will be in effect between May 23 and September 30. "All of the new fares are very substantial reductions from those now in effect and the week-end and round-trip fares are only slightly higher than the fare one way," said W. D. Skinner, vice-president of the Oregon Electric, yesterday. "These reduced fares are being established during the summer season with a view of stimulating travel by rail and they are on such a low basis that it can no longer be said that there is any economy in using the commercial auto bus lines, and we hope to discourage the use of private automobiles. "On the basis of the new fares it will certainly be cheaper for the private car owner to travel by rail than even to drive his own machine. With frequent train service between Portland and points in the Willamette and Tualatin valleys, passengers by rail can suit their convenience as to time of movement, almost as closely as if driving their own cars."

Raymond to Hold Election. SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—A special election will be held in Raymond June 13 to decide on the reincorporation of considerable land now included in the city limits there. Part of the land includes the Elk creek road, which the county will improve, and the other includes the site of the proposed Raymond-Tokeland road which the county is planning to build. The county is restrained by law from improving the roads inside the city limits so the reincorporation must be resorted to. The first section of the Raymond-Tokeland road will be built by placing a bulkhead down the north bank of the Willapa river and filling in behind it with silt which the government dredge will bring up when it dredges the channel to Raymond.

School Contract Awarded. OLYMPIA, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—Contract for the erection of a new union high school building at Rochester was awarded yesterday to C. Foster Martin of Seattle for \$31,513.13. The building will be built on a new site in Lieuelien grove, where the annual southwest Washington pioneer picnic has for many years been held. The grove affords a site for an athletic field. Plans for the school building call for a two-story brick structure with one-story wings at either end, one for gymnasium and the other for auditorium. The school will care for 300 pupils.

Forger Sentenced at The Dalles. THE DALLES, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—S. Julian Christian, confessed passer of worthless checks in The Dalles, Pendleton and Spokane, today was sentenced to 14 months in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Wilson. Christian, who pleaded guilty and also waived extradition, saved himself four months in the penitentiary by doing so. Judge Wilson said in passing sentence: "Had he fought the charges and cost the state several hundred dollars in the prosecution, the sentence would have been 18 months," the judge remarked.

Umatilla Graduates Two. UMATILLA, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—The Umatilla district Friday held its first high school commencement since it was organized in 1889. Ruby Powell and Lotys Davis were the graduates. William Hoppes, assistant city superintendent of the Salem schools, was the speaker of the evening. The school orchestra, directed by Mrs. Georgia Benjamin, furnished the music. The four-year high school was just organized two years ago by Harold Benjamin, superintendent. Mr. Benjamin is a graduate of the state university and an ex-service man.

Gunshot Wound Sustained. HOOD RIVER, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—Oscar Krieg, 23, native of Berlin, Germany, who received his final naturalization papers about a year ago, is recovering at the Cottage hospital from a serious gunshot wound the upper valley home of the couple the accident, and Mr. Krieg has declined to talk.

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