ONLY ONE-SIXTH OF TAXES ARE PAID IN

Collections to March 24 Are \$1,217,561, Being \$1,101,-725 Behind Last Year.

BLAME PUT ON NEW LAW

Masure Passed by Last Legislature Tones Down Penalty for Delinquency but It Was Not Generally Understood in 1915.

Tax collections for Multnomah County are \$1,101,725 short of just year's showing. Not one-sixth of the total assessment has been collected, though the first installment unpaid April 5 begin to accumulate interest at the rate of

to accumulate interest at the rate of 1 per cent a month.

Up to and including March 24, \$1,217,569.81 has been collected of the 1915
tax of \$7,881,937.32, according to figures compiled by E. S. Huckabee, head of the tax department under Sheriff Hurlburt. A year ago at the same date \$2,319,285.44 had been collected.

The receipts issued by the tax department this year total \$1,589 as compared to 39,529 hast year, but this signifies nothing, for in 1915 a receipt was given property owners for the whole of the real estate on which they paid taxes, while this year a receipt is given for each separate parcel of land on for each separate parcel of land on which the taxes are paid. This is be-cause of the new system of segrega-

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General financial conditions, weather and other things may have something to do with the falling off in payments, but the chief reason is the easy payment law passed by the last Legislature, according to Mr. Hunkabee.

Last year taxpayers were undecided up to a late date as to what effect the hew law would have, and, fearing heavy penalties, many paid their taxes in full at the first installment period. Under the old faw the entire tax fell due March 31, if the first installment had not been paid. Now the first half may still be paid after April 5 by the payment of interest at the rate of 1 per cent a month, or fraction thereof.

Formerly, taxes became delinquent august 31, and a penalty of 10 per cent of the whole was added September 1. Now, taxes do not become delinquent until October 6, and the penalty is only an addition of 5 per cent and does not go into effect until November 5. One per cent a month, or 12 per cent a year, is the rate of interest on all delinquent taxes. There is no rebate or discount allowed by the present law, for advance payment of either installment.

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An illustration which may aid taxpayers in comprehending the system in force, follows:

Assuming the tax on a certain parcel of property is \$100, the first half (\$50) may be paid on or before April 5, and the second half (\$50) on or before October 5, without interest or penalty on either amount. But it the first half is paid on any day from April 6 to May 5, both dates inclusive, there should be added an interest charge of 1 per cent (\$0.50); from May 6 to June 5, inclusive, 2 per cent (\$1); from June 6 to July 5, inclusive, 3 per cent (\$1.50); from July 6 to August 5, inclusive, 4 per cent (\$2); from August 6 to September 5, inclusive, 5 per cent (\$2.50); from September 6 to October 5, inclusive, 6 per cent (\$3).

If the entire tax of \$100 is paid on any day from October 6 to November 4, inclusive, the interest charges should be 7 per cent on the first half (\$3.50); and 1 per cent on the second half (\$0.50). If the entire amount is paid on November 5, the interest charges should be 7 per cent on the first half (\$3.50), and 1 per cent on the first half (\$3.50), and 1 per cent on the second

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If the chtire amount is paid on any day from November 5 to December 5, inclusive, the interest charges should be 8 per cent on the first half (\$1), plus a penalty of 5 per cent (\$5). Interest continues on all delinquent takes at the rate of 1 per cent for each month or part of a month, until payment or the issuance of a certificate of delinquency, A report gaining wide circulation this past week has been to the effect that there is a "joker" in the tax laws which permits a property owner to which permits a property owner to withhold payment of taxes until the first Monday in November and then pay the stipulated amount with an addition of only 3 per cont for the delay. The erigin of the rumer is in doubt, and the report is altogether erroneous, for there is no such provision in the law.

F. W. WRIGHT AND L. T. BARIN TO GO TO SAN DIEGO SCHOOL,

Acro Club Will Pay Expenses of Artillerymun and State Will Send Militin Airman.

Captain Frank W. Wright, command ing the Eighth company, Coast Artil-lery, stationed at Portland, and Louis T. Barin, now in charge of the aviation corps of the Oregon Naval Militia with the rank of chief mechanician, were selected yesterday by Adjutant General George A. White to go to San Diego and take a course in aviation at the Curtis school there. Fellowing the receipt of their orders yesterday, the two efficars will leave in a few

the two officers will leave in a few days for the South. The expenses of Captain Wright will be paid by the Aero Club of America, which made a proposal to the National Guard some time ago, offering to send one man from the state to the aviation school. Aviator Barin's tuition will be furnished by the Curtis Aeroplane

The two men were ordered to the school following a suggestion made by Governor Withycombs that the men be trained. The Naval Militia has an seroplane at the present time, but the National Guard organization has none. In this connection the Governor said that if the Guard had trained men who

GOVERNOR OF ALASKA, WHO ENCOURAGES TRADE WITH PORT-LAND ON BRIEF VISIT HERE.



Governor Strong Points Out Preparedness Necessity.

ADEQUATE DEFENSE IS NEED

With Only 250 Soldiers in Alaska, Territory, Which Has Unprotected Coast Line of 23,000 Miles, Is Shut Off From United States. -

Territory Is Isolated. "The territory, as you all know, is isolated—shut off from the rest of the country—and has no means of defending itself at all. We have only about 250 soldiers in Alaska. They are scattered around among five different detachments in five different parts of the affected parts cut out.

district. We have no coast defenses to.

any kind of Congressional action that will provide the country with better means of defense."

Governor Off for Arizona. Governor Strong visited a day in Portland on his way to Arizona, where he hopes to recuperate from a slight a fractured skull in a street elevator illness. He will go also to Washington to confer with President Wilson regarding territory questions. He has Nakazaw is at St. Vincent's Hospital. Governor Strong visited a day in

been a resident of Alaska for the last
19 years, and is well acquainted with
every part of the territory. He was
appointed by President Wilson three
Should Have Been Made at First

Carcasses Examined Number 1558 and Condemnation Is Heavy.

"Alaska is the original preparedness champion," proudly declared Governor John F. A. Strong, of Alaska, when he was here last week.

"Why, we have been contending for preparedness up there for the last quarter of a century," he continued, "white you folks down here seem just in the infancy of your realization of the importance of preparedness.

"Adequate military and naval defenses come home closer to us in the country. We have 23,000 miles of unprotected coast lines. Our harbors offer easy prey for an enemy feet.

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speak of.

"I imagine that Alaska would be a much-coveted goal for any country engaged in war with the United States. We have all kinds of resources therecoal, wood, agricultural supplies and livestock—the essentials of an army or a naval fleet.

"Our people are heartily in favor of any kind of Congressional action that

No Sign of Improvement Seen.

VETERINARY SURGEONS NAMED TO POSITIONS OF PORTLAND MEAT INSPECTORS.



Max W. Meyer

C.C. Wright

In this connection the Governor said that if the Guard had trained men who could handle flying machines the equipment would come later.

Captain Wright will probably remain at the school for six weeks, which is said to be the usual time required for training an aviator. Mr. Barin, however, who is an experienced aviator and has made numerous flights, will only remain sufficient time to obtain a pilot's certificate.

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Ashland Or., March 25.—(Special.)—A preaching mission is being conducted at Trinity Episcopal Church during the Lenten season. Services are being held from two to three times daily. Dean Griffin, of Eugene, is the missioner, assisting Rev. P. K. Hampond, the local rector.

Old-Fashioned Dance to Be at Cotillion Hall April 3.

NEW STEPS TO HAVE PART

Band, Hall and Refreshments Are Donated So That All Proceeds Will Be Turned Over to Highway Memorial Fund.

Good fun is in store for those who attend the old-fashioned dancing party that will be given to swell the Vista House funds at Cotillion Hall on April 3, it is promised by the committee having the affair in charge.

A number of novelties will be introduced that will be pleasant surprises. Vaudeville, refreshments and drinks, strictly within the law, are promised. There will be all forms of modern dancing introduced, as well as the old quadrilles and forms of the art dear to the hearts of those of the last generation.

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The Musicians' Union has indorsed the dance and an orchestra of 10 pleces has been donated. The use of Cotillion Hall was donated for the occasion by Montrose M. Ringler. Refreshments, etc., are given to the cause by leading business houses of the city, so that the proceeds will be entirely profit for the Vista House fund.

Tickets are on sale at Sherman, Clay & Co., Wiley B. Allen Company, E. H. Holt & Co. and the Hippedrome Theater. The committee is urging everyone in search of a good time to attend and in this way show their appreciation of the Oregon pioneers, in whose honor Vista House will be built

AMERICA IS CRITICISED

BRITON IN LETTER SAYS NAME SACRIFICED FOR RICHES.

suppointed by President Wilson three years ago.

While in Portland Governor Strong was visited by various business men who are eager to establish trade relations between Portland and Alaska, He was the guest of the Chamber of Commerce at an informal luncheon at the Chamber Thursday noon.

The Governor declared that the people of Alaska are eager to give Portland a share of their patronage if Portland will provide adequate transportation facilities.

He said that little or no trade development can be expected unless a boat line is established.

Should Have Been Made at Provide all the patronage in the United States may have gained financially from the war to but has been at the expense of its good name, calver on October 20.—E. A. King, a Portland capitalist, was a heavy backer of Taylor, and stands to lose \$50,000 in the venture, it is reported.

Camby Morgan, 508 Tillamook street. Mr. Rowles declares that the Americans have sacrificed their reputation as champions of the rights of humanity and expresses the belief that it will ack centuries to live it down. His letter says:

"There is hardly any question but that after the war is over the United to Attend.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Invited to Attend.

"There is hardly any question but that after the war is over the United States will be criticised most severely, not for what it has done but what it has distinctly falled to do. I do not mean by this that they should have come into the war, but at the oufset any nation, especially the United States, with the slightest spark of sense of righteousness, should have at least ventured to protest at the

SCHOOL CHILDREN APPEAR IN "LITTLE WOMEN."

Weather Braved by Audience of Little Folk Who Flock to Show at "Little Theater."

Evincing the popularity of "Little Women," Louisa M. Alcott's work, scores of youngsters braved the rain and attended yesterday afternoon's performance by the Kenton school children at the Little Theater. Children of the school appeared in every role except that of "Marmee," played by Miss Alice Randall.

Few children grow up without famil-

iarizing themselves with the theme of "Little Women," and liking its clear-cut youthful characters, human interest and homey atmosphere. The play is pretty one and the Kenton children did justice as a juvenile amateur cast, "Meg." "Jo." "Beth" and "Amy," sis-ters, are left alone with the maid. "Hannah," while their mother goes to attend their father in the hospital. The attend their father in the hospital. The girls appear in quaint costumes in keeping with atmosphere of the '60s. Their adventures and life is the story. "Meg." the oldest, is Miss Lorna Merrick; "Beth," the pining charitable and gentle younger sister, is Miss Catherine Sharkey. Tomboy "Jo," who is loved for her forgetfulness, waywardness and enthuslasm, is Miss Edna Wieprecht, and the baby of the family, "Amy," is Little Miss Ruth Olney, Laurie, the good-natured son of well-to-do "Grandpa Laurence," is Wesley Stoops. His father was played by Gifford Barnard, Hannah, the maid, was clever when played by Miss Blanch Meloy.

Interesting experiences and the death of "Beth" are the chief factors of the play, which ends with a suggestion of romance for all the other characters.

EMBEZZLEMENT TRIAL DUE

F. A. Taylor Faces Charge of Theft of \$1100 Tomorrow.

F. A. Taylor, charged with the embezzlement of \$1100 from the firm of F. A. Taylor & Co., interior decorators, of which he was manager and secretary-treasurer, will face trial in the court of Circuit Judge Morrow tomorrow. The trial is expected to continue for three days.

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tanford University, and Dr. Henry land Hatfield, dean of the University

Junior Moose to Entertain.

Rand Hatfield, dean of the University of California, who have been attending the inaugurations of the presidents of the University of Washington and Washington State College, stopped off on their way to California yesterday to visit Reed College, stopped off on their way to California yesterday to visit Reed College.

Mr. Hatfield delighted the students with his joily wit and let them into a few secrets of high educational circles. He revealed the fact that on their recent tour he and Dr. Wilbur had been mistaken for Mutt and Jeff. Mr. Hatfield is slightly more than five feet tall, while his companion is well above six feet.

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vice-commander. Scripture will be read by Rev. W. T. Kerr as chaplain.

Music will be under the direction man, Wolfe & Co., was filed in of J. S. Hamilton. Special scats will Circuit Court yesterday against A skating party will be given by Portland Lodge, No. 19, Junior Order of Moose, at the Oaks rink Friday night, March 31. Special music and refreshments will be features. Skating parties given by the Junior Moose have been popular affairs.

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Alleged Embezzler Arrested.

Sam Taylor, accused by the Oregon Auto Dispatch Company of embezzling 3400 while in the employ of the company last year, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Christofferson yesterday. He was a collector for the company.

Vited.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the services includes the following representatives of the Catcher of the Portland Pacific Coast League, Cincinnati and New York Nagnate.

John B. (Larry) McLean Now Magnate.

John B. (Larry)

Walrod, Reuben Wilson No. 38; J. Sedgwick, Gordon Granger No. 43; T. D. Pollock and William Jones, McKinley No. 45; H. S. Lillagar, Ben Butler No. 57, and R. H. Miller, General Compson No. 22.

VICE-CONSUL WILL LEAVE

John P. Trant Gets Better Post in Britain's Office at Boston.

Honoring the members of the Grand Vice-Consul here, is to leave shortly for a similar position at the office of

The eleventh complaint to be filed

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