RISES 5.7 PER CEN

Taxable Value of Property Set at \$928,605,570.36 by Commission.

COUNTY'S INCREASE SLIGHT

Umatilla Second, Marion Third in List-Complete Levy Expected Early This Week-Bridge

Bonds Puzzle,

SALEM, Or., Dec. 8 .- (Special.) -The total taxable value of all property in the state is \$928,605,570.36, according to figures completed by State Tax Com-missioner Galloway today. This is the

The total valuation of taxable property as assessed by County Assessors was \$807,898,242.53, and by the State Tax Commission was \$120,787,327.82. Multnomah County's assessment shows a total of \$305,952,846.22 for this year, hs compared to \$305,337,084.85, but a slight increase over last year, considering the magnitude of the assessment for that county.

Multnomah Pays 36 Per Cent. Umatilla is the second county in the state, showing a total valuation of

The State Tax Commission will now settle down to the completion of the tax levy for the ensuing year. This will probably be ready Monday or Tuesday, although it may be delayed.

PRESLEY COMEGYS PROMINENT IN EARLY HISTORY.

Retired Farmer Member of First Grand Jury-Donntion Claim Retnined Until Death.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)— Presley Comegys, who cast his first vote in Lane County in 1851 and who was the last to survive of the 16 men who served as the first grand jury im-pancied in Lane County, died at his home in Europa vertraday at the home in Eugene yesterday, at the age of \$7 years.

Mr. Comegys served at one time as

County Commissioner and took an ac-tive part in political affairs. He was a farmer and at the time of his death

was a member of the Oregon er Society, the Ancient Order of

Funeral services will be held to-

COUNTY AGENTS APPROVED

Governor Withycombe Deplores Attitude Displayed in Some Counties.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today expressed the opinion that no county should hesitate about employing a county agricul-tural agent. A protest has been filed with the County Court of Marion County against the employment of an agent, on the ground that his work is not of sufficient benefit to justify the

The Government, through its De partment of Agriculture," said the Gov-ernor, "is anxious that every county in the United States should have an agricultural agent. This state has a large number of counties employing such agents, but in some counties there is an antagonistic spirit against the employment of such an official. There is no question but that an agricultural agent can be a great aid to food pro-

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DEAD

Benjamin Franklin Adams Came to Oregon in 1874.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 8.— (Special.)—Benjamin Franklin (Doc) Adams died at the Cottage Grove Hos-

pital November 30 at the age of 75 years. The funeral was held Sunday. Rev. D. A. McLeod officiating. Services at the grave were in charge of Appomattox Post, G. A. R., of which he had long been a member.

Mr. Adams was born May 25 1843

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Mr. Adams was born May 25, 1843,
near Warrenburg, Mo. With his parents he moved to Kansas in 1854, locating where Lawrence now atands.
He served in the Civil War as a member of Company M, 11th Kansas Cavalry, serving during the last 18 months
of the war. He was wall known areas. of the war. He was well known among the old soldlers of the state. On July 4, 1867, we was married to Miss Elliza-beth Ham, who survives. He also leaves six children, O. A. Adams, E. F. Adams, Miss Stella Adams, L. E. Adams, E. C. Adams and H. C. Adams, ail of Cottage Grove.

Mr. Adams came to Oregon in 1874.
first settling near Halsey. For 31
years he had been a resident of Cot-

AND INDIGNATION.

Alleged Big Hotel to Be Conducted at Gates of Camp Lewis Appears to Be Figment of Unknown Origin.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 8 .- (Special.) missioner Galloway today. This is the final valuation and includes the assessment as made by the County Assessors and also the assessment of public service corporations and utilities as made by the State Tax Commission. Last year the total assessed valuation was year the total assessed valuation was year of \$49,841,625.65, or about 5.7 per cent.

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The report says Seattle business men Surprise and indignation were exons that are to be erected as part of the amusement zone.

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were invited to study the concession which will involve the construction of dance halfs and hotels and adds that the plan was worked out in co-opera-tion with Major-General H. A. Greene by a citizens' committee.

couver at its session next year.

The association voted first to hold next year's meeting at Goldendale, but after adjournment a committee of which the Goldendale Sheriff was a member met with Sheriff Blesecker, and requested that the place be transferred to Vancouver, as transportation facilities are much beautiful and the control of the first of the fi

APPROPRIATION IS SOUGHT

Horticultural Board Discusses Financial Matters With Governor.

a farmer and at the time of his death owned land near Springfield which he took up as a donation claim in 1851. He moved here 32 years ago.

Mr. Comegys' family was identified with the early life in the West. His grandfather, Felix Scott, a native of Virginia, settled in California in 1835, and crossed the mountains to Oregon the following year. He settled in Yamhill County and later removed to Lane County. He went East in 1859 and on his return trip in 1860 he and his men were attacked by the Indians.

Two children survive, Mrs. W. W. Withers, of Eugene, and Mrs. O. A. Campbell, of Camp Creek, Lane County. He was a member of the Oregon Ploneer Society, the Ancient Order of Camp of every line of food, and every line of food and eve

He was a member of the Oregon put forth every effort for greater pro-Pioneer Society, the Ancient Order of duction of every line of food, and every United Workmen and the Christian state department created for that purpose should be supplied with reason able funds for that purpose."

Canadian Army Thanked. BEHIND THE BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Dec. 1.—The Canadian Army has just received the thanks of the French Government for its work in caring for the 43 French cemeteries within its jurisdiction. The Canadians have opened six new cemeteries for the French within their zone and have interred therein the bodies of 2500



Horticultural Society to Fight for Rights in Legislature and in Oregon Press.

PUBLICITY AGENT NAMED

Annual Meeting of Organization Adjourned at Salem Last Night Following Best Sessions in

Salem, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Al-hough the thirty-second annual meet-ng of the Oregon Ctate Horrigality ing of the Oregon Ctate Horticultural Society passed into history today, un-questionably the session will live long in the spirit which it has breathed into

History of Society.

which it gathered at this convention. Enthustiasm marked the sessions, and there is grim determination among the members to make the wants of the or-ganization felt through legislative circles and through public epinion. Papers Are Interested

One report is that Olympia men had launched the plan.

Miss Gertrude Griffith, special field worker of the National war work council of the Y. W. C. A., when asked what plans the association had made for such a work, said that it had not been brought up before the women at any time.

Papers Are Interested

All papers read during the convention were declared exceptionally good by the fruit men. The relating hundreds of incidents of practical experience with fruit problems and the offering of individual solutions by experienced growers will mean a vast ownward stride in the development of time. perfect orchards during the years to Sunday Set as Soldiers' Letter Day

ownward stride in the development of perfect orchards during the years to fine. Northwest war work council of the Y. W. C. A. last night denied that the Y. W. C. A. last nigh

sults obtained from them, by Lloyd T. Reynolds, of Salem. F. M. Brown, county agriculturist for Marien County,

ferred to Vancouver, as transportation facilities are much better.

The convention probably will be held in June.

The Washington State Sheriffs' Association was organized in 1905 and is now considered the strongest organization of its kind in the United States. The association denounced mob rule, or mob violence, by either labor or capital; urged that all labor troubles be adjusted by a state labor commission and that all diseased persons brought before the officers of the state be interned or quarantined until cured.

One outstanding feature noticeable at this session of the society was the interest expressed among the members in the possibilities opening up through the development of evaporating industries. That these industries hold great promise for the development of horticulture in Oregon and are a signal for greater and better things in the future seemed to be the concensus of opinion among the fruit men.

Another indication that the lifeblood of the society is not flowing sluggishly is evinced in the selection of Colonel Henry E. Dosch, of McMinnville, as publicity agent for the society.

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Exemption of Teachers Sought. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 8 .- (Special.) -Oregon school authorities are making in effort to have high school teachers

the close of the school year, according to a statement made by Superintendent of Schools W. R. Rutherford, of Eugene, of schools w. R. Ruthertord, of Eugene, who sent a telegram to Senator Chamberlain today urging their exemption. Mr. Rutherford sald similar messages would be sent to Washington by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill and other prominent Oregon educators.

WATER RIGHT ADJUDICATED

Tillamook Man Given Extension of Time to Comply With Permit.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 8 .- (Special.) -The State Water Board today rendered a decree in the adjudication of water rights on Silvies River, in Grant and Harney counties. The decree involves water rights for about 67,000 acres of land and covers about 275 claimants.

The case was taken to the United States Supreme Court by the Pacific Livestock Company to test the consti-tutionality of the Oregon water code. The validity of the code was upheld by that court, and it came back to the water board for adjudication of rights. The board also granted an extension of one year to H. Schollmeler to allow him to complete improvements under a

STAYTON'S SONS IN MIND Patriotic Women Raise \$120 to Buy Christmas Presents.

STAYTON, Or., Dec. 8 .- (Special.)one hundred and twenty dollars has been raised by the women of this town for Christmas boxes for soldier boya. This fund is the result of a benefit dance just given. The next patriotic item on the programme is a bazaar for which arrangements are under way

Stayton has met every demand made ve upon it by the war to date and expects to continue in the front rank. One of the show features in town is a flagpole. 100 feet high, upon which Old of Glory floats 24 hours every day and at night it is illuminated by lights of 5000 candlepower.

FIREMEN FURNISH STAMPS

Allen Enemies to Stay at Work.

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SALEM, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—In stating yesterday that he would issue pardons to four lumbermen of Klamath County, serving sentences after pleading guilty to transporting liquor from California into Oregon, Governor Withycombe made it plain that the pardons would run only insofar as they eferred to partially unserved terms of Fines of \$200 each, assessed against the men, and the cost of their trials still stand and will be paid by them.

Better Quarters Proposed.

ville, as publicity agent for the society. This is an innovation for the fruit men. Its object is not only to keep fruit men alive to the fact that the state society holds meetings of immensurable value, but to keep the public informed on the importance of horticulture to the state at large.

Hepe was expressed that by a campaign of publicity which will be waged by Colonel Dosch, in conjunction with C. D Minton, of Portland, secretary of the organization, that the meeting of the society at Roseburg next year will be the largest and best in its history.

BANKS, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—A new Postoffice building has been promised Banks in the near future. It is expected that the office will be removed to the building now occupied by the Red 'Cross until the new building is ready for occupancy. Postmaster Vanderveiden sold about \$600 worth of war saving stamps on the first day of the sale.

Punishment of Pro-Germans Asked.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—City Recorder R. S. Bryson, Attorney BANKS, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—A ew Postoffice building has been prom-

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)— City Recorder R. S. Bryson, Attorney Jerome Workman and A. W. McLaughlin, of Eugene, acting as a Lane County committee for the American Defense Society, today outlined plans for county-wide circulation next week of peti-

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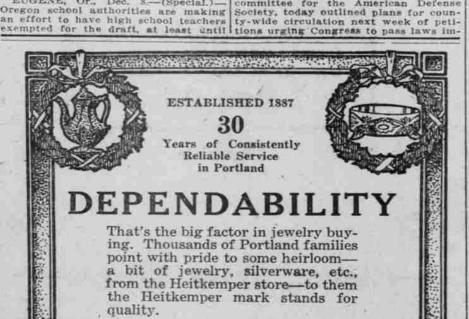
posing punishment upon all persons re-sponsible for pro-German activities or for the publication or utterance of dis-loyal statements. Petitions will be cir-culated in every section of Lane County.

interest was manifested. Talent was furnished by the Ellison-White Company. After paying all expenses there

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