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### POLL TAX IS BOOSTED

MAJOR GILL SAYS NEW LAW ONE OF BEST IN STATE.

Procedure of Industrial Insurance Commission in Collecting Impost Is Outlined.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Major Gill Friday gave out an interview concerning the work of the industrial insurance commission in relation to its part in the collection of the state poll tax. He said:

"The poll-tax law requires that the industrial insurance commission shall furnish to the county treasurers a list of employers under the industrial insurance act in their respective counties. Although we are now in the process of consolidating the industrial insurance, medical aid and safety work, we have already begun compiling this list and the same will be furnished to the county treasurers just as rapidly as possible, and we fully expect to have a complete list in the hands of every county treasurer by not later than April 9; in fact, we hope to accomplish it several days earlier than that."

"I would like to also say in connection with this work that I am confident the people of the state of Washington will partly endorse the poll tax law after they are once familiar with its benefits. About the time of the annexation of the legislature of the old republic of Hawaii enacted a poll-tax law which was almost identical with the new poll-tax law of this state, and during the more than three years that I resided in the islands, the poll tax had gained such popularity that the people would not have considered any suggestion of a repeal. The thousands of Portuguese, Japanese, Filipinos and others who had come to the islands to work on the plantations made no other contribution than the poll tax. I think the same thing applies in this state and I consider the poll-tax law one of the best statutes ever enacted by the Washington legislature."

### SKY GLASS TRACED BACK

Use of Telescope in 13th Century Attributed to Roger Bacon.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Discovery of ciphered manuscripts, crudely illustrated, which were declared to prove that Roger Bacon, laboring in the dark age of the 13th century, used a high-powered microscope and telescope, instruments generally attributed to 17th century inventors, was made known Friday by Dr. Wilfred M. Voynich, noted bibliographer. The drawings reveal, he said, that Bacon observed celestial and anatomical objects never before known to have been viewed by human eyes and first known to science 400 years later.

### FARM HELP IS PLENTIFUL

Wages Considerably Below Averages of Year Ago.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—Farm labor is relatively plentiful this year, as shown by reports to the department of agriculture. This situation, it was declared, contrasts with a year ago, when the labor supply was far below the demand.

Wages this year, according to the reports, show a reduction. Illinois, Michigan and Indiana reported farm hands plentiful, although wages were higher than farmers are willing to pay.

New England reported the farm labor supply more plentiful and wages lower, ranging from around \$10 to \$12 a month for single men, with board. The demand for hands in Washington state was said to be limited

### WATER WILL BE PIPED

Irrigating System in Hood River Valley to Be Improved.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—E. E. Newell, who has returned from the Yakima valley, Washington, where he spent several weeks studying irrigation systems, will begin at once supervision of placing the Heights irrigating system of the Farmers' Irrigating company in low-pressure concrete pipes of 16 inches in diameter. A total of 2900 feet of pipe will be laid.

The cost of the work will reach about \$2000. Fifty Heights residents use the company's water for irrigation. Mr. Newell said the Yakima valley has the largest and most efficient irrigating systems to be found in the northwest.

### JOHNSON HAS THREE BILLS

Lightship at Entrance of Grays Harbor to Be Asked.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Representative Johnson has announced that he has prepared for introduction at the special session of congress bills as follows: Authorizing establishment of a lightship to mark the entrance of Grays harbor at a cost of \$500,000. To provide a preliminary survey of the Cowlitz river, with a view to control of floods. Providing for investigation and sale of timber on the Fort Canby military reservation.

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### OSBORNE APPEAL HEARD

ALIENATION SUIT ARGUED IN SUPREME COURT.

Wife of 80-Year-Old Seattle Evangelist Seeks Property—Other Woman Is Fighting Case.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—The appeal of the sensational alienation suit started in Seattle some time ago by Mrs. Ida M. Osborne, 80-year-old Seattle woman, against Mrs. Adelaide Boyer, Kansas City, Mo., was argued in the supreme court here Friday.

Mr. Osborne, an 80-year-old evangelist of Seattle, converted Mrs. Adelaide Boyer of Kansas City. Evidently Mrs. Osborne felt that her husband had also converted Mrs. Boyer to accept his affections, for she filed suit.

This suit was dropped when Mr. Osborne returned to his home in Seattle. Later Mrs. Boyer came to Seattle and lived with the Osborne's. Mrs. Osborne alleged that the next thing she knew all her property was under Mrs. Boyer's name, and so, she, Mrs. Osborne, instituted suit to al-

tack and recover the property, under Mrs. Boyer's name, as damages for the alienation of affections. The lower court allowed Mrs. Osborne to recover the property and Mrs. Boyer appealed.

### HOSPITAL COST COMPUTED

County Urged to Maintain Elma, Wash., Institution.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—That the county anti-tubercular hospital near Elma be furnished and that it be operated at county expense for the remainder of 1921 and for all of 1922, but that no immediate improvements or extensions to the present building and equipment be made, are the principal recommendations in a report on the cost of the hospital project thus far submitted yesterday to the Aberdeen chamber of commerce by a special investigation committee.

There has been spent on the sanitarium to date \$17,566.88, the committee reports. An additional \$10,000 will be needed to furnish the hospital for immediate use, it is believed. Operating expenses are estimated at \$2300 a month.

Dr. Carey, under contract to manage the hospital until the end of 1922, is reported to have agreed to the appointment of a board of control by the county commissioners to include at least one physician.

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Overture—"The Barber of Seville".....G. Rossini

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Selection—Gloriana.....R. Frym