WILLAMETTE FUND REACHES $930,000

Students of University Are Boosting Endowment.

DRIVE NEARING ITS END

Portland Passes $180,000 Mark and Salem $130,000, While Campaign Is Intensified.

There are no more enthusiastic boosters for old Willamette university than the student body and of those classed under that proud name; none are more active in the present forward movement campaign to obtain $1,250,000 as an endowment fund than those from Portland.

Up to last night about $930,000 had been subscribed, as far as reports were made public, and by tomorrow noon, when the committee meets at the Seward grill for luncheon, it is expected that $1,000,000 will have been pledged throughout the state. Portland has passed the $180,000 mark and Salem the $130,000 mark.

Portland Students Active.

Among the enthusiastic boosters for the university are those from Portland, whose names are as follows: Olive Abrahamson, George H. Atkinson, Helen M. Batholomew, Esther Bauman, Lowell H. Beckendorf, Margaret J. Bodine, Mrs. C. O. Branson, Marjorie Brown, George E. Clark, Ila G. Comstock, Warren H. Day, Evely DeMoss, Rachael E. Deyo, Marguerite Dutcher, Michael T. Edwards, William Harold Fearing, Harold L. Garver, Kenneth M. Graham, Ruth E. Hewitt, Helen R. Hoover, Grace M. Jasper, Donald Lockwood, Elizabeth McClure, Margaret McDaniel, Verna McKeehan, Mabel L. Maddox, Lila Marcy, Mildred E. Marcy, Zelda M. Mulkey, Eugenie D. Myers, H. Elaine Oberg, Clarence E. Oliver, Dorothy V. Owen, Sadie E. Pratt, Carol E. Rahskopf, Eliose Reed, James W. Reed, A. Deloss Robertson, C. Paul Sandifur, Caroline Stober, Winnifred Tebben, Genevieve G. Thompson, Lloyd E. Thompson, Jack E. Vinson, Willis D. Vinson, Walter B. Watkins, Alice B. Wells, Mary S. Wells, Adelia White, Masa N. Yamashit and Ethelyn Yerex.

The campaign today will enter what Bishop Shepard and his coworkers, including Dr. W. W. Youngson, superintendent of Portland district; Dr. John Andrew Arnett, staff representative of the board of education; Dr. A. L. Howarth, director of the city-wide drive in Portland, and the ministers and laymen of the conference believe to be the critical period of the forward movement. The entire $1,250,000 must be pledged by December 20, else the whole amount subscribed automatically is released.

At yesterday's luncheon meeting in the Seward grill Bishop Shepard and Dr. Howarth expressed confidence that the total needed will be in hand by the date fixed. Reports had come in, they said, from all over the state indicating excellent progress. Instructions were issued, for every minister and layman to plan his canvassing so as to make the most of his time during this week and what remains of next, so that the quota may be put over and the endowment be pledged in its entirety.

Bishop Shepard Encouraged.

"We have many excellent friends everywhere and they are doing wonderful work," said Bishop Shepard, who told of the work of a solicitor for the fund now working in the eastern Washington section.

"He reports not one student of Willamette that he has seen has declined to make a subscription," said the bishop, amid applause. "The feeling toward the university everywhere is friendly and we believe success is ours, but we all must work hard for it. Keep up the spirit and we are sure to win."

E. C. Bronaugh, ex-circuit judge, a graduate of the old College of the Pacific at San Diego, spoke briefly, emphasizing the great value of Christian education. "I do not for a moment discount the work of our magnificent state institutions," he said, "but I do unqualifiedly indorse the work of such institutions as your old Willamette, which has done so much to build up the state and the northwest. I wish you success."

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY'S FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR $1,250,000 ENDOWMENT FOR NEEDED EXTENSIONS AND EQUIPMENT HAS HEARTY SUPPORT OF STUDENTS.

Members of enthusiastic group here shown are all from Portland and are doing their utmost to help put over the objective, many of them denying themselves in order to put in "their bit" to help the school.

BINGHAM PLAN NOW LAW

Idea of Including Wife in Naturalization Is Adopted.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The pioneering of Judge Bingham of the Marion county circuit court, in compelling the wife of a prospective citizen to appear in court and be interrogated, resulted in congress passing a law changing radically the status of a woman in regard to citizenship and naturalization. This was announced here today by friends of the Marion county jurist.

Judge Bingham was the first judge on record, it was said, who took the stand that the woman was of as much importance in the granting of naturalization papers as the man.

As long as six years ago Judge Bingham, while holding court here, ruled that each applicant for naturalization should appear with his wife, and that she also should show her fitness to become an American citizen.

General approval of Judge Bingham's ruling was given by other judges, and within a short time a large number of the courts had adopted the practice.

ELKS PLAN TO REBUILD

Oregon City Committee Named to Arrange for Structure.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the Elks' lodge at the Masonic temple Friday night Exalted Ruler Gardner appointed a committee to arrange for erecting a building to take place of that destroyed by fire.

The committee held a preliminary meeting following the regular session and plans were outlined for the erection of a fireproof structure.

The committee is composed of H. C. Stevens, chairman; E. A. Chapman, Henry Jennings, J. J. Tobin, G. K. Hedges, T. P. Randall, W. H. Howell, Milton Nobel, Ben Beard.

Contralto to Sing for Radio.

Frances Zimmerman, child contralto, was one of the features of the "children's" programme broadcast from station KFEC yesterday morning. She sang three numbers pleasingly and was well received by the radio audience.

ROAD SESSION NOW SET

BIDS ON HIGHWAY WORK TO BE OPENED.

What Probably Will Be Last Meeting of Present Commission Set for Wednesday.

Bids for road work will be opened by the state highway commission Wednesday. In addition to awarding contracts, the commission will select projects for advertising at the January meeting, which will probably be the last meeting of the present commission. John B. Yeon is expected to discuss his resignation with his colleagues this week. Mr. Yeon's resignation will be ready by the time there is a change in governors. W. B. Barratt has sent his resignation to take effect December 31.

Political gossip says that William Pollman, of Baker, does not want to be on the commission, but that E. D. Aldrich, of Pendleton, is in a receptive mood. The only name mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Yeon is H. B. Van Duzer, lumberman. Mr. Yeon's successor must come from Portland; Mr. Barratt's successor must be a resident of east of the Cascades, and R. A. Booth's successor must come from western Oregon.

Democrats who have discussed patronage with Governor-elect Pierce quote him as saying that he does not contemplate making any appointments of any kind until after the legislature adjourns, unless there is an absolute necessity.

BOYCOTT IS CONSIDERED

Stage Owners May Refuse to Use Newly-Ordered Terminal.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—A boycott against Vancouver may be declared by some of the stage operators here as a result of the new terminal law. N. Kern, one of the owners of the Yacolt stage line, has indicated that his stages and those owned by other operators would make Portland or some other town their terminal point and stop here only to pick up street passengers. This is their only alternative to patronizing the terminal, which was ordered established by the city council last Monday.

The stage men would not have opposed the ordinance had they been consulted about some of its provisions and had some of the objectionable features been eliminated, Kern declared.

ELLIS ISLAND DEFENDED

Press Reports of Protest in English Commons Answered.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Press reports of a protest in the British house of commons by Roland C. McNeill, under secretary for foreign affairs, against the treatment of English immigrants at Ellis island, drew a reply in the house from Representative Cable, republican, Ohio, who asserted "it would be well for Mr. McNeill to study the English immigration policy."

Ellis island is ideal in its arrangements and methods of caring for immigrants, he asserted, adding that their admission should be solved "for the benefit of America and not for Europe."

FAIRBANKS' PLEA DENIED

Court Holds Producers May Revamp Old Pictures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The plea of Douglas Fairbanks to restrain Hyman Winik and others from revamping films in which Fairbanks appeared several years ago was denied by Supreme Court Justice Wagner yesterday. The court held that Fairbanks was but an employe of the company that made the films and that the producers had a right to make changes in a commodity they had hired him to help produce.

The decision may affect old films of a number of other motion picture actors and actresses who have become stars since the older pictures were made.

Benton County Clerk Named.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Harry B. Auld today was appointed county clerk of Benton county to fill the unexpired term of Fred McHenry. Mr. McHenry was elected district attorney at the recent election and takes up his new duties January 1, when Mr. Auld will become county clerk. Mr. Auld has been an employe in the county courthouse for many years and is thoroughly familiar with the work of the county clerk. He is a republican, as is Mr. McHenry.

CO-ED DEBATES HELD

Two Portland Girls Members of Corvallis Winning Teams.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Junior and freshmen co-eds were triumphant over the seniors and sophomores in the women's interclass debates for the term. The question was "Resolved, that the United States government should formally recognize the Russian soviet government."

Irma Van Hollebeke of Walla Walla, Wash., and Dorothy Bush of Portland were the victorious freshmen, and their negative opponents were Emma Berg of Canby and Sadie Clinton of Astoria. Gertrude Ellis of Dallas and Mildred Drake of Portland, negative, won over Bernice Chambers of Canyon City and Alice Komm of Yakima, Wash., seniors.

The Fawcett cup was awarded the freshmen, and the Lucy M. Lewis cup to the juniors. They will meet next term to try for the Zeta Kappa, Psi cup, offered by the women's honorary debating society.

DECKHAND IS DROWNED

Third Fatality Occurs as Result of Fire at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Death of Jack Cornelisen, indirectly caused by the fire, was the third fatality reported thus far. Cornelisen, who was a deckhand on the Port of Portland bar tug Oneonta, was drowned when he lost his footing in an attempt to jump from the bow of the tug to the O.-W. R. & N. wharf while the fire was raging at its height Friday morning. Attempts of members of the Oneonta crew to rescue their shipmate failed, and, after dragging the river for several hours, the body was recovered. The drowning was not reported until this afternoon.

Cornelisen was 26 years of age and his only known relative is a sister, Mrs. J. Sorensen, of this city.

LOWE CASE COMPLETED

Woman Says Suspect Relations With Victim Not Brotherly.

GREELEY, Colo., Dec. 9.—Presentation of evidence in the trial of Bert Lowe, charged with the murder of his sister-in-law, Miss Edna Fern Skinner, was completed Friday afternoon and the case will go to the jury tomorrow after final arguments by the attorneys and instructions from the judge.

Charges that Lowe's intentions towards Miss Skinner were anything but fatherly or brotherly and that they were those of "a man who wanted to be alone with a woman," were made on the witness stand this afternoon by the last witness in the case, Miss Adilla Beckwith, Eaton, Colo., school teacher and former roommate in the Lowe home of Miss Skinner.

DEATH WINS AIR RACE

Antitoxin Rushed to Botulinus Poisoning Victim, Too Late.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Botulinus poisoning took another victim in Idaho when Mrs. L. B. Schaefer of Hailey died today at her home there. Effort to save her life in a race with death through the rushing of antitoxin by airplane from Denver failed.

Mrs. Schaefer last Thursday decided to serve canned corn for dinner. Opening a can, she tasted it, but, fearing it was spoiled, threw the contents into the chicken coop. Chickens ate the corn and all but one of them died. Mrs. Schaefer was taken ill. Her throat became paralyzed and she could not partake of nourishment. Death came with comparatively little pain.

Salem Dormitory Urged.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Representative Hawley appeared before the house sub-committee on interior department appropriations today and urged the allowance of $35,000 for a girl's dormitory at Salem Indian school. Provision is made for this appropriation in the budget submitted to congress last Monday.

MOTHER IMPRISONS SON

MAN, 30, IS KEPT TIED FOR FOUR YEARS.

Police Rescue Prisoner After Fight to Overcome Woman in Chicago.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Strapped to a bed and lashed, hand and foot, for four years by his mother, who did not want to lose him, James Kozeny, 30 years old, was rescued yesterday by the police, who broke into the mystery house and found him in an unspeakably filthy, dark, cold room.

When his bonds were cut Kozeny was unable to move. Four years of inaction had made him a helpless skeleton and a mental wreck. Before they could cut him loose, two detectives had to subdue his mother, who fought like a tigress.

The mother said her son had been twice in the asylum for insane at Dunning. She said he was demented because of an accident in youth. She talked confusedly of relatives who are trying to spirit him away in order to get possession of money she claims was left him.

Neighbors told of unearthly screams emanating from the Kozeny house and the mother said that because of his screaming she had removed him to the basement. There he was "spread-eagled" with feet and hands tied to the four corners of the bed. He had been in this position for four years, and had become so weak that he did not scream any more.

TRADE TREAT ARRANGED

Negotiations Between Canada and France Are Concluded.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Negotiations for a new commercial treaty between Canada and France were successfully concluded here Friday.

The convention is now being drafted and will be signed shortly.

3 MOUNTAIN LIONS SLAIN

Total of 164 Predatory Animals Killed During November.

A total of 164 predatory animals was killed during the month of November in Oregon as a result of the activities of Stanley G. Jewett, predatory animal inspector, and his staff of hunters. This included 139 coyotes, 21 bobcats, 1 bear, 3 lions.

Harold Dobyns, who has been working as predatory animal hunter in Oregon since March, 1916, except for his period of war service, has been appointed assistant predatory animal inspector in the state of Washington. During his service in Oregon he accounted for 947 predatory animals. He was high man in November with a total of 26 coyotes to his credit.

Hunter Robeson in Coos county accounted for three cougars, three coyotes and a bear during November.

ACTING SWISS CONSUL GETS FORMAL APPOINTMENT.

Steffens-Colmer Photo.

P. O. Brandenberger.

P. O. Brandenberger, who has been acting Swiss consul for Oregon and Idaho since April 20, last week received his official appointment to that position. He succeeds A. Streiff, who was Swiss consul for many years.

Mr. Brandenberger, who is a Portland architect, has been in this city for 12 years and in the United States for 20 years. He is an American citizen. The appointment of Mr. Brandenberger to the position of Swiss consul was made by the Swiss government September 19 and by the United States government November 11. He has his office at 407 Gerlinger building.

BOTH PARTIES RAPPED

MAYOR HYLAN ADDRESSES ILLINOIS REALTY MEN.

"Powers of Greed and Corruption" in Wall Street and Klan Also Are Assailed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mayor John F. Hylan of New York tonight brought his attack on the existing political and economic order to the middle west in a speech before the Cook county real estate board.

He assailed both the republican and democratic parties, the "powers of greed and corruption," in Wall street, denounced the Ku Klux Klan and all other organizations, which, he said, seek to divide the electorate on racial or religious lines, blamed our entry into the war on British misrepresentation and Wall street greed, scored the tariff law and paid a warm tribute to William Randolph Hearst.

The speech was under the sponsorship of Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago with whom Mayor Hylan conferred at French Lick, Ind., recently over the political outlook for 1924.

While eastern reports have indicated their conference would be continued during his visit here, both executives were non-committal on the subject.

A small group of "excessively wealthy individuals" control both the major political parties, Mayor Hylan told the assemblage, and through the exercise of "powerful, sinister and too often unlawful influence, have become the virtual dictators of the destinies of more than 110,000,000 people."

They have dictated nominations for the presidency, he said, written the platforms and party pledges and because of their campaign fund contributions arrogated to themselves the right to dictate governmental policies.

Public officials who dare to oppose this power, Mayor Hylan said, are driven to a "earthly as well as political grave," or compelled to compromise with their conscience and become subservient to others.

1000 HEAR MR. RILEY

Ashland Acclaims Portland's Plan to Improve Marketing.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Nearly 1000 persons crowded into the Ashland armory last night to hear Frank Branch Riley's address on "The Lure of the Great Northwest," the final event of the winter fair. Many were turned away, unable to find a place to stand. The Portland man drew a warm response from his audience with his declaration of Portland's broad policy and unselfish motive is seeking, through the agency of the chamber of commerce, at her own expense, to improve the marketing conditions in the state and to advertise nationally all sections of Oregon.

Mr. Riley will speak in Klamath Falls Tuesday and will return to the Rogue river valley Wednesday, two engagements calling him to Medford, where he will speak at the chamber of commerce forum, and a public gathering sponsored by the Craters, Medford's booster organization.

Storm Damage Feared.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—After the threat of a silver thaw, the snow storm which prevailed for the past five days, leaving a blanket ranging from 20 to 36 inches over the mid-Columbia fruit sections, turned to rain. Owners of buildings were busy tonight removing snow from roofs, fearing damage from the overloading. A heavy rain accompanied by a chinook would result in flood conditions in Hood River that might damage temporary work of the Pacific Power & Light company's $1,250,000 power plant now under construction.

RUSSIA DISPLEASED BY TURKISH POLICY

Soviet Thrown Down, Says M. Tchitcherin.

BIG POWERS DISTRUSTED

Slav Minister Warns Moslems of Danger in Placing Trust in Allied Nations.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Proof that bolshevik Russia is highly dissatisfied with Turkey because Ismet Pasha has abandoned the Russians on the question of the Dardanelles was found today when M. Tchitcherin, the soviet foreign minister, issued an urgent invitation to the Turkish journalists and in the course of a long speech warned them of the danger of placing their trust in the allied nations.

M. Tchitcherin did not want to say anything in the way of criticism of the Turkish plenipotentiaries, but thought the Turkish people at home should know of the trend of things at Lausanne. He had a distinct impression, he said, that war between Turkey and the powers was still going on. Usually wars were fought on the battlefield, but at Lausanne the war was being waged around the green table and the goal was to separate Turkey from Russia. Afterwards the great powers would defeat Turkey and Russia separately.

Tchitcherin charged that France had abandoned Turkey in favor of England and the consideration was probably some concessions on the reparations problem from England.

"But it remains to be seen," he continued, "how far France and England will agree when the Brussels conference is held."

Russ Held Turk's Friend.

He rejoiced that Turkey and Russia had finally come together because they were vitally important to each other; their interests were the same.

"The independence and strength of Turkey are security for Russia," he added, "and Turkey cannot be strong and independent unless the straits are closed."

The bolshevik leader declared that to allow foreign warships to pass through the straits would mean the handing over of Constantinople to the nation with the strongest navy. Naval units would seize Constantinople and then attack Russia. Therefore, if Constantinople was in danger, Russia also was in terror.

Turning his attention to England Tchitcherin told the Turkish correspondents that Great Britain had her eye on northern Persia. The way to northern Persia was through the Caucasus; the way to the Caucasus was through the Dardanelles. He asserted that the Russian programme at Lausanne was based on a community of interests between the Russian and Turkish peoples and he hoped that the end of the conference would find the two countries nearer together.

Big Powers Distrusted.

If the Turks insisted on their right to fortify the straits and defend Constantinople, Russia would feel more secure and could take up with the neighboring states on the Black sea the question of demilitarizing that water.

Some of the correspondents remarked that Turkey, weary of war, had a natural desire to establish durable peace in the near east, but M. Tchitcherin emphasized that it was a great mistake to put trust in the European powers.

The correspondents withdrew and sent long dispatches to their newspapers in Constantinople, Angora and elsewhere. Some of them appeared deeply distressed, as they said they did not want to embarrass their delegates.

There are indications that the bolsheviki are inclined to believe that some of the members of the Turkish delegation are dissatisfied with Ismet Pasha's conciliatory policy on the straits problem and that the Russians were trying to play upon this sentiment to their own advantage.

BIG FARM IS FOR SALE

What Once Was World's Largest Orchard Taken by Creditors.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—What was once the world's largest individual apple orchard, 2600 acres in area, will be sold at sheriff's sale. A decree of foreclosure was signed today by Circuit Judge Wilson to this effect, in the case of the Dufur Orchard Owners' company. The foreclosure is part of the general plan of reorganization adopted by creditors of the orchard company.

At the sale the Washington Securities company will bid on the property, acting for the mortgage lien holders, according to the plan of reorganization adopted at a meeting of creditors. In the event the securities company is the successful bidder, a new company will be formed to be known as the Dufur Orchard company, and stock will be issued to the creditors of the old company on the pro-rata basis.

LAND SUIT TO BE TRIED

State Seeks to Recover Title Alleged Fraudulently Held.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Suit brought against the Fort Klamath Meadows company and W. F. Masters, wealthy Roseburg banker, and others in which fraud in gaining title to about 8000 acres of land at the upper end of Klamath lake is charged, will come to trial in the circuit court here December 18. The state seeks recovery of title.

The suit is similar to that brought by the government in the Benson-Hyde land frauds and may lead to sensational disclosures. The state assistant attorney-general will appear for the state at the trial, which probably will continue through the week.

TIMBER HOLDINGS SOLD

Oshkosh Company Acquires Plant of Sprague River Concern.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Purchase of the sawmill and timber holdings of the Sprague River Lumber company, on Sprague river, near Chiloquin, by the Oshkosh Land & Timber company, at an approximate consideration of $50,000, was announced today by William M. Bray, head of the purchasing company. The sale involves about 10,000,000 feet of pine timber and a sawmill of 36,000 feet daily capacity, in addition to all logging equipment. A new engine will be installed in the mill, increasing the capacity to 40,000 feet. Logging will continue as long as weather conditions permit, and it is planned to start the sawmill in February.

The Oshkosh company is one of the largest owners of Klamath timber, having at present about 600,000,000 feet, of which about 100,000,000 is fir timber in the western part of the county. The company two years ago purchased the Little Sprague unit adjoining the holdings of the Sprague River company, giving the company about 70,000,000 feet in that locality.

STATE LAND TO BE SOLD

DEMAND FOR AGRICULTURAL TRACTS INCREASING.

Long-Bell Company Applies for Strip of Columbia River Tidelands in Cowlitz County.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Sales of state land will be held in 23 counties January 2, State Land Commissioner Savidge announced yesterday. The demand for agricultural land is increasing. In eleven counties applications have been made for agricultural land.

A tract of agricultural land in Chelan county near Winesap is listed. This tract of 15.75 acres is appraised at $1575 and improvements thereon at $13,908.75. Two tracts of agricultural land in Clarke county are to be offered.

The Long-Bell Lumber company has applied for a long strip of Columbia river tidelands from five to ten miles below the mouth of the Cowlitz. This will be offered in Cowlitz county, along with a tract of timber 36 miles east of Castle Rock.

In Grays Harbor county a gun club has made application for a large area of tideland near the harbor entrance. Three timber tracts and one piece of agricultural land in Lewis county will be offered.

Wahkiakum county lists one tract of agricultural land one mile east of Skamokawa and a timber tract near Grays river. Walla Walla county has four small timber tracts under one application, located 12 miles east of Walla Walla.

Obituary.

Arthur R. Johnson.

Arthur Richard Johnson, a member of one of Portland's prominent pioneer families, died yesterday morning at Good Samaritan hospital. Mr. Johnson was the son of the late A. H. and Cordelia St. Clair Johnson. His parents came to Oregon in 1852. Arthur Johnson was born at Fifth and Washington streets, January 31, 1858. September 2, 1914, he married Alice L. Gibson, who survives. Brothers are: Stephen March Johnson of Portland, Charles Nelson Johnson of Forest Grove, Thomas Gheslin Johnson of Sacramento, Cal.; sisters, Mrs. T. N. Dunbar of Eugene, Mrs. H. E. Parkhurst of Eugene, Mrs. Anna M. Wyllie of this city and Mrs. G. A. Hibbard. He also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Nellis C. Hibbard. There were also three other members of the family, H. B., William S. and Miss Mercy S. Johnson, all deceased.

In former years Mr. Johnson was associated with his father in business. Mr. Johnson Sr. was one of the first men in the meat business in Oregon and was a director of the Union Meat company. St. Clair street, where the old family home stood, was named for Arthur Johnson's mother. The funeral will be from the residence at 350 Jefferson street, Monday, at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary E. Tobey.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the First Baptist church for Mrs. Mary E. Tobey, wife of C. P. Tobey, and a resident of Aberdeen for the past 22 years, who died at the family home yesterday morning after a long illness. She was born in Tuscarora, N. Y., in 1871. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Flossie Steeves and a sister, Mrs. C. F. Rowland, all of Aberdeen, and a brother, M. Lehman of Portageville, N. Y.

Robert Williams.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Robert Williams, 65, died here today. He had been living at the Christian home here for 18 months, coming from eastern Nebraska. He leaves a brother in that state.

Nina Elizabeth Johnson.

DEL MONTE, Cal., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Nina Elizabeth Johnson, 32 years old, and wife of Ben Johnson, died here December 4. She is survived by her widower and one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Day of Hood River, Or.

Apple House Burns.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—H. E. Jarvis, Willow Flat orchardist, last night lost his apple house, which contained 2200 boxes of fruit, in a fire believed to have started from an overheated stove. The total loss will reach about $3000. Mr. Jarvis, until he arrived in the city, thought his insurance on his apples had lapsed yesterday. Horses in a barn adjoining the apple house were saved.

Ferry Service Discontinued.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Oregon City-West Linn ferry, which for the last five months has been operated to take care of vehicle traffic while the Willamette river bridge was under construction, has ceased running. The closing of the road on the west side and the high water have necessitated closing down the ferry. The new bridge will be opened December 28.

Better Water Supply Sought.

BEND, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Directors of the Bend Water, Light & Power company have authorized construction of a five-mile pipeline at a cost of $70,000 to tap Tumalo creek to provide better water supply for Bend. The company is now seeking a water right from the old Tumalo irrigation district, now known as the Deschutes county municipal improvement district.

Road Location Fight Ended.

BEND, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Deschutes county farm bureau, meeting here last night, withdrew its opposition to improvement of The Dalles - California highway through the proposed Benham Falls reservoir site south of Bend.

WASHINGTON TAXES LEGISLATIVE BOGEY

Coming Session Confronted by Pressing Problems.

STATE BODIES NOT UNIT

Revenue Reduction Programmes Widely at Variance, Though All Aim at Economies.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Taxes will be talked about in the coming session of the state legislature as they never have been talked about before. More suggestions and recommendations will be offered, more demands made, than ever were brought up for consideration at any previous session. To deal adequately with all the proposals the 60-day period will be none too long.

Meetings and conferences of the last week point to a general round-up of public sentiment on taxation problems and the final preparation of programmes to be presented to the legislature.

Monday the state federation of taxpayers' leagues announced its definite legislative programme and the selection of a committee to draft the measures necessary to carry it into effect.

Other Bodies Are Active.

The Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions of the state chamber of commerce, meeting in Tacoma, were devoted to tax questions and the cost of government. Thursday and Friday, also in Tacoma, the state tax limit league held its first general convention, attended by representative property owners from all parts of the state.

Legislative action that will afford at least some measure of relief reasonably might be expected to result from so much organization and discussion, so many plans and programmes. At the same time it is apparent that there is danger in the very excess of effort to obtain relief, and in the multitude of proposals which, up to this time, have not been co-ordinated and made to harmonize.

Disappointments Are Forecast.

It may be just as well to anticipate some disappointments. It is too much to expect that the programme of any one of these taxpayers' organizations will be adopted by the legislature in its entirety; and at this distance from the opening of the session it is clearly impossible to meet all the suggestions and satisfy all the demands. A legislature disposed to dodge the issue could find many pretexts.

Already it seems to be unfortunate, and may prove more so, that the whole body of public sentiment for tax reduction has not been brought and held together in a single organization, so as to put all possible pressure behind a single programme. To have done this would have called for some concessions and compromises among the taxpayers themselves, and for more general recognition of a few hard-set facts and conditions from consideration of which the members of the legislature cannot escape, no matter how sincerely they may wish to grant a full measure of relief. There has been no marked friction between the various tax investigators and organizations, but there are marked differences in their plans and recommendations.

Less Spending One Solution.

The programme of the state federation of taxpayers' leagues is in accord with the report of the tax investigating commission at some points, but carries many other recommendations for cutting government costs and for money-saving changes in the methods of handling public business. The federation bases its case on the belief that less spending will do more to relieve the taxpayers than can be done by the discovery of new sources of tax revenue.

In a general way the state tax limit league has tackled the problem from the other angle. It would establish the exact dimensions of the cloth from which the garment must be cut. It stands pat on the demand for a levy limit of 40 mills for all purposes on real and personal property.

At the session of the state chamber of commerce in Tacoma some interesting light was thrown on the situation by L. D. McArdle, director of the state department of efficiency. Mr. McArdle said frankly that he could see no possibility of reducing the costs of what he termed "essential government." By essential government he meant the performance of those functions required by the state constitution as necessary to preserve the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Per Capita Tax Is $58.

Mr. McArdle pointed out that the present tax for all purposes in this state is $58 per capita of population; that every family of five persons in the state must now make budget provision for approximately $21 a month for taxes alone.

His figures and charts showed that government—state, county, city and district—is not eating up a disproportionate amount of these taxes in the performance of essential functions, but that the bulk of the tax money is going to the maintenance of institutions and the fulfillment of obligations authorized by the people, and not a part of the necessary governmental structure.

MRS. NICHOLS INDICTED

First Degree Murder Is Charged Against Woman Slayer.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mabel Nichols, self-confessed slayer of her companion, Robert Greer, at the Summit stage station December 2, was charged with first degree murder in an indictment returned by the grand jury last night. She probably will go to trial in January.

Witnesses called before the grand jury were H. L. Mittelholtz, Greer's employer; H. D. L. Stewart, city health officer; E. G. Rourke, deputy sheriff and merchant at Crescent, and Sheriff Low.

Bend Rebekah Team Wins.

BEND, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The degree team of the Bend Rebekah lodge won over the Silver Lake team in a contest here last night by a margin of one-fifth of a point. Scoring was on the basis of 100.

Green yellow fir, $6.50 and $8.50, to use with dry wood. Bdwy. 0070. —Adv.