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FILING BLUE TAX BLANKS PASSED UP

No Desire to Discriminate De-
clares Assessor Boley

HOLD A PROTEST MEETING

Uniform Methods of Enforce-
ment Are Necessary for
Equitable Results

Announcement that the filing of
the blue tax questionnaire would
not be required of the business men
was made Monday morning by County
Assessor W. F. Boley, who said
that he did not want to be arbitrary
and enforce it against the taxpayers
of this county when there were only
one or two other counties in the
state that intended to go ahead with
it.

Mr. Boley said that those who
filed their reports will have them
returned to them unopened.

A protest of the questionnaire
was made at a meeting of business men
Friday morning at which time Mr.
Boley explained his stand on the
measure.

Business men contended that after
adopting the so-called blue ques-
tionnaire as a method of enforce-
ment the state tax commission re-
vised its attitude and issued instruc-
tions to county assessors to enforce
the law, but to leave the use of
the questionnaire to their own dis-
cretion. They also pointed out that
only two other counties are require-
ing the use of the questionnaire and
that it has been sent only to man-
ufacturing and mercantile institu-
tions of the county and not to all
taxpayers.

Although they believe the new
assessment law is a step in the direc-
tion of securing fair and equal val-
uation for taxation purposes they
are of the opinion that equitable re-
sults can only be obtained by uni-
form methods of enforcement in all
counties which shall include all
taxpayers and not one class.

K. of P. Convention Here Saturday Eve

The district convention of the
Knights of Pythias will be held in
the K. P. hall here Saturday night,
James A. Wood, district deputy being
in charge of arrangements.

This district is comprised of the
following lodges: North Plains, Hills-
boro, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Gas-
ton, Yamhill and McMinnville. A
large delegation is expected from
each lodge.

Exemplification of the Page rank,
with added features by the Hillsboro
drill team, will be given by the
grand officers. A class of about
eight will be given the degree.

Grand Chancellor Edison I. Bail-
gord of St. Helens, Grand Keeper of
Records and Seals Walter Gleason,
and other grand officers will be
present and take part in the pro-
gram.

The session will end with a ban-
quet served by the Imperial cafe.

Miss Eva Sorenson fell while roller
skating last Thursday night and
dislocated her right knee cap.

Five Oak Trees Near West Union Form Interesting Spot in the Pio- neer History of Oregon Country

(By Edward C. Robbins)
Five oak trees, standing on the
Alexander Zachary donation land
claim near West Union, form an in-
teresting spot in the pioneer history
of the Oregon country. The first
barbecue in the Pacific Northwest
was held under them. Literally hun-
dreds of frontier gatherings have
been held under these landmarks of
the development of our own com-
monwealth.

While this writer was doing re-
search work recently he ran on a
picture of the five trees. A history of
Washington county is being prepared
by the writer and his investiga-
tions often turn up very interesting
events and personalities. It is being
carried into great detail since it is
being done in connection with gradu-
ate work in the history department
of the University of Oregon. As a
result a number of articles such as
this on interesting spots in Tualatin
valley history will probably be
brought out for the Argus. The old
Baptist church at West Union and the
Indian stockade which once stood
near the present site of the Masonic
home near Cornelius are sources of
future articles.

Unfortunately oak trees and in-
stitutions which have come to us
from the pioneer period can not

Taxpayers Com- ing in Slower Than Last Year

Tax payments are slow this year,
according to Deputy Sheriff Arthur
Kroeger, in charge of the tax col-
lection department. The payments
so far are \$96,000 as compared with
\$150,000 at this time last year. May
5 is the last day for payment of the
first half of taxes.

The legislative measure to allow
a 2 per cent rebate if all taxes are
paid by April 15 does not go into
effect until 1928, Kroeger says.

The tax collection head asks that
all taxpayers write or call for their
statements so as to save themselves
a lot of trouble and also to save
the county some expense.

PERFECT SCORE IS MADE BY GUNNERS

Washington County Rod and
Gun Club Among Tour-
nament Leaders

The Washington County Rod and
Gun club made a perfect score in
the Oregonian telegraphic tourna-
ment last Sunday, three shooters
breaking the first 25 targets shot at.
The scores were made by H.
Schulmerich, Charles Wunderlich
and Oscar Shiffer, Washington county
team, 75, defeated Echo, 73,
and Hood River, 70. The local club
shoots next Sunday with Klamath
Falls and Hood River.

In the percentage column of
standings of clubs in the tourna-
ment the local club was tied with
Baker and Klamath Falls for 10th
place, each having won 7 and lost
7 shots during the tournament. In
Sunday's shoot Baker and Klamath
Falls each won one event and lost
the other. Huntington lost both
events Sunday and is now below
Baker and Klamath Falls. The local
club has jumped ahead to either
8th or 9th place.

Scores made last Sunday are as
follows: H. Schulmerich, 25; O.
Shiffer, 25; Charles Wunderlich, 25;
H. D. Batchelar, 23; V. Richter,
23; Elmer Hamilton, 22; Oscar Ja-
cobs, 22; George Alexander, 21; H.
C. Hill, 21; Leonard Brown, 21; J.
A. Irmler, 22; E. Nicodenus, 22; E.
Strong, 22; E. A. Deaville, 20;
Frank Reh, 20; E. B. Tongue, 18;
R. B. Denney, 17; E. Shuh, 17; C.
B. Buchanan, Jr., 17.

County Receives Grant Tax Refund

Washington county yesterday re-
ceived its share from the govern-
ment in the land grant refund which
was put through Congress last year
by Senator Robert N. Stanfield.
The amount is \$63,644.03, a 1-cent
raise over the amount figured by
local officials. This money will be
distributed over the various funds
by the county court.

To Park Diagonally
Lines are being painted for di-
agonal parking on Main street south
of the court house.

PORT OF PORTLAND IMPORT STRESSED

Increase in Tonnage Shown by
Traffic Manager Hudson

IS OF VALUE TO PRODUCER

Luncheon Speaker Says Logan-
berry Situation is Pick-
ing up Somewhat

The importance of the Port of
Portland and its value to local pro-
sperity was stressed in an address be-
fore the Monday noon luncheon of
the chamber of commerce by H. L.
Hudson, traffic manager of the port.
The port investment is approximate-
ly 21 million dollars.

The Longview bridge and the
deeper channel are some of the more
important problems faced by the
port, according to Mr. Hudson, who
is a resident of Beaverton.

The port increase was shown in
various reports placed in the hands
of all at the luncheon and Mr. Hud-
son explained the various points.
Fifty-three lines operating out of
Portland in 1926 as compared with
51 in 1919 and the producers of this
section no longer have to glut the
foreign market because of lack of
ships, according to the speaker. The
number of vessels entering the port
in 1919 was only 467 to 1,608 in
1926 and the tonnage increased from
1,900,000 to 4,964,000. The
lumber tonnage in 1919 was 222,
585 to 1,962,146 in 1926. All other
lines show the same remarkable in-
crease.

The export tonnage from Port-
land to all the foreign countries of
the world is 1,692,102, while the
imports from foreign countries is
124,435. The intercoastal tonnage
is 385,345 out of Portland and 261,
439 into Portland. The total water-
borne commerce of the Columbia
river is 6,310,459 tons for 1926,
which Mr. Hudson says is greater
than that of Seattle.

The canned goods tonnage in-
creased from 1,270 in 1919 to 49,
535 in 1926, and much of this is
grown in this community, accord-
ing to the speaker. He expressed the
opinion that there is a splendid op-
portunity for apple evaporation here
and that it would be better than to
try and compete with Hood River
and other apple centers.

Mr. Hudson said that the Logan-
berry situation is picking up and
that they were working hard to put
loganberry juice on the market in
the Orient.

O. T. McWhorter, county agent,
was luncheon chairman.

Mac's Syncopters, a high school
orchestra, delighted with several
musical numbers. Members of the
orchestra are Miss Merrill, Clarence
McPadden, Leonard Reh and Floyd
Stout.

Hugh Naldrett, principal of the
grade school, thanked the business
men for their support of the art
exhibit. He said that the exhibit
brought \$80 to the fund for pic-
tures at the north side grade school.

OREGON FLIER IS LOST IN BLIZZARD

R. H. Merrill, Brother of Local
Man, Found Alive and
Well Near Nome

Russell H. Merrill, aviator, and his
two passengers, missing in Alaska
since last Wednesday, are alive and
well, according to word from Nome.
The men had been forced to land in
a blizzard soon after leaving Nome.

Merrill was one of two airmen to
fly as far north as Nome in the at-
tempted rescue of David Sipull,
Eskimo chieftan, who had been criti-
cally ill on the icebound island of
St. Lawrence in the Bering sea,
when they received word of his
death. The final hop to the island
would have been 125 miles.

When the chieftan became ill use
of the radio was resorted to with
the result that a doctor secured the
symptoms and sent back by radio,
word on how to treat the disease,
which was appendicitis.

The aviator is a brother of L. J.
Merrill, president of the Shute Sav-
ings Bank, and is well known in
Hillsboro, where he has addressed
the chamber of commerce and vis-
ited with his brother. He is a son-
in-law of E. O. Allen of Tigard.
Mrs. Merrill and the two children
live at Seward, Alaska.

Give Flowers to Veterans Easter

A bouquet of flowers for
Easter for everyone of the
120 beds in the veterans'
hospital in Portland is the
plan of the local chapter of
the American Red Cross.

If anyone has any flowers
that they would like to send
to the hospital they are urged
to leave them at the Argus
office Friday and they will
be picked up Saturday morn-
ing.

Help make Easter a little
more cheerful for the vet-
erans and leave some flow-
ers here.

King Winter is in County on an Unofficial Visit

Old King Winter made an un-
official visit to this section last Fri-
day in spite of the fact that his du-
ties have been laid aside for the
year and he is on his vacation. Fall-
ing snow and chill temperatures
were the result and many began to
think that winter was going to out-
stay its welcome.

Snow was reported in several
sections of the county and roofs were
covered on a strip through Reed-
ville toward Scholla. New snow was
reported on the mountains and the
air was cutting. A flurry of snow
was reported in Hillsboro but not
sufficient to stick to the ground.

All of this in spite of the fact
that it is blossom time and peach
blossoms are out in all their glory.
Winter was quickly superseded by
several days of the spring weather
for which Oregon is noted.

GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT ON MONDAY

Additional Jury Lists Drawn
by Court Officials Dur-
ing the Week

The grand jury Monday reported
18 true bills and two not true, the
number of them being for violations
of the prohibition laws. Frank
Stone has four booze counts against
him, including one for operating a
still. Harry Ennis faced a larceny
charge and Harry Kline was indicted
on a charge of assault with intent
to rape.

Prohibition law indictments re-
ported in include Edward Alcorn,
E. Anderson, Otto Bergstrom, Le-
nus Johnson, A. Lundbach, W. F.
McCullough, Robert Newswander,
Benno Puttkamer, William W. Sut-
ton, Victor Williams and Roy Wal-
ters.

Additional jury lists have been
drawn to provide a sufficient num-
ber for the McGee trial. The list
drawn Monday included the follow-
ing: Albert Erickson, Hillsboro, R.
2; Don C. Gates, Gaston, R. 2; Jen-
nis Cornelius, Banks, R. 3; Mary
Snipes, Reedville; Floyd C. Bierly,
Beaverton, R. 2; John R. Rankin,
Tigard; George H. Christensen,
Hillsboro, R. 3; Frank Simmons,
Cornelius, R. 2; John P. Long, Cor-
nelius; Charles Gray, Beaverton, R.
4; Carl Brostrom, Gaston.

The list drawn Tuesday: H. J.
Albert, Westimber; Angelo Creps,
Banks, R. 2; Charles B. Taylor,
Banks, R. 3; John Peterson, Garden
Home; Elmer Rice, Forest Grove;
R. E. Brown, Sherwood; C. M. Bry-
ant, Hillsboro; Edward R. Wirtz,
Forest Grove; W. W. Boscow,
Hillsboro, and Russell Davies, Banks,
R. 2.

An order restraining the sheriff
from collecting certain Oregon taxes
from William Oelrich was given
Monday. Other orders: State
Industrial Accident Commission vs.
W. J. Hallock; McMinnville Na-
tional Bank vs. A. S. Caviness et al.

List drawn Tuesday afternoon: L.
I. Davis, Hillsboro, R. 2; Victor F.
Perry, Beaverton, R. 2; Grace L.
Chantler, Hillsboro; Frank Kane,
Cornelius, R. 1; John W. Bailey,
Hillsboro; John Peterson, Beaverton;
John W. Haynes, Laurel; William
Kehlar, Cornelius, R. 1; Frank W.
Hinman, Forest Grove; Roscoe M.
Bennett, Beaverton, R. 2; Carl Eg-
gman, Beaverton, R. 2, and George
Easterday, Cornelius.

Pickens Buys Larger Shop

A. K. Pickens has sold his black-
smith shop on Main street to Charles
Burns and has purchased the shop
and building of E. D. Kerr on Third
street. Mr. Pickens has taken pos-
session and will enlarge his busi-
ness.

MRS. LEWIS PASSES AWAY ON TUESDAY

Was Owner of Mrs. M. N.
Lewis Monument Works

DEATH COMES SUDDENLY

Dies Shortly After Arriving at
the Home of Her Friend
for Lunch at Noon

Mrs. Luella J. Lewis, aged 65
years, died suddenly Tuesday noon,
immediately after entering the home
of her friend, Mrs. E. M. Calef,
where she had gone to take lunch-
es. When she entered the house she
told Mrs. Calef that she was not
feeling well, and upon being assisted
to a couch expired immediately. She
had not been in good health for
some time, but had been at her place
of business, the Mrs. M. N. Lewis
Monument Works, every day.

Miss Luella J. Campbell was born
in Pennsylvania on March 3, 1862,
and was married in that state to the
late Mabon N. Lewis in September,
1882. They came to Oregon about
17 years ago and conducted the
Monument Works on Fourth and
Main streets until Mr. Lewis' sud-
den death on May 9, 1925. Since
that time Mrs. Lewis had conducted
the business herself.

Mrs. Lewis was a woman of splen-
did character and was highly esteem-
ed by all who knew her. She was a
member of the Presbyterian church,
the W. R. C. and the Eastern Star
chapter.

She is survived by a brother, Mel-
vin H. Campbell, of Chautauqua, N.
Y., and several nieces and nephews.
Mr. Campbell left for Oregon im-
mediately upon receipt of the tele-
gram announcing his sister's death,
and funeral arrangements will not
be made until his arrival here Sun-
day morning. The body is being held
at the Limber funeral chapel.

Start Proceeding For Better Road

The Washington county court has
started proceedings to provide for
the new location, widening and
straightening of the Tualatin Valley
highway from Beaverton east to
connect with the new Canyon road
in Multnomah county. This is in ac-
cordance with plans of the state
highway commission to care for the
increasing amount of traffic.

The action is taken on the grounds
that it is a public necessity and is
necessary for the traveling public.

A hearing will be held by the
court June 1.

Enter County Shops

Robbers entered the county shops
some time Thursday. Entrance was
gained by breaking the lock on the
main door. Nothing was taken, ac-
cording to the foreman, L. C. Mel-
quist.

LEGION WILL AID CEMETERY PLANS

Delegates to County Council
Are Selected; Consider
Ways and Means

Support of the cemetery clean-up
and the chamber of commerce en-
dorsement plan were voted by Hills-
boro post of the American Legion
Tuesday night. In the cemetery
clean-up the veterans plan to give
some cash donations and labor.

A committee to consider ways
and means of helping in the cemetery
plans was appointed and consists of
Fred Engeldinger and W. Verne Mc-
Kinney.

W. Verne McKinney and William
H. Dierdorff were elected delegates
from this post to the Washington
County Council of the Legion. For-
mal organization of the council will
take place in a short time.

Ivan Freeman tendered his resig-
nation as post adjutant and his suc-
cessor will be selected by the ex-
ecutive committee. Freeman resigned
because of added duties caused by
his being selected as commander of
the new guard company.

The Legion voted to push the
sale of flag outfits as used in the
business section of the city so that
every home and business may prop-
erly display the American flag on
patriotic holidays and other occa-
sions. Committees from the Legion
will make a canvass.

A ways and means committee ap-
pointed include Arthur Kroeger,
Morris Weil and A. W. Hoffman.
The committee to arrange for the
convention queen consists of Tauf
Charneski, Dr. Ralph Dresser and
Jake Weil.

Hillsboro Nine Beat 14 to 3 by Marshall-Wells

Due to a mix-up in players the
Marshall-Wells team of Portland
took Hillsboro to a real dubbing
Sunday afternoon at Athletic park
to the tune of 14 to 3. It resembled
a track meet more than a baseball
game, but Business Manager Jim
Peppard says it won't happen again,
as the player question has been
straightened out.

A number of the local boys are
playing with the Marshall-Wells
team in a Portland league and play
during the week, and as a result of
this Sunday game they found them-
selves in a position of being mem-
bers of both teams. As the Port-
land team only plays during the
week the middle is not likely to
happen again.

Marshall-Wells touched Newen-
schwander and Stangel for 19 hits
while Hillsboro was only able to
hit safely eight times. Edwin Burk-
halter and Irwin Long, local boys,
played for Marshall-Wells. The Hills-
boro lineup: Ziegler, catcher; New-
enschwander, pitcher; Schulmerich,
1st; Robinson, 2nd; Johnson, 3rd;
Lasser, short; Hagg, right; Deaville,
left; Stangel, center and pitcher.
Chuck Hoag umpired.

SHIPLEY TO HAVE OPENING APRIL 20

Big Time Planned; L. L. Lee
Will Also Move; White
in Old Quarters

Bert C. Shipley, local Chrysler
dealer, will have his formal opening
in his new building on Third street
between Washington and Baseline
next Wednesday evening. The open-
ing will be in the nature of an en-
tertainment and dance. The enter-
tainment, which will probably in-
clude vaudeville acts and singers,
will be from 7:30 to 8:30, and the
dancing will start at 8:30 and last
till 11 o'clock. Mrs. Allmen and
her Flapper Band of Portland will
furnish the music.

As many Chrysler models as pos-
sible will be on display in the show
room, which will be decorated with
flowers.

Mr. Shipley will move into the
new quarters, which are being built
for him by Mohr Bros., on Saturday.
L. L. Lee, who now operates the
Main Street Garage, will move into
the new Brown building next door
to Shipley in about two weeks. Mr.
Lee will handle the servicing end of
the Chrysler agency.

C. Willis White, who was formerly
Chevrolet and Studebaker dealer
here, will move into the quarters
being vacated by Shipley and will
handle the Hudson-Essex line of
motor cars.

The R. J. Higdon Motor company
will occupy the new quarters on the
corner of Third and Washington
street. Announcement of his open-
ing will be made in next week's pa-
per.

SUBMIT FIGURES FOR ELECTRICITY

System as Outlined Less Cost-
ly and More Extensive;
Meet Two Weeks

Estimates on the proposed new
street lighting plan were submitted
to the board of directors of the
chamber of commerce and the civic
improvement committee by Ralph
Easter, manager of the Tualatin
division of the Portland Electric
power company, at a meeting in the
chamber of commerce Monday night.

The system as outlined by Mr.
Easter is more extensive and less
costly than the estimates previously
submitted for gas lighting. The iron
posts which give a system similar
to that in Mock Crest in Portland
cost \$84 a year for the first five
years and the service and lighting
costs would be \$42 a year for every
year after that. The \$84 covers the
cost of the pole, the electricity, in-
stallation and servicing. The figures
presented by Mr. Easter were for
35 lamps with 6,000 lumens and in-
clude half of the lights burning all
night and the other half until 1
o'clock.

The plans as discussed include a
general improvement in lighting all
over the city.

The civic improvement committee,
Harry Hill chairman, will investigate
the situation and formulate a plan
of action.

TWO DAYS TAKEN TO SELECT MCGEE JURY

Sensational Murder Trial is a
Battle of Legal Wits

POISONING IS THE CHARGE

Dr. R. T. Boals, Star Witness
for the State, Was on
Stand Yesterday

(By Edward C. Robbins)

The second big legal battle over
the life of Mrs. Eva McGee of Tilla-
mook began in Washington county
circuit court Monday morning. To
complete the jury veniremen were
quizzed for the first two days of
the case. The regular panel was ex-
hausted and another well drained
until both state and defense coun-
cils were satisfied. Thirty-five names
in three separate lists were drawn
especially for the big case. One of
the biggest and most sensational in
the history of the local court house.

Presentation of testimony began
Wednesday morning when Dr. L.
L. Hoy of Tillamook took the stand
for the state. Following came Dr.
R. T. Boals of Tillamook, state's star
witness. Dr. Boals continued on the
stand Thursday morning. There is
a probability that Mrs. McGee may
take the stand in her own behalf
some time Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Morrissey of Cor-
nelius is the only woman member
of the twelve. In the first trial held
at Tillamook in November the jury
only had one woman. Other mem-
bers of the jury are: G. C. Chase,
farmer residing east of Hillsboro;
Lewis H. Brandaw, farmer of the
Cornelius vicinity; Ferd Langer, Jr.,
farmer of Sherwood; John W.
Bailey, Hillsboro business man; John
H. Hensley, transfer man of Hills-
boro; Carl Brostrom, railroad em-
ployee at Westimber; Fred Elligson,
Sherwood farmer; William S. Hahn,
dairyman at Banks; Lewis I. Davis,
farmer at Laurel; Arthur Bauer,
farmer at Beaverton; Albert Erick-
son, Hillsboro poultry raiser.

For geographical representation of
Washington county a better selec-
tion could not have been made.

On the first day in court Mrs. Mc-
Gee showed considerable outside
emotional expression, crying almost
continually throughout the day. On
Tuesday and Wednesday she showed
better control of herself, smiling at
different times. Tuesday morning
someone presented her with a box
of candy and she freely indulged.
She sent samples over to newspaper
men and other in the court room.
With her is her 17-year old son, Don-
ald. Also there are her brother and
sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. L.
Nethery of Montesano, Wash.; sister
and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.
P. Morgan of Aberdeen, Wash.; sis-
ter-in-law, Mrs. O. D. Nethery, of
Tacoma, Wash., and adopted daugh-
ter, Mrs. Travis, of Coquille, and
her husband. The year-old son is
the delight of Mrs. McGee in spare
moments during the recess.

Walter Tooze, defense attorney,
in his opening statement to the
jury Wednesday morning, said that
death of Dr. McGee came as a re-
sult of the Nehalem physician's own
physical condition. On July 29, last,
he was suffering from convulsions,
which point, Tooze declared, had
never been brought out before in
any previous statements or other-
wise. "Dr. McGee never had strychnine
poisoning," continued the attor-
ney. "He had uremic poisoning. His
heart was weak. Autopsy showed
that the artery near the heart had
become atrophied. The kidneys were
in a bad condition. Death might
have come at any time. When the
doctors pumped the stomach, con-
tents of the stomach were pumped
and thrown out without being an-
alyzed. The diseased kidneys were
the cause of the convulsions, and
the defense evidence will show this."

Continuing, the McMinnville law-
yer declared that Dr. and Mrs.
McGee were very affectionate to-
ward each other. During his last
hours she stayed by him the greater
part of the time.

C. W. Barriek, district attorney
for Tillamook county, presented the
opening statement for the state in
the case. Describing a complete his-
tory of the case, he described how
Dr. McGee had taken a patient to
Dr. Boals' hospital at Tillamook last
June. Later he told of the automo-
bile accident which later made Dr.
McGee a patient himself of Dr.
Boals. In reference to this point
Tooze declared that Dr. McGee seem-
ed to realize himself that death was
coming on account of his bad phys-
ical condition.

Barriek told of Mrs. McGee pur-
chasing strychnine at different times
and destroying the drug. Finally he

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