

**War Tax On  
Many Luxuries**

The emergency revenue bill to provide \$105,000,000, taxing beer, wines, gasoline, sleeping and parlor car tickets, telegraph and telephone messages, amusements, and a variety of documents, has been agreed upon by the democratic members of the house ways and means committee.

Republicans of both house and senate already have gone on record in opposition to any war tax measure. The democrats hope to rush the bill through the house and the big fight against it, it is realized, will be in the senate.

The committee increased the internal revenue tax on beer by 50 cents a barrel, making the new tax total \$1.50. Domestic wines are to be taxed 20 cents a gallon on sweet wines and 12 cents a gallon on dry wines. Gasoline is to be taxed 2 cents a gallon.

Many items of the bill are adopted verbatim from the Spanish war tax bill, including the administrative features.

Stamp tax provisions of the bill and the tax on tobacco dealers, brokers, bankers and amusements are carried in Schedule A, which will continue in effect until December 31, 1915. The remainder of the bill will be in force until repealed.

Bankers are to be taxed \$2 on each \$1,000 of capital, surplus and undivided profits; brokers will pay \$50 each, pawnbrokers \$20, commercial brokers \$20, custom house brokers \$10. Proprietors of theatres, amusements and concert halls in cities of 15,000 population or over are to pay \$100 each. Circus proprietors are to pay \$100 a year, proprietors of other exhibitions \$10, and proprietors of bowling alleys and billiard rooms \$5 for each alley or table.

Tobacco dealers and manufacturers are to be taxed the same as in 1898 except that in the largest class "tobacco dealers not specifically provided for" the tax is to be \$4.80 each. In 1898 there was a \$12 tax on tobacco dealers having annual sales of 50,000 pounds or more.

Bonds and certificates of indebtedness are taxed 5 cents for each \$100 involved, and freight and express receipts 1 cent each, with a mandatory provision that the proprietors must

**Chinese Linen  
Fiber Furniture**

J. P. Dodge & Sons have on display in their window several pieces of Chinese linen fiber furniture, settees and rockers, which are attracting unusual attention. This style of furniture is designed to take the place of reed styles, having all the virtues and many others. One of the particular advantages is the fact that the new fiber may be made in any color or design, having a reed base which makes it as pliable and easy as the reeds. These new pieces are indeed pleasing for the cosy corner and will meet with approval by the comfort lovers.

It is well worth one's time to investigate this new style of furniture.

pay the tax. Messages are taxed 1 cent on all tolls of 15 cents or more.

The bill carries taxes of 50 cents on each indemnity bond, 2 cents on each certificate of damage, and 19 cents for each certificate not especially provided for.

Life insurance policies are to be taxed 8 cents on each \$100 and other insurance policies one-half cent or each \$100 dollars, as in 1898.

Goods withdrawn from customs houses will pay a stamp tax of 50 cents, as in 1898, but the 25 cents tax on each warehouse receipt imposed in 1898 is omitted. The 1898 tax of from 25 cents to \$1 for entry of goods at customs houses, according to values, is renewed.

Passage tickets, which are tickets from a United States port to a foreign port, will be taxed from \$1 to \$5 each, according to the value of the ticket, as in 1898.

Other provisions are: Brokers' contracts, 10 cents; deeds and other conveyances, 50 cents, when not exceeding \$500 in amount, and 50 cents for each additional \$500; mortgages, 25 cents for each \$1,500; power of attorney to vote, 10 cents; power of attorney to sell, 25 cents; protest of a note, bill of acceptance, etc., 25 cents. Because of constitutional questions, the committee eliminated altogether foreign bills of exchange, charter agreements and bills of lading, and also struck out all reference to stamp tax on contracts, bills of exchange, drafts and deposit certificates and postoffice money orders and on leases.

**Wednesday and Thursday  
Red Letter Days for Masons**

Thursday, the 24th, was certainly a great day in Masonic circles, as well as to the general public in the city of Ashland. The Grand Commandery of the state of Oregon met at Masonic hall at 10 a. m., Right Eminent Grand Commander L. L. Jewell of Grants Pass presiding. All the commanderies of the state except two were represented. The business of the session was expedited in order to finish the business of the session by 5 o'clock, the time set for the Shriner's parade. It is stated that the session was very satisfactory. Dillon B. Grant, a member of Martha Commandery, No. 4, of this city, was elected as right eminent grand commander for the ensuing year. Generally the officers were advanced to the next higher station. The local commandery, in addition to the reception held on Wednesday evening, provided a sumptuous banquet at the Hotel Oregon at noon, when all the delegates to the grand commandery were the guests of Malta Commandery. Sir Knights and their ladies enjoyed a pleasant hour at the banquet. The next annual convocation of the state of Oregon will be held at Portland.

The grand commandery closed its session at about 5 o'clock and then began the parade of the Shriners. About three hundred Shriners were in line and nine candidates clothed in a rather grotesque manner. The procession was headed by the Ashland band, next the Hillah Patrol, next the imperial potentate, Frederick B. Smith, and members of the imperial divan, namely: W. S. Brown, imperial treasurer; J. Harry Lewis, honorary member of the imperial council; W. O. Washburn, potentate of Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minn.; George T. Mathews, past potentate of Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.; J. C. Chandler, past potentate of Aarat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; Harry F. McChau, of Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa., and A. D. Aahn of Zurah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn. These and several other local officers and past potentates of Hillah Temple were in autos, and these were followed by 200 Shriners, the candidates and floats and autos making a very creditable and amusing exhibition. The line of march was from the armory up Oak street to Main street, thence east on Main to Gresham, when the procession counter-marched west on Main to Helman, where it again counter-marched east on Main and north on Oak street to the armory. The streets were lined with citizens during the whole line of march, and all seemed to enjoy the good feeling and merriment.

At the armory a banquet was served by E. N. Butler as the chief chef. It was served cafeteria style, and consisted principally of mineral waters, coffee, fruits, turkey, cake and many other viands. At 7:30 a business session was held, followed by the initiation of the nine novices, to-wit: James J. McNair, Elmer E. Foss, Captain May, Carl Hilty, W. A. Johnson of Jacksonville, George T. Collins of Medford, Dr. A. C. Boslough, Herbert McCarthy and Charles S. Harris, each of whom came through smiling, having passed the trying ordeal of the hot sands without any serious injuries. Some were limping and nursing bruised places on their anatomy, but from such light injuries they will doubtless recover at an early date. The ceremonies were concluded by a presentation to the imperial potentate of a loving cup, a tray and a half dozen goblets made from myrtle wood at Marshfield, and contributed by the Shriner's club at Marshfield for the purpose of such presentation by Hillah Temple. Hillah Temple will place thereon a suitable inscription and forward it to the imperial potentate at Rochester, N. Y. Addresses were made by the imperial potentate and other members of his divan, which were followed by refreshments after midnight. The armory was beautifully arranged, and the imperial divan voiced its sincere appreciation of the efforts of Hillah Temple to make it pleasant for the party. The mineral waters were lauded, and all expressed their pleasure in visiting this city.

Thursday evening the ladies attended the Vining Theatre and were well pleased with their entertainment there, after which they repaired to the Masonic hall, where refreshments were served and visiting and card playing were indulged in till the small hours of morning. Friday morning the imperial potentate and his divan visited the City and Chautauqua parks and expressed their delight at their beauty. Several pictures were taken. Several expressed themselves that they would like no better place to live than in this city. In fact, they seemed charmed with the Rogue River Valley and the possibilities of Oregon.

The streets were decorated beautifully with electric lights and the fountain presented a beautiful sight with its colored globes. Many of the business houses had their windows tastefully and appropriately decorated. It was a gala occasion and was appreciated by the citizens as well as by the notable visitors. The members of the divan appeared to be men worthy of their exalted position in shinedom, and it was with regrets that they left on the noon train Thursday for a visit to the Oasis of Oakland, Cal. They will visit larger temples and more noted cities, but they will visit none where their presence will be more appreciated than here in one of the baby temples of the order.

H. Hash will speak Tuesday; Olive E. Lemery, Wednesday; Mr. Otto, Thursday; Dr. Carnahan, Friday; Miss Hathaway, Saturday. Sunday school Sunday morning. A religious service at 11 a. m. Sunday evening at 7:30 J. A. Lemery will speak. The small house on the corner of the Boulevard and Iowa street which was owned by the M. E. church South is being fitted up for a place to hold prayer meetings, in connection with the Fourth Street Mission. Come to the "Life Saving Station" at 223 Fourth street. All are invited to any and all of the services.

**Rescue Mission.**

COMMITTEE.

**Christian Church.**

Tonight J. E. Holley will give his lecture on "Church Union." The moving picture, "The Prince of Gallilee," will be shown free after the lecture. Next Thursday he will give an illustrated lecture on Yellowstone Park. Beautiful colored slides will be used. All invited to attend.

Tickets for the Elks' lyceum course will be on sale at the Vining Theatre after October 1. An especially fine program is arranged for, such as the DuBar Quartet and Bell Ringers and other first-class numbers.

**Football Season Opens With  
A Crowd-Drawing Feature**

Football opens this season with a real crowd-drawing game, that scheduled between the high school team and the alumni. As always, this is considered to be one of the closest and hardest games of the year. This season it will be specially so, as the alumni have a powerful team, some of the former stars like Perry and Elmer Ashcraft, Fred Garrett, Kenneth Cummings and others being on the alumni squad. The high school team is of all new material, except Captain Spencer and one or two others, and it remains to be seen how they will come out. Let us hope that it will be with colors flying and amid the cheers of the rooters, but to do this they will have to put up an awful scramble.

The game will take place at 2:45 Saturday afternoon, October 3, and there will be a large crowd to herald the initial event of the football season. The price which is to be charged is nothing as compared to the amount of enjoyment the onlookers can experience, for this is going to be a real live game, for we have got high schoolers versus high schoolers, and knowing them all to be fighters, prospective game-goers can see what a treat in the line of sport they are going to have. Let's start the season off right and make the football game a paying proposition. Think of it! A whole, big, live, shouting, cramming, jamming football game for the small sum of 25 cents. Be on hand. You will be missed if not there.

**Normal Gathering  
Was Great Success**

The normal gathering last Friday afternoon was a great success from start to finish, one of the largest crowds ever before gathered together in Ashland attending. For one hour about thirty autos plied back and forth between town and the grounds carrying passengers. It was estimated that about three thousand people assembled. All the schools dismissed, and there was a throng of children present to liven up the merry scene.

Professor Mulkey, former professor of the normal school, gave a glowing speech about the benefits of the normal work and the importance of having different schools in different parts of the state. His talk met with the approval and applause of the crowd.

During the course of the afternoon wrestling matches were held, many of which were not planned for in the beginning, the school boys taking it upon themselves to furnish this part of the entertainment. Some of the school girls and boys competed in a basketball throwing contest, which interested a large number. After the watermelon feed, at which a wagon load of watermelons vanished like the stars of the morning, a bucking exhibition was pulled off. In this one young man was beautifully spilled by a little boy, but she was finally brought to undergo the unaccustomed weight on her back. Clifford Yarbrough, John Morgan, Red Murphy and James Bowers with several others managed the exhibitions.

In the road in front of the normal horse races were held, and Ray Murphy did the Roman ride, for which he is already famous in this community. One of the most interesting and amusing features of the afternoon's performances was the boxing contest between the French and the German. Strickland and Dr. Jarvis were the actors in this, and such an amusing occurrence is not likely to happen again in Ashland very soon. The rounds were short, fast and furious, and both of the boxers exhibited their skill. Dr. Jarvis is an experienced college boxer, while Strickland has had a good deal of experience in this line, as was shown. On account of

his long and powerful arms and length of body, Strickland was able to get in a few more than did his opponent, but the latter made some wonderful punches and guards. Finally, after several rounds had been fought, the referee, Mr. Choate, saw they were getting hot and perspiring freely, so parted them. The whole afternoon was enjoyed to the full by all, and the affair could be called a success from start to finish, as was shown. On account of

**Oakland Deputy  
Here for Simpson**

Deputy Sheriff B. Brown of Oakland, Cal., arrived in Ashland Thursday. He came for the purpose of taking Lynn Simpson, the young man who has knowledge of the murder which occurred at Livermore on August 4, back to the trial as a witness. The murder, as will be recalled, was that of an unidentified tramp, who was found in the third story of a tank house in a vineyard near Livermore, Cal., slashed and hacked with a razor so as to be unrecognizable.

For some time the authorities in California have been working on the case, and have had in custody an Indian boy, 18 years of age, who was suspected of the murder. Also they have almost all of the members of the hobo gang which were in company with them.

The story of certain townspeople led to the detention of the Indian, for they said that he ran up into one of the city streets crying for help, saying there was a man chasing him who would knife him if he caught up. Men immediately started back on his trail, but the pursuer had disappeared and so had the Indian during the excitement. The body was found by the men going back looking for the pursuer.

Again remembering the published account of the boy's story to the effect that when "Seattle Blackie" had returned from Livermore, where he had been to get supplies, he asked where his partner, the boy that had traveled in company with him and the Indian, was. The Indian had bloody hands and "Seattle Blackie" instantly suspected that something was wrong. It was at this point that Simpson's story left off, for here, he said, he and his pal, "Frisco Blackie," left, fearing trouble.

The Indian was recognized at the time by several of the bystanders as being one of a notorious hobo gang, but as there was no proof that he did the killing, they could not detain him. However, some of the foregoing facts were more fully developed and followed up and his preliminary hearing was called for last Tuesday.

**Bond Situation  
Is Explained**

The matter of the legality of the auxiliary water bonds is now being examined into by New York bond attorneys, and the springs water commission is furnishing them additional data as requested. There appears to be some doubt in the minds of the attorneys as to the power of the city to make the issue without a charter amendment granting the specific power for this issue. That matter is now in course of adjudication and when settled the public will be so notified through the press.

It may be definitely stated, however, that it will not be necessary to re-vote the bonds. There may be need for either holding an election to ratify the issue or have a supreme court decision on the matter. If either proves necessary the commission will ask the council to call an election to adopt a charter amendment, as that can be accomplished much sooner than a confirmation could be had from the supreme court and at much less expense.

**Oakland Deputy  
Praises Springs**

B. Brown, deputy sheriff of Oakland, Cal., who was here Thursday and Friday of last week, is a booster for Ashland mineral springs. Friday morning he was taken out to the lithia springs and he was exceedingly enthusiastic about them. He believed that Ashland as a health resort, with all of the beautiful mountains surrounding the springs, the fine, clear, pure drinking water, would become famous throughout the United States.

Team belonging to the Smith livery stables ran away Thursday afternoon. They had been left standing in front of the electric light company's office on Oak street, and, becoming frightened by the gorgeous costumes of the Shriners, and having no driver to hold them quiet, started for the livery stables, with the one instinct of home and safety. They turned the corner of Oak and Main streets and in front of Provost's store met up against W. DeWitt's auto, which they damaged by tearing a fender off and jamming a lamp. One wheel of the buggy was so damaged that when they went a little farther and rubbed against Provost's buggy the wheel collapsed. The buggy struck was not injured. It was an extremely lucky thing that DeWitt's auto received the first shock as it kept the frightened team and buggy from the buggy in which Mr. Provost sat. The team made their way from there on safely to the livery stables, one axle of the buggy dragging.

**Team Runs Away  
Through Main Street**

In the meantime Chief of Police Porter of Ashland had run across young Simpson and sent his evidence and identification of the picture of the Indian as the man. This furnished the missing link, for heretofore they had not been able to find out positively what had caused Seattle Blackie to chase the Indian. When the Indian was told of the new incriminating evidence he ceased denying his innocence, broke down, and confessed to the crime. He claimed that he did it while under the influence of liquor, which always had a tendency to cause something to go wrong with his brain and make him savage. He would not admit that he did any more than to cut the boy's head off, and said he knew nothing about the other slashings of the body. His preliminary hearing was put off until next Tuesday, when they will have the Simpson boy there as a witness. Sheriff Brown left with Simpson Friday morning for Livermore.

**Southern Oregon  
Display at Fair**

That southern Oregon is to have a space ten by fifty feet in the Oregon building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to display its products was the word brought here by H. O. Frohbach, president of the Southern Oregon Association for the Panama-Pacific exposition, and Sam Josephson, vice-president, says the Klamath Falls Northwestern. Mr. Josephson is publicity manager for the Roseburg Commercial Club and Mr. Frohbach is preparing the exhibit for Jackson county and processing all fruit displayed by the four counties composing the Southern Oregon Association—Douglas, Josephine, Jackson and Klamath.

This space has no wall in the center, so for displaying purposes its real dimensions are five by one hundred feet, and the walls are seven feet high. This is to be filled by products from the four counties to make a harmonious whole, Klamath showing grains and grasses and the other counties fruits and other products. Each product exhibited, however, will be marked to indicate the grower and the county from which it comes.

Messrs. Frohbach and Josephson also bring the information from G. H. Hyland, director of exhibits, who was seen before he left Ashland for Portland, that Klamath county has been given a special place in the Oregon building at the exposition grounds, where it may exhibit mounted or stuffed birds and animals of this county. This space is fourteen by twenty-four feet and is to be filled by Klamath county only.

"The Oregon building, according to Mr. Hyland, will be a great wonder in itself and the exhibits we will show from southern Oregon will open the eyes of all easterners to the good things this section can grow," said Mr. Frohbach.

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**Gathered Data  
About Dry Town**

Orton E. Goodwin representing "The Committee of One Hundred"—business men of Oregon who are aiding the campaign to abolish the manufacture and sale of liquor in Oregon—was in Ashland last week. His visit here was to gather first hand data concerning the growth and development of Ashland and what relation the liquor traffic had in the matter. "The Committee of One Hundred are business men and my work is to get the information concerning conditions in all the dry towns and publish them in the newspapers of the state in a series of articles," says Mr. Goodwin. "All this information will thus be presented to the people. The articles will not attack any wet towns. The Committee of One Hundred are utterly opposed to billingsgate and rank assertions and believe that citizens want facts and not high-sounding words."

Inquiry as to the campaign drew from Mr. Goodwin the information that the Anti-Saloon League did not favor the expenditure of the money required to have the matter appear in all the legitimate newspapers in Oregon. "This committee knows the value of business methods and knows how to get results. They are advertisers in their own business enterprises and ridiculed the idea of expecting newspapers to give free space to a thorough presentation of their facts."

**Leases Big Orchard.**

Beginning October 1, A. H. Davenport of the Meyer creek neighborhood will take over for another year the lease of the entire holdings of the Rogue River Orchards Company. The corporation finds it advantageous to have control of the property in the hands of one party instead of being farmed out in job lots. Their experience during the past year has been eminently satisfactory, hence the renewal of the lease.

Teachers' institute will be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th of October, at Medford.