

TO REUDGE RATES ON IMPROVEMENTS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BY PLAN

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Congressman Bailey of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on mileage, proposes a radical change in District of Columbia real estate assessments in a bill pending in congress. The proposed law contemplates the assessment of land and improvements separately.

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that hereafter in the assessment of property in the District of Columbia the value of improvements in, on or under the land shall be set forth by the assessors in a separate column and the amount of the improvements in said District, this amount to be deducted from the assessed value of such property. Provided further, that in addition to the amount charged off for depreciation, there shall annually be a further reduction of 10 per centum for a period of five years in the total assessed value against improvements, and that at the end of that period improvements in no case shall be assessed at more than 50 per centum of their value.

TAXICAB COMPANY MAY INSTITUTE SUIT

The Oregon Taxicab company has notified all competitors operating "brown" cabs that they must change the color by April 1 and that if they do not do so voluntarily legal proceedings will be instituted to compel them.

A few weeks ago the company obtained an injunction in the circuit court restraining competitors from operating a brown colored cab and it is now proposed to obtain a similar restraint against others.

FORMER CHIEF DEPUTY UNDER INDICTMENT

Alex Smith, who was chief deputy of the tax department under Sheriff Word a year ago for a few months and who was let out about April 1, 1913, was indicted by the February grand jury on a charge of forgery.

LISTS READY FOR ROSE FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN

Completed lists of the 450 former subscribers to Rose Festival funds who are to be asked to make similar or larger renewals next Monday, the day of the "clean up" financial campaign, have been turned over to the heads of the nine business organizations which will conduct the canvass.

WHITE SLAVERY CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY

The case of the government against John Lowe, colored, was submitted to the jury in the United States district court at noon today. Lowe was tried on an indictment charging him with white slavery.

TOWNSEND'S PAY TOO SMALL

San Francisco, March 14.—D. D. Townsend resigned as special assistant to the federal attorney general, saying he did so because he could not afford to work for the pay he was getting.

NEW ALASKA TRADE EXTENSION PLANNED

Portland to Western Alaska Steamers Service Aim of Committee. Based on the proposition that "No trade can be secured to Portland without Portland controlled ships in connection with the proposed government railroad in Alaska," preliminary organization to promote ship service between Portland and the western Alaska terminus of the railroad, authorized in the Chamberlain bill which the president has now signed, was accomplished at a meeting yesterday at noon in the Commercial club.

SHOWS MARKET NEED OF EASTERN OREGON

Eastern Oregon's crying need of marketing facilities is vividly set forth in a letter from L. J. Morse, manager of the John Day Development company. Spurred by the glowing accounts of record breaking potatoes in Multnomah county, Mr. Morse has risen to the defense of his county and the state, particularly the part drained by the John Day river, by sending to Portland several specimens of the kind of potatoes grown at Spray in Wheeler county.

ASSOCIATIONS TO JOIN IN BANQUET TO CLARK

The Portland Commercial club and the Oregon Manufacturers' association will be joint hosts at a banquet next Tuesday night in honor of C. M. Clark of Philadelphia, chairman of the board of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

TO DELIVER LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

An authorized lecture on Christian Science will be delivered in the edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 10th and Commercial streets, by Clarence W. Chadwick, C. S. B., of Omaha, Neb.

TORTURE DEVICE IS EXHIBITED IN COURT

A torture device that rivaled those used in the middle ages was produced this morning in municipal court when Stefano Casale was tried on a charge of cruelty to animals.

O. W. R. & N. Pays Its Taxes

The largest single tax payment for the present year, a check for \$194,468.04 from the O. W. R. & N. Co., was received this morning by Tax Collector Lewis. Because of the pending which attacks the tax law the company in a letter to Mr. Lewis announced that they paid the full amount of the tax of \$194,468.04.

DEATH OF JUDGE WILLARD

Minneapolis, March 14.—Federal Judge A. C. Willard died yesterday.

ODD BARRIER TO HIS YOUNG WIFE

Centralia, Wash., March 14.—Henry Douglas, 60 farmer living a mile north of Grand Mound, yesterday afternoon shot his wife, 36, through the breast with a rifle, at the Douglas home after committing a deed, Douglas went to the home of a neighbor and said that he had killed his wife, after which he walked to the Northern Pacific tracks and started to give himself up.

CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED TO STOP SCHOOL BOYS USING CIGARETTES

Such advertisements high school boys get their idea that it is manly and fashionable to smoke cigarettes. It was also stated that eight high school boys to every grammar school boy smoke.

BISHOP SCARBOROUGH DIES AT TRENTON, N. J.

Trenton, N. J., March 14.—Bishop John Scarborough, of the Episcopal diocese of New Jersey, died here today of pleuro-pneumonia. At the time of his death he was 83 years old.

M. A. C. TAX SUIT IS GIVEN TO M'GINN

Circuit Judge Davis yesterday transferred the suit of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club to restrain collection of taxes on club property to Judge McGinn's court.

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FAY TAFT DROWNED IN YAQUINA BAY

Toledo, Or., March 14.—Fay Taft of this city was drowned yesterday about four miles below town in Yaquina bay. He was on the shore, and started to swim to the government dredge Oregon when he was swept down.

ME-NOM-I-NEE Truck

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 19, 1914. Gerlinger Motor Car Co., Dear Sirs: In behalf of the Motor Car Club of Seattle we have taken pleasure in stating that during the past eight months the truck has been in operation we have not had one cent's worth of repairs, other than a...

COOPERATION WITH TEACHERS URGED

"The public schools of Portland are her greatest asset," said Superintendent of Schools L. T. Alderman, speaking before the Commercial club this noon, "and I beseech you parents and citizens to do all in your power to make our school system one of the best in the country."

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DATES FOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ARE DISCUSSED

C. C. Coit, O. M. Plummer and others interested in the annual livestock show held here are meeting this afternoon with a delegation from Idaho and Washington for the purpose, if possible, to arrange dates for the shows in Portland and Lewiston to be so fixed that they will not conflict.

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CALIFORNIA SHERIFFS WOULD DIVIDE "ARMY" UP AMONG COUNTIES

Plan to Force Idle to Half Dozen Sacramento Valley Communities. (United Press Pressed Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., March 14.—The latest solution offered for breaking up the army of the unemployed now camped for nearly a week on the bank of the Sacramento river opposite this city is to have the sheriffs of half a dozen counties in the Sacramento valley get together, sound up the several hundred men and each sheriff take a bunch of them back with him. If the men refuse the invitation to "like" to these different counties, they likely will be subjected to forcible methods.

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Advertisement for Baker Theatre, featuring 'The Merry Monarchs' and 'The Merry Monarchs'.

Advertisement for Spanish Castilian Grille, featuring 'Spanish and American Cooking' and 'Best Wines, Liquors and Beers Served'.

Advertisement for Hotel Cornelius, featuring 'The House of Welcome' and 'In the theatre and shopping district, one block from any carline'.

Advertisement for Gerlinger Motor Car Co., featuring 'ME-NOM-I-NEE Truck' and 'What a user says regarding his ME-NOM-I-NEE Truck'.

Advertisement for Ve-Old Colonial Beer, featuring 'Yes—it's pure without a doubt, sir—Hops and malt and water, too. All combined by perfect brewing In a beer just right for you.'