

POPULATION GROWS 20 PER CENT, TAXES GROW 700 PER CENT

Benton County People Paid
\$43,000 in 1903; \$301,-
000 in 1914; Protest Made

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE BUSY

Bill's Proposed to Give Each County
Local Option in Creating Offices
and Fixing Salaries.

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 12.—Since the protest meeting against the budget expenditures and the organization of a taxpayers' league here last Saturday, figures and comparisons are being hunted out by the taxpayers.

Benton county is the second smallest county in the state, yet it has all the offices and frills of Marion and other large counties, and its salaries are as large. The county has less than 13,000 population, hence the tax burden is heavy.

Excesses 20 Per Cent.
Census figures show that the county has only increased 20 per cent in population in the last 20 years, while its taxation has increased 700 per cent, from \$43,000 in 1903 to \$301,000 in 1914.

Of the total taxation of the county more than one-third goes to the schools. The school expenses have grown alarmingly in the past few years, although the schools are few.

It is said the expense of Benton county schools are greater than those of Lincoln county, although that county has about two and one-half as many schools as Benton.

Fighting High Taxes.
These and many other comparisons are being given out by the taxpayers at the head of the tax reform movement in the hope that the taxpayers will get behind the taxpayers' league and help to make of it a Williams valley association of counties.

President H. L. Lack of Bellefontaine says nearly every county in western Oregon is up in rebellion against high taxation. He feels certain the counties of the Willamette valley will unite and help to initiate a bill to abolish many of the offices and commissions created by the legislature since 1903 and give to each county local option in creating offices and fixing salaries.

Boy Hiker Has 4917 Miles to His Credit

Club Officer Leads Competitor 300
Miles in Trip From Louisville, Ky.,
9 Pairs Shoes, 256 Pairs Socks Worn.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Three hundred miles ahead of Frank Butcher, who left the Kentucky metropolis at the same time, Jack W. Burrell, secretary treasurer of the Kentucky Boys' club, is here today, 4917 miles on his journey.

The route laid out for the boys touched Shreveport, La., Kansas City, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake and Reno. The rules of the contest provide that each boy must start out with 50 cents and end the journey with \$25.

Burrell said today that he had worn out nine pairs of shoes and 256 pairs of socks since he left Louisville April 14, 1915.

Chiropractic Board Holds Examination

The state board of chiropractic examiners is now conducting the semi-annual examinations for license to practice in Oregon. Examinations began at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Y. M. C. A., and will close today. Candidates are being examined on anatomy, physiology, pathology, diagnosis, chiropractic theory and practice, chemical work, gynecology, obstetrics, chemistry, histology, toxicology, hygiene and sanitation.

The state examiners are Dr. George Hoyer of Oregon City and Drs. Helen Bock and A. B. Elder of this city.

The night examinations will be held in July. Only five candidates have appeared for license.

Man Twice Fire Victim.

Brownville, Or., Jan. 12.—The residence of M. E. Miller, of Harrisburg, Or., burned Monday. Tuesday a house which he owns here caught fire. The roof burned off. The house here is rented to William Leonard.

The fire called out the Brownville fire department for the first time in 18 months. There was not a single alarm during 1915.

School Fight at Seaside.

Seaside, Or., Jan. 12.—To bring about harmony in the new Seaside high school proposition, the old board of directors was asked to resign Monday night. B. W. Otto, chairman of the board, called a special mass meeting, declaring he would not resign for \$10,000.

Hotel Man Returns.

Louis J. Reno of the Imperial hotel desk staff has returned from a 10 days' vacation with Mrs. Reno, spent at the Dalles and at Multnomah lodge on the Columbia highway. Multnomah falls and the Columbia highway in winter time baffle description, according to Mr. Reno.

Mrs. E. T. Owens Dies.

Friend, Or., Jan. 12.—The Great Southern train out of Friend Monday bore the remains of Mrs. E. T. Owens, who died of pneumonia at her residence near Sherrlock, late Saturday night after a short illness. The body was taken to Portland for burial.

SAN FRANCISCO HOTELS

HOUSE OF COMFORT
HOTEL MANX
POWELL ST. AT OFARRELL
SAN FRANCISCO

Located in the heart of the shopping and theatre district.
HEADQUARTERS FOR OREGONIANS
IN SAN FRANCISCO
Metropolitan Service
Running Ice Water in Every Room
EUROPEAN PLAN, A LA CARTE CAFE
Under Management of CHESTER W. KELLY
MEET ME AT THE MANX

Two Are Married on S. S. Northwestern

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 12.—(P. N. S.)—When the steamship Northwestern sailed from Seattle for Alaskan ports late Monday, a stowaway in the person of Daniel Cupid, Esq., was on board. Once the ship passed beyond the three mile limit, Sir Daniel turned pirate, seized the vessel and placed two of its passengers in nuptial irons.

Mrs. Rose Fetterly and F. J. Munson, both of Seward, Alaska, were the victims of Cupid's piratical prank. With Captain C. J. O'Brien transformed into a parson, the couple were married aboard ship Tuesday.

Mrs. Rose Fetterly had been divorced but three months, so her marriage in Seattle would have been illegal.

Kean Kills Himself.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 12.—(P. N. S.)—A C. Kean, 73 years old, a well known realty attorney of Balboa, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Kean had suffered from partial paralysis for several months, and despondency is believed to have caused him to end his life.

Thieves Stop Car.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Two thieves who late yesterday robbed M. Perigue, driver of an automobile, stopped the car on the highway near Kirkland of his five passenger automobile and \$20 in cash, are being sought by the police. The robbers boarded Perigue's automobile as it passed between Kirkland and Seattle, dumped the driver out, took his money from his pockets and drove off with the car.

\$100,000 BLOCK OF ROSEBURG BONDS TO BE OFFERED MAR. 1

Part of Issue of \$300,000 Is
Voted to Assist in Construction of a Railroad.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 12.—The first block, amounting to \$100,000, of Roseburg municipal bonds issued to aid Kendall Brothers of Pittsburg, in construction of a railroad from Roseburg to the large timber district east of here, will be floated on May 1, so the Roseburg city council has decided.

The bonds will run for 20 years and bear five per cent interest payable semi-annually. The first Monday in March is set for opening of the bids.

The entire bond issue amounts to \$300,000, and the remainder of this sum will be issued in blocks of \$25,000 each at later dates.

Sale of Cider Prohibited.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 12.—City officials have prohibited the sale of cider kept for sale by the Roseburg soda works, but manufactured by a Portland firm, because in analysis it showed only a half per cent of alcohol. The cider was sent to Eugene for analysis.

'Possum Leads Chase On Bay City Streets

Barbary Coast, Cluttered With Negro
Soldiers, Is Scene of Race in Which
Animal Makes Get-Away.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—(P. N. S.)—A perfectly good 'possum is meandering about the streets of San Francisco today. Here is why.

Richard Forsler received the 'possum from a friend. He had no use for the animal, but thought that a 'possum might be most highly prized in the immediate vicinity of Barbary Coast. In the heart of this district he pulled the 'possum from the bag. After biting Forsler eight times on the right hand Mr. Possum leaped suddenly to liberty.

The vicinity at the moment was all cluttered up with negro soldiers of the twenty-fourth infantry, most of them from the 'possum land of the sunny south. Pitt-a-pat went the little feet of the 'possum on the pavement. Thud! thud! sounded the army bugles of the gallant twenty-fourth. In and out, up and down, cross street and back, the chase ensued.

But Mr. Possum escaped. And there was no trace of the whole length and breadth of the street.

Edward Carson Dies.

Edward M. Carson, who died in Roseburg January 9, was formerly a resident of Portland, aged 73 years. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving with company E, Seventeenth Illinois infantry. At one time he was a member of George Wright post, G. A. R., of this city. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m., from the Chambers chapel, Killingsworth and Kerby. Interment will be in Lone Fir cemetery. Mr. Carson is survived by two grandchildren, Stuart and Geneva Carson.

Lane Pioneer Dies.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 12.—Henry C. Morgan, one of Lane county's early pioneers, having come here in 1847, died at his home near Lowell Sunday at the age of 84 years. He leaves a widow and five children, as follows: Roy C. Morgan and Walter Morgan of Eugene, Ned Morgan, on the farm where his father died; Mrs. Herbert Walker of Springfield, and Mrs. Minnie Buster of Los Angeles. The funeral was held Tuesday.

Hermiston Rebekahs Install.

Hermiston, Or., Jan. 12.—Sunbeam lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, installed the following officers elected for the coming year, Friday evening. Noble grand, Miss Blanche Chamberlain; vice grand, Mrs. Grace Furnas; financial secretary, Mrs. Jennie Wooster; treasurer, Tom Wooster. The installation was conducted by Senior Past Noble Grand Mrs. Maggie E. Rice, assisted by Warden Mrs. Esther Furnas.

St. Johns Water Plant.

The city council today expects to get a decision from officials of the St. Johns Water Works & Lighting company on the offer of \$100,000 made plan to the company for its privately owned plant in St. Johns. The company offered to sell the plant for \$120,000, but the city council made a compromise offer of \$100,000 and expects to get a reply from officials of the company at today's meeting of the council.

Californian Appointed.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today appointed Captain Richard Park of California to the debris commission.

STATE INSURANCE IN HIGHWAY CONTRACTS IS FULLY DISCUSSED

Commission Will Defer Action
Until Return of Treasurer
Kay, a Member.

SOME FOR IT, OTHERS NOT

Some Contractors Argue They Should
Be Allowed to Choose Own
Form of Protection.

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—The state highway commission Tuesday afternoon heard arguments for and against the inclusion in highway contracts of a provision requiring that the contractor shall carry insurance in the state industrial accident commission for the protection of employees, and reserved decision.

Governor Withycombe and Secretary of State Olcott of the highway commission were present. State Treasurer Kay being absent. On his return the commission will decide whether the clause shall remain in the contracts, as proposed in a resolution some time ago.

Commissioners Marshall, Abrams and Beckwith of the industrial accident commission and J. A. Madsen and William McKenna, representing labor men, presented arguments in favor of having the clause remain in the contracts, and Attorney Lively argued in favor of its elimination.

A representative of the Warren construction company said that his concern found it satisfactory for the company to carry its own insurance, and Contractor J. F. Clark, of the Standifer-Clock company, said he did not find the state compensation act as satisfactory as the casualty system, and that he had gone back to the casualty, after giving the insurance a year's trial.

Argued for Free Hand.

Lively argued that it was costing the state more to carry the insurance than it would casualty companies, and he insisted that the contractors should be given a free hand in choosing their insurance.

Commissioners Abrams, Marshall and Beckwith contended that the workmen got the right kind of protection under the state system. Marshall pointed out that a casualty company would pay a man who was permanently incapacitated for a few years and then he would be turned out. The result would be that the state would have to take care of him.

A company operating in Wisconsin which collected \$2.50 and of this amount the workman got only \$1. In Oregon the workman got \$1 for \$1.13 paid in.

Mr. Madsen argued that the great objection to permitting the contractors to insure in casualty companies instead of patronizing the state is the system of subletting. Usually the subcontractor carries no bonds and no insurance and when a workman is injured he has no recourse. In requiring all of the contractors to carry the state insurance the commission puts them all on the same basis. He mentioned the fact that 1600 workmen in California recently were without any support when a casualty company on which they depended became bankrupt. He suggested that such a condition might arise at any time with casualty companies operating in Oregon.

Mr. McKenna said that under the state system a widow is provided with funds paid monthly, while the casualty companies paid her something and usually some shark was waiting at the door to lure her into investing the money in some worthless proposition. McKenna said that she had no money for the support of herself or children in three or four weeks. He declared that the workman was the state's greatest asset and it was the state's duty to protect him.

McKenna said that the compensation act is one of the best laws ever passed by the state, and he hoped the day would come when it would be compulsory.

New Shed for Went.

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—The Southern Pacific railroad has notified the state public service commission that it has decided on its own motion to build a shelter shed at Went, on the Woodburn-Springfield branch.

Girl Is Committed.

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—Buelah McFerron aged 18 years, who was arrested with B. E. Hendricks, a Salem photographer, on a charge of disorderly conduct, was today committed to the state training school for girls. Hendricks and the girl paid fines of \$15 each when arrested last week.

Man Reads His Own Obituary in Papers

California Student Now Lieutenant at
Front Says, 'Like Mark Twain, Report
Is "Greatly Exaggerated."

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 12.—(P. N. S.)—"I've just received a letter from Jim Black containing a clipping from San Francisco papers of my obituary. I am glad to be able to say, like Mark Twain, that it is greatly exaggerated."

"I think it's a bit thick to be killed at such long distance when you have evaded so many shots at much closer range."

Professor Morse Stephens of the University of California announced today that John Barnett of the class of 1911, now a lieutenant in the British army, had written him the above denial of a report that he had been slain in battle. Barnett's letter was written December 20 as his regiment was about to leave Flanders for Egypt.

Cold Weather Closes Mills.

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 12.—Continued cold and unusual weather caused the closing of one or two additional mills Tuesday. It is stated that unless there is a change in the weather the lumbering business of Grays Harbor will be at a complete standstill.

To Keep Players Until Monday.

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Stating that he would not make his final payment on the Chicago Cubs until January 20, Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Nationals, telegraphed John F. Powers yesterday that he would not turn over players to him until after Monday.

G. B. Hawkins, 83, of Cottage Grove, Dead

Death Calls Saturday Morning Following
Illness of Five Years—Funeral
Held Monday.

Cottage Grove, Or., Jan. 12.—G. B. Hawkins, aged 83 years, died Saturday morning following an illness of five years. The funeral was held yesterday. Rev. D. A. MacLeod officiating. The widow survives, also four of nine children. They are: F. W. Hawkins, Miss Daisy Hawkins of Newport, C. A. Hawkins of The Dalles, Mrs. W. G. Hauser of Eugene, Miss Daisy Hawkins of Salem, children survive by a former marriage. They are Mrs. Sadie Comstock and Nelson E. Hawkins of Joplin, Mo.

Jeremiah Taylor Buried.

Cottage Grove, Or., Jan. 12.—The funeral of Jeremiah Taylor who died Thursday, January 6, was held Sunday afternoon. Surviving children are: Mrs. Dollie Lestas of High Valley, Ida, William H. Taylor of Curlew, Wash.; Mrs. A. S. Powell of this city; George R. Taylor, who lives on the old farm; John N. Taylor, of this city.

Odd Fellows Install Officers.

Cottage Grove, Or., Jan. 12.—The Odd Fellows lodge recently installed the following officers: N. G. C. H. McKibben; V. G. S. C. Newcomb; secretary, A. L. Newcomb; treasurer, E. Shinn; wardens, E. Hamoth; conductor, I. J. Asher; I. G. George Wilson; O. G. George Booker; R. S. N. G. S. D. Hamblin; L. S. N. G. W. N. Hubbard; B. S. O. H. Wallace; L. S. V. G. A. T. Crandall; R. S. S. Oscar McDoyle; L. S. S. Henry Whitlock; chaplain, Charles Jackson.

STILLWATER LUMBER PLANT, VADER, WN., BURNED LAST NIGHT

Loss Is at Least \$100,000;
Dynamite Used to Check
Further Spread of Flames.

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 12.—The big sawmill plant of the Stillwater Lumber company at Vader was destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of at least \$100,000. The origin of the blaze, which was discovered at 11:15 o'clock, is unknown, but is believed to have started in the re-saw room. Every able-bodied man in Vader responded to the alarm and fought for hours to subdue the blaze.

The mill had a modern fire fighting equipment, but the flames defied the efforts of the fighters to check it. When it was seen that there was no chance to save the plant, the docks connecting the sawmill with the planing mill were dynamited, saving both the planing mill and the cross-arm factory from destruction.

The Stillwater mill furnished practically Vader's only payroll. The destruction is a serious blow to the town. It is not yet known whether or not the plant will be rebuilt. The mill has been running steadily, closing only recently owing to the deep snow. During the period of idleness new machinery had been installed, practically doubling the capacity of the plant. The plant had a capacity of over 100,000 feet of lumber a day.

W. E. Brown is president and treasurer of the mill company and manager of the plant, and George Dyson of this city is secretary of the company.

Bonds to Meet Root Again.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 12.—Joe Bonds, Tacoma heavyweight, expects to take care of his traveling expenses on a trip soon to New York by meeting Jack Root, the big Portland boxer, at his place in Montana, the bout to be staged in the near future. It is understood here today that Bonds and Root have been signed to clash a third time. Bonds knocked Root out in the second round in a bout a year ago and a few days ago won decisively from Root in a draw decision bout of six rounds in Portland.

Seals Get Three Players.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 12.—Pitchers Perdue and Robinson and First Baseman Ham Hyatt will be released to the San Francisco team of the Pacific Coast league, according to word received here yesterday from Miller Huggins, manager of the St. Louis Nationals. These players will be turned over to San Francisco as payment for Shortstop Roy Corhan.

Hyatt formerly played in the Northwestern league, and for several seasons was the pinch hitter of the Pittsburgh Nationals. Perdue is an ex-Boston twirler.

Golfers Arrive in Chicago.

New York, Jan. 12.—(U. P.)—The east's first delegation to the annual meeting of the United States Golf association at Chicago Friday night left here today. In the party were Howard P. Whitney, secretary of the U. S. G. A.; Frederick S. Wheeler, nominee for treasurer; H. W. Whitworth and Max Behr.

Arranging Intercity Bouts.

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Manager Billy Meek of the Olympic club of San Francisco, is trying to arrange several intercity bouts. He announced today that Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and other coast cities will be asked to send their champions.

Ouch! Pain, Pain. Rub Rheumatic, Aching Joints

Rub pain right out with small
trial bottle of old
"St. Jacobs' Oil."

Rheumatism is "pain only." Not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Stop rubbing. Rub soothing, penetrating, St. Jacobs' Oil! Right into the sore, aching joints and muscles, and relief comes instantly. "St. Jacobs' Oil" is a harmless rheumatism cure which never disappoints and can not burn the skin.

Lambs up! Quit complaining! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacobs' Oil" at any drug store, and in just a moment you'll be free from rheumatic pain, soreness, stiffness and swelling. Don't suffer! Relief awaits you. "St. Jacobs' Oil" has cured millions of rheumatism sufferers in the last half a century, and is just as good for sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago, backache, sprains.

(Adv.)

GREAT HOCKEY GAME FORESEEN HERE ON FRIDAY

Patrick's Presence in Van-
couver Lineup Puts Fight-
ing Spirit in Team.

Frank Patrick's presence in the lineup of the Vancouver Millionaires has put a lot of fighting spirit into last season's world's champions and when that aggregation of puck chasers clash with the Portland Rosebuds Friday night a great game is expected.

Vancouver crawled out of the cellar by winning from the Victoria team last night. It was the third straight victory for the Millionaires and, according to reports, the team is playing great hockey.

Fred Taylor has struck his stride at last, and with his winning mate, Mickey Mackey, in the lineup, is putting up a great game.

The following condensed rules of hockey are printed at the request of numerous people:

Each game of hockey shall consist of three periods of 20 minutes each, with a rest of 10 minutes between periods.

In the event of the score being a tie at the end of the last period the teams will rest for five minutes and again play 20 minutes or until a goal is scored by either team. The first team scoring during an overtime period wins the game.

The hockey field is 210 feet long and is divided into three parts, each 70 feet long by the full width of the rink. The 70 feet in the center is free ice and there cannot be any offside in that space.

An offside play occurs when a player has the puck and passes it ahead to one of his team mates. He can carry it through himself or pass it straight across or back to a team mate, but must not pass it ahead. A player is offside when he is closer to the opponent's goal than his team mate who has the puck.

Kicking the puck, tripping, body checking into the fence, catching the puck in the hand or carrying same, deliberately hitting an opponent with the stick, hooking an opponent with the stick, cross-checking, constitute fouls and the player who is responsible is liable to a penalty of three minutes or the rest of the game, as the referee sees fit. When a player is penalized from each team at the same time for a period longer than 10 minutes, the referee has the power to allow each team to substitute another player.

BASKETBALL GAMES

The Y. M. C. A. Comets defeated the Quet Monday night by the score of 24 to 2.

The Lincoln high school basketball quintet was defeated by the Salem high school Saturday by the score of 23 to 22.

The C. B. R. C. Midnets defeated the Arleta school team yesterday by the score of 27 to 6.

Many Want Doble's Job.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Applications for the position of football coach at the University of Washington are so numerous that no selection of a coach will be made at tonight's meeting of the student board of control, as was expected. The committee appointed to consider the choice of a successor to Doble has reported that it will need at least another week to complete its task. There are nearly 30 applications on file.

"Winged M" Hockey Players Take Lead

PORTLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY
LEAGUE.

Multnomah 2 0 1.000
O.W. R. & N. 2 1 1.000
Rowing club 0 1 1.000
Waverley club 0 1 1.000

Multnomah Amateur Athletic club hockey players jumped into the lead in the Portland Amateur league last night by defeating the O.W. R. & N. septet by the score of 4 to 2. It was a fast game from the start, the playing of Gore on the defense for Multnomah being the feature of the contest.

The league's next game will be played Tuesday night, January 18.

Aberdeen May Get Team With Proviso

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 12.—Aberdeen can stay in the Northwestern league this year, provided it is able to maintain the club through the season. This is the statement made by F. A. Bertrand, president of the association yesterday.

It is proposed to raise about \$5000 to carry the club through. Business men appear to be willing to keep the club in the league. According to Bertrand, Portland is likely to be the sixth club.

Another Basketball League Is Organized

Intermediates of the Y. M. C. A. boys' division have organized a new basketball league and adopted a schedule which will run to February 15.

The games will be held on the association gymnasium floor two or three times a week. Following is the schedule:

Spartans vs. Swastikas, January 15, 6 p. m.; Eagles, January 22, 2:45 p. m.; Lions, January 29, 2:45 p. m.; Swastikas, February 5, 6 p. m.; Eagles, February 12, 2:45 p. m.

Lions vs. Eagles, January 15, 2:45 p. m.; Swastikas, January 22, 7:30 p. m.; Spartans, January 29, 2:45 p. m.; Eagles, February 5, 2:45 p. m.; Swastikas, February 12, 7:30 p. m.

Eagles vs. Lions, January 15, 2:45 p. m.; Spartans, January 22, 2:45 p. m.; Lions, February 5, 2:45 p. m.; Spartans, February 12, 2:45 p. m.

Swastikas vs. Spartans, January 15, 6 p. m.; Lions, January 18, 7:30 p. m.; Eagles, February 4, 7:30 p. m.; Spartans, February 11, 7:30 p. m.

AL STROWGER IS CHOSEN FOR GUN CLUB PRESIDENT

Pollock Is Vice President and
Templeton Becomes Per-
manent Secretary.

Allan W. Strowger, vice president of the Portland Gun club, was elected president to succeed Henry R. Everding at the annual meeting of the members of the club held last night in the Imperial hotel. H. A. Pollock was chosen vice president and Frank Templeton was named permanent secretary. R. A. Tyler and John G. Clemson were elected directors.

Amendments were made to the by-laws of the club. The dues of the club should be 50 cents a month, payable semi-annually in advance.