TAXABLE VALUES IN OREGON MORE THAN LAST YEAR

Total of All Property in State as Shown by 1917 Assessments, Given as $928,605,570.36.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY HIGHER

State Tax Levy for 1918 Will Be Announced Early in Week, According to Galloway.

Salem, Or., Dec. 8.—The taxable value of all property in the state, as shown by the 1917 assessments, is $928,605,570.36, which is an increase of $49,331,036.65 over the assessed value of last year, according to figures completed today by the state tax commission.

The assessed value of public utilities, which is fixed by the state tax commission, is $120,707,327.83, which is an increase of $2,978,510.70 over last year.

The assessed value of property which is assessed by the county assessors for this year is $807,898,242.53, an increase of $46,863,114.95 over last year.

Multnomah County Increase.

Property values in Multnomah county, which are assessed at a little more than $300,000 higher than last year, comprise a little less than one third of the entire assessed valuation of the state, but according to the apportionment the county will pay a little more than 36 per cent of the state tax to be levied for 1918.

State Tax Commissioner Galloway said this apparent discrepancy in the figures was due to the fact that the assessed valuations in Multnomah are below the average for the state. Property in Multnomah county is assessed at 60 per cent of cash value, according to the findings of the tax commission, while the average throughout the state is around 68 per cent.

The state tax levy for 1918 will be announced sometime early next week, according to Commissioner Galloway. He said he was waiting to learn the exact amount that will have to be raised to pay the interest on the Interstate bridge bonds, as there will be a slight reduction in the amount next year.

Last year's state tax levy was $2,899,350, and the levy this year, according to Commissioner Galloway, will be for the full amount allowed under the 6 per cent limitation.

Supposed Incendiary Fires Near San Diego

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Military and civil authorities this afternoon are investigating a series of supposedly incendiary fires and other depredations on the Baker ranch, a 600 acre tract near Camp Kearny.

Several head of cattle have been poisoned and fires started on various parts of the ranch which have destroyed many tons of hay, beets, straw and oats.

PORTLAND PHYSICIAN BECOMES CAPTAIN

Dr. Charles Billington

Dr. Charles Billington, whose offices formerly were in the Medical building, Portland, but who enlisted in the medical corps and has been stationed at Vancouver Barracks since last August, has received a captain's commission and has been assigned to the medical division of the Fourth Engineers. Dr. Billington was born in England. He received his college education at Wesleyan university, Middletown, Connecticut, and his medical training at Boston university. He practiced medicine in Portland 12 years prior to his enlistment. His home is at 592 East Thirty-fourth street north.

Canton's Old Walls Yielding to Trolley

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The thousand year old walls of the city of Canton, China, are being torn down to make room for a trolley line that will encircle the city.

This announcement was made here recently by Lieutenant General Chiang Ting Tsu of the Chinese army who is now in this country, and left San Francisco for Washington, D. C.

"It is obvious that this improvement," said the army officer, "signifies great political and sociological changes, as well as an industrial one. It has taken a long time to overcome the prejudices of the people against ending Canton as a walled city."

Charles Bousson Released

Charles Bousson, chauffeur, arrested Friday night on orders of the fire marshal's office, following the bursing of Bousson's house under what seemed suspicious circumstances, was released Saturday on order of Deputy District Attorney Hammersley. An investigation into the cause of the fire is being continued by the district attorney's office.

BIG SPRUCE MILL TO EXPEDITE WORK ON AIRPLANES FOR WAR

Construction Will Begin Monday at Vancouver; Capacity to Be 9000 Planes Monthly.

Through the tremendous operations of the United States signal corps and cooperating agencies, arrangements have been completed that will result in spruce production from Oregon and Washington sufficient for 9000 war airplanes a month.

This means 9,000,000 feet of spruce every 30 days, absolutely straight grained and free from any defect. A thousand feet, board measure, of airplane stock is sufficient for the wooden members of a military airplane.

The decision of the signal corps to build the largest spruce cut-up plant in the world, utilizing the polo grounds at Vancouver barracks as the site, was announced Saturday.

Immediately the campaign to get out riven and sawed spruce from Northwest forests will be more strenuously pressed.

15,000 Employes Enlisted

Specifications for riven spruce sections adapted to the cut-up plant will be issued probably by the last of this week.

Riven spruce will be bought by the signal corps, f. o. b. cars in Oregon and Washington, after notification from the owners.

The effort to inspire operators, employers and employes, with the patriotic value of their service will continue in the vigorous organization of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, which, in the few days since it was launched, has already enlisted 15,000 members. The number is significant in itself because it reveals the size of the army of men who are on the job for Uncle Sam, getting out spruce for the airplanes that are considered the vital factor in winning the war.

As one way of sustaining production, camps have been called upon by Colonel Brice P. Disque to forego their usual Christmas holiday shut-down and assurances of acquiescence are being rapidly and loyally given.

Forest Service Assists

While decision to build the cut-up plant at Vancouver adds greatly to the imperative nature of the riving campaign, it will not lessen the importance of maximum production from mills handling spruce for the government.

New efficiency likewise is to be given the organization for getting out Alaskan spruce. Production and delivery contracts have been turned over to the United States forest service under District Forester George H. Cecil. The Portland office of the signal corps will continue to have charge of paying the bills and of the shipping end of the Alaska business.

The cut-up plant will consist of 12 units, each approximately as large as the ordinary mill. The building will measure approximately 400 by 350 feet. It will contain 140 saws, and, working 24 hours out of every day—three eight hour shifts—employ between 400 and 500 men selected from the spruce division of the army. The initial capacity of the plant will be, it is said, 9,000,000 feet of airplane stock a month, and the work in it must be done with infinite care.

Will Save Car Space

"Instead of getting only 14 per cent of airplane stock from the selected spruce log, as heretofore, it is hoped that the sections will produce 30 to 40 per cent airplane stock. The cut-up plant, in shipping, will save 25 per cent car and cargo space, or approximately $150 in freight rates per car.

The work on the mill is to begin Monday. Machinery has been ordered and is expected by January 10. Trackage will be constructed immediately by the S., P. & S. railroad. Electricity will be exclusively used as motive power for the machinery and will be furnished by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

The selection of Vancouver as the site is a signal recognition of that community. The first requisite was a point centrally located in respect to spruce producing areas, where the spruce sections could conveniently and speedily be assembled. Next, it was required that the site should have excellent transcontinental rail connections. Channel for deep sea vessels also was important. Meeting all these requirements, the site at Vancouver military post was selected from among a number that were considerd.

Food Administration Investigating Fires

Brighton, Colo., Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Investigation was started today by county officials and representatives of the state food administrator to determine the cause of several fires believed to have been of incendiary origin that have destroyed crops to the value of several thousand dollars during the past week.

E. J. Croke, ranch owner near Broomfield, reported the loss of $2500 worth of wheat from fire of an unknown cause, and $2500 worth of pinto beans owned by Thomas J. Fee, near Derby was destroyed by a mysterious fire.

Six Men Without Papers Are Detained

Astoria, Dec. 8.—Officers boarding outbound vessels Saturday detained six men who were without proper certificates of nationality.

Four Finns were taken off the steam schooner Tiverton, and two Englishmen off the tanker Atlas. Both vessels went to sea minus these men.

The Englishmen on the Atlas claim they are citizens but haven't their papers with them.

No Mediation for Packers

Seattle, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Advising the men to return to work and to live up to their present contract before negotiating for a new one, the federal mediation commission has declined to intercede in the meat packers' strike.

Ferguson Freed of Charge

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—On motion of District Attorney John E. Shelton, an embezzlement charge against ex-Governor James E. Ferguson was dismissed this afternoon.

More Enlistments Reported

Ridgefield, Wash., Dec 8.—More local boys enlisted in U. S. service this week. Rudolph Ludke enlisted in the Coast Artillery and Carl Passmore enlisted in the navy.

President Wilson Refuses Clemency

Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson today refused to extend clemency to Samuel V. Perrott, former chief of police of Indianapolis, who is under sentence of four years in prison and $1000 fine for complicity in election frauds.

Two Boys Picked Up

The Dalles, Or., Dec. 8.—Two 13-year-old boys, giving their names as Bert Bishop and Otto Meyers, were taken in custody Friday by Chief of Police Kurtz and will be held until their parents are heard from. The boys say that their home is in Clarkston, Wash., and that they were on their way to Portland.

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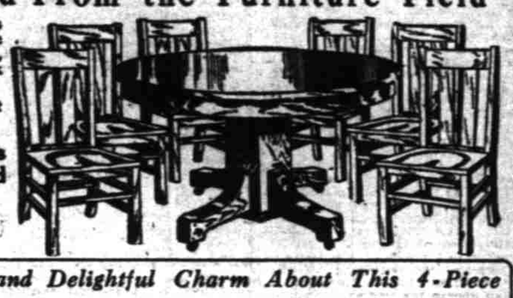

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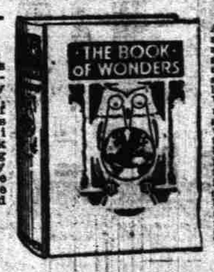

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