

JOSEPHINE PAYS \$723.45 TO PRINT DELINQUENT LIST

Taxpayers Called on to Pay High Rate for Notices That \$20.49 Would Have Carried.

COST IS \$702.96 TOO MUCH

Individual Letters Are Held to Be More Effective and More Economical Than Printing.

The taxpayers of Josephine county paid the Oregon Observer of Grants Pass \$723.45 to publish the delinquent tax list of that county in February last. The amount was \$702.96 more than it would have cost the taxpayers had the notice of their delinquency been sent to them direct by letter from the office of the tax collector.

The Josephine county list was composed of 683 separately stated parcels of property. In a great many instances a single person or corporation was shown to be the owner of a number of different parcels of land. These various parcels could, of course, have been listed on one sheet of paper and mailed in the same envelope under the same 3-cent stamp. But disregarding this circumstance and figuring on the basis of an individual letter for each parcel of property described in the list, direct notice could have been sent by mail for approximately \$20.49.

In other words the taxpayers of Josephine county were compelled by the present inefficient and expensive law to pay \$723.45 for a notice that could have been sent through the mails in much more direct and effective form for \$20.49.

One glaring example of the inequality and needless expenditure of the present law is shown in the case of the Oregon Gas & Electric company. This company had one piece of property upon which the tax had been permitted to become delinquent. The description of the property, as printed in the list, filled 33 lines. The cost of the published notice to the company, whether sent by it or not, was \$6.60. Direct notice by letter could have been sent for a 3-cent stamp.

What applies to the case of the Gas & Electric company applies as well to the entire list in ratable proportion.

The foolishness of the present law is apparent when it is considered that direct notice could have been sent to the owner by one letter containing a full description of the land owned by him upon which he had failed to pay his taxes. Had this been done, the cost would in no case have exceeded 6 cents, while under the existing law the cost of publication ran to a much higher figure, as in the case of the Oregon Gas & Electric company.

What is true as to Josephine county is also true as to every other county in the state, each one of which has been compelled by the statute to publish the delinquent tax list.

ONE REASON WHY TAX PUBLICATION Hurts

W. M. \$11.09.

Oregon Gas and Electric Company, beginning at a point 21.87 chs. N. of SW. cor. of D. L. C. No. 38, Sec. 17, T. 36, S. R. 5, W. of W. M., running thence E. a distance of 235.39 feet; thence W. a distance of 150 feet; thence S. a distance of 150 feet to place of beginning, being the S. 150 feet of the tract conveyed to Catharine Phillips by J. L. Calvert and wife, and recorded in Volume 23 at page 464, Deed Records of Josephine County, Oregon; Also, beginning at a point 21.87 chs. N. and 225.39 feet W. of the SW. cor. of D. L. C. No. 38, in Sec. 17, T. 36, S. R. 5, W. of W. M., and running S. R. 5, W. of W. M., a distance of 225.39 feet; thence N. a distance of 150 feet; thence S. a distance of 150 feet to place of beginning, being the S. 150 feet of the tract conveyed to Geo. P. Barrows by J. L. Calvert and wife, and recorded in Vol. 24, at page 481, Deed Records of Josephine County, Oregon; less and excepting from the premises hereafter conveyed, a tract of land 60 feet in width off the E. side thereof conveyed to the Grays Pass and Rogue River Railroad Company, \$593.10.

Hidden Treasure Mining Company, 61,943 acres described in Vol. 47, page 236, Deed Records of Josephine County, Oregon; Sec. 27, T. 36, S. R. 5, W. of W. M., \$31.00.

Specimen of tax list, publication showing excessive detail in description of property delinquent which has to be paid for by taxpayer.

ULTIMATUM ISSUED TO DANES BY HUNS

Germany Says 400,000 Tons Shipping Must Be Withdrawn From Allied Trade.

Washington, May 28.—(U. P.)—Germany has demanded—in virtual ultimatum—that Denmark withdraw immediately from allied trade the 400,000 tons of Danish bottoms offered for needed products from Great Britain and the United States.

News of the serious situation now confronting Denmark leaked out today with the arrival here of a Danish shipping mission, headed by Dr. J. C. Clausen. Negotiations are now under way between Denmark and this country and between Denmark and Germany in an effort to reach an agreement.

Of European invention is a motion picture camera for amateurs that uses glass plates instead of films and also can be used to project pictures.

QUORUM LACKING, SO LIME BOARD GETS NO ADDITIONAL MONEY

All of \$20,000 Appropriated Spent and \$10,000 More Needed, Says Board.

Salem, Or., May 29.—A meeting of the emergency board, called for today to authorize the state lime board to incur a \$10,000 deficiency, failed to materialize for want of a quorum. Only four members were present, while five are necessary for a quorum. The four present were Governor Withycombe, Secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay and K. K. Kubli of Portland, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives.

Senator W. D. Wood of Washington county, chairman of senate ways and means committee, sent the following telegram: "Unable to attend; if present should vote no. Seems to me that amount appropriated should have produced at least one carload of fertilizer. Am afraid the emergency board is working overtime and unless a halt is called the next legislature will be greatly handicapped from lack of funds."

Other two not present were Senator Gus C. Moser and Speaker Robert N. Stanford.

The last legislature appropriated \$20,000 for the state lime board to acquire and manufacture lime for agricultural purposes. All the money has been spent and the board has reported to the governor that \$10,000 more money will be needed before any lime can be turned out.

Governor Withycombe announced that the emergency board will not be called again for this particular purpose, but request for more funds for the lime board will be made the next time the emergency board is called for any other purpose.

British Flyer Sinks Austrian Destroyer

Rome, May 29.—(I. N. S.)—Major Baracca has achieved his thirty-second air victory.

400 Hun Soldiers Killed
London, May 29.—(I. N. S.)—Four hundred German soldiers were killed and 300 injured in a British air raid on Douai, on May 18, according to a story told by a captured German soldier, printed in the Chronicle today.

Rome, May 29.—(I. N. S.)—British aircraft attacked Durazzo and sank an Austrian destroyer, it was officially announced today.

Oregon City License
Oregon City, May 29.—A marriage license was issued Tuesday afternoon to John C. Anderson, Canby, and Marie Kling of Aurora, Route No. 1. They were married at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. E. E. Gilbert.

Kenneth S. Reed Is Given Promotion

Portland Man Among Those Advanced in Ranks at Camp Lewis—Expected to Visit City Saturday.

Camp Lewis, Wash., May 29.—(I. N. S.)—Eight first and second lieutenants received promotions Tuesday in orders received from Washington, D. C. Among those who advanced from the rank of second lieutenant to that of first is Lieutenant Kenneth Samuel Reed, 753 Upper Drive, Portland, Or.

Lieutenant Reed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Reed of Portland. He has been at Camp Lewis since August, going there directly from the first officers' training camp at the Presidio, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the cavalry. He is now a mounted officer with the 144th machine gun battalion. He is an Amherst man and prior to going east to school was one year at the University of Oregon. He was in the border war years ago with the First Oregon Cavalry in Captain White's company, Troop A, and was mustered out in February, 1917. He has been associated here in business with Marshall and Sons company since returning from college. Mr. and Mrs. Reed expect him home for a short visit Saturday.

AINSE PAYS PRICE OF PORTS' SAFETY

Hindenburg Evidently Considers Capture of Calais and Dunkirk Too Difficult a Job.

By J. W. T. Mason
New York, May 29.—(U. P.)—Von Hindenburg's persistent sacrifice of his manpower along the subordinate Aisne front is the best evidence the Germans have given that they consider an advance to the channel ports too difficult an enterprise to be undertaken at this time.

The Aisne operations have gone too far to be considered solely as a feint. The death toll the Germans have paid for the gains in the territory has been too heavy to justify the theory that Von Hindenburg has desired simply to create a diversion. The Aisne drive must be regarded as a major operation, undertaken in obedience to the clamor of German people for more victories.

Real Victory Given Up
The real victory, entailing the capture of Bologne, Calais and Dunkirk, apparently has been judged by the Kaiser's advisers as too difficult to attempt. So the German general staff seemingly was ordered to win a showy success that might be distasteful in manner to quiet, for the moment, the threatening murmurs of the people of the central empires.

There is no doubt that the allied front along the Aisne has been weakened. General Foch was perfectly sound in his judgment in weakening it. He has had to do this in order to insure the safety of the channel ports, which is the paramount consideration. The Germans choose the Aisne for their camouflage victory undoubtedly because it was the least strongly held part of the front within range of the Teutonic reserves in western France.

Is Price Paid for Channel Ports
The success of the Germans along the Aisne must be regarded as the price the allies are paying for the security of the channel coast. It is also an acknowledgment by Von Hindenburg that he cannot disregard the clamorous cries of the Germans to be fed with more tales of victory, although sound military policy is against the sacrifices such futile successes require. The strategic situation, in fact, seems to be getting out of Von Hindenburg's reach and is becoming political in its purposes. This is always a bad sign and not infrequently is the forerunner of disintegration.

German Cut Railway
The Germans have succeeded by the present operations in cutting the railway between Soissons and Rheims. This is an important line of communication serving the southern front of the allies in France. It has been cut, however, at only one point. Fismes, the sectors to the east and west are still well within the safety zone. The capture of the environs of Fismes is far from representative of a major success. It may set the Berlin crowds cheering, but the reaction will be all the more dangerous when Berlin has had time to realize that when Berlin has had time to realize that sober silence how meaningless has been the new sacrifice of German manpower.

Czechs and Germans Clash; Many Killed

Zurich, May 29.—(I. N. S.)—Today's reports from Laibach and Gratz tell of lively fighting between the Czechs and Germans on the streets of both cities and of the killing of many Germans. Laibach is the capital of Carniola and is on the Mur river. Gratz is the capital of Styria, located about 35 miles northeast of Trieste.

Justice McCamant May Resign Today

Salem, Or., May 29.—Justice Wallace McCamant probably will submit to Governor Withycombe this afternoon his resignation as a member of the supreme court, and the governor will appoint Charles A. Johns of Portland, Republican nominee for the place, to fill the vacancy.

Some time ago Justice McCamant announced that he would resign as soon as he cleared his desk of work, and it is understood now that the resignation will be submitted to take effect June 1.

Mrs. M. Selleck Dies at Hospital

Vancouver, Wash., May 29.—Mrs. Mabelle Selleck, of 903 West Twenty-seventh street, died at St. Joseph's hospital this morning. She was 32 years of age and leaves a husband, D. J. Selleck, and three children, Alma Ann, 9 years; James David, 7 years, and Agnes May, 3 years of age. She is also survived by a step-mother, Mrs. Thomas C. Jameson, Salinas, Cal.; a brother, Charles Jameson, also of Salinas; and a sister, Mrs. Henry Baehr of Hollister, Cal. The body is at Knapp's funeral parlors pending funeral arrangements which will be completed when word is received from her relatives.

G. O. P. PLATFORM TO BE BASED UPON WIN WAR POLICY

National Republican Chairman Will H. Hays Gives Statement of Party's Future Stand.

INDIANA CONVENTION OPENS

Platform to Be Adopted Declares for "Peace With Victory and Never by Compromise."

By Ellis H. Martin
Indianapolis, May 29.—(I. N. S.)—Every action of the Republican party in state and nation is to be determined solely by how it will aid most in winning the war.

This is the outstanding declaration of the Republican statement of policy by National Republican Chairman Will H. Hays for adoption this afternoon by the Indiana state Republican convention.

To this end the party stands for this program:

First—To use every possible means to win the war.

Second—For peace with victory and never by compromise.

Third—Same preparations now for peace after the war.

Petty Partisanship Charged

Charging that the party in power is guilty of practicing petty partisanship to the serious detriment of the country's cause, the demand is made that partisan politics be taken out and kept out of the management of the war.

Carping criticism of the administration is strongly denounced, but constructive criticism, sympathetically offered, is defended.

Regarded as one of the most important state conventions ever held, interest centered entirely in Chairman Hays' "win the war" platform. Only state officers ranking from secretary of state down are being nominated.

Rap Is Taken at Creel

The platform, drawn by Chairman Hays after conferences with Republican leaders all over the country, was adopted without change by the resolutions committee at a session lasting until early this morning.

Senator Harry S. New charged that the administration is playing politics and declared that a political propaganda is being carried on behind the slogan, "Send 'em to the President."

"Mr. Creel with his bunch of Socialists,"

ic, muck-raking misfits, is employing it in every form at his limited command." President Wilson the Indiana senator characterized as "the most astute leader the Democratic party has ever had, the shrewdest in his methods, the most uncompromising in his partisanship of any man who has occupied the White House since the days of Andrew Jackson."

First Republican Gun Expected

Bloomington, Ill., May 29.—(U. P.)—National Chairman Will Hays is expected to fire the opening gun of the 1920 Republican presidential campaign at a banquet here tonight, commemorating the party's birth there 62 years ago. A tablet is to be placed on the building here where the martyred Lincoln addressed the state convention at which the term Republican party was first used.

HUN PROPAGANDA GIVEN BODY BLOW

Attorney General Issues Order to Federal Courts to Rush Cases Against Disloyal.

Washington, May 29.—(I. N. S.)—Striking directly at the unceasing German propaganda in this country, an order of the attorney-general to the federal courts today urged the rushing through of criminal proceedings against the disloyal.

While the order applies to all criminal cases, it is apparent that the action of the attorney-general was aimed directly at those taken into custody under the espionage act.

Herman Faces Long Term

Seattle, Wash., May 29.—(I. N. S.)—Emil Herman, state secretary of the Socialist party, today faces a prison term of 40 years or a total fine of \$40,000 as a result of having been convicted by a federal jury of violation of the espionage law. He was convicted on two counts but has served notice of appeal.

Herman was found guilty of having circulated printed matter calculated to discourage enlistments in the military service.

Germans Bombard Americans

With the British armies in France, May 29.—(U. P.)—The American success at Cantigny apparently vexed the Germans, who began a tremendous bombardment of the new American positions as soon as they were located.

EXPRESS COMPANIES WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY U. S. GOVERNMENT

Adams, American, Wells-Fargo and Southern Concerns Affected.

Washington, May 29.—(I. N. S.)—Under a plan approved by Director General McAdoo Tuesday, the business of the four big express companies will be taken over by the government. The companies are the Adams, American, Wells-Fargo and Southern.

Three small express companies in the Northwest are not included in the plan. They will have the option of pooling their interests with the new express companies to be formed as a part of the

plan of governmental control or of going out of business.

The announcement brings about complete control by the government of all railroad and affiliated service with the exception of the Pullman car system. Negotiations are under way, and government control of the prior car business may be expected as a result.

A new express company will be formed by the four companies with a capitalization of \$30,000,000 that will represent actual property and cash put into the business. There is a guaranteed dividend of 5 per cent on this stock, and the government and the express company will share profits and should the profits be large the government will receive the lion's share at the rate of three fourths to the government and one quarter to the express company.

Allies Bring Down 252 Hun Airplanes

Washington, May 29.—(U. P.)—Allied airmen brought down and destroyed 252 German airplanes during the week between May 16 and May 22, war office reports received by the British military attaché here today. The operations include only the western front.



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Memorial Day

—“Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from shedding tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord.” (Jeremiah 31:16.)

ON this day of Memorial we thank God for the faith of the generation that is passing and for those acts of faith which established freedom in our borders. In this solemn hour, when our nation is dedicated to democracy for all men, we pray for a portion of the spirit which moved those whose memories we recall today. We pray that right may be established and that we with Clean Hands and Pure Heart may not turn back until we have established that which our conscience has sent us to do. May God protect our beloved youth, who are fighting our battles, and send them back to us to build here, with us, a newer and greater democracy.

Our Honor Boys in Service:

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Thaddeus Moses	Thomas McCreery	Dale Brouse
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Chauncey Mullen	Donald Bailey	J. Hymes
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