

BAKER FORCED TO SQUANDER BIG SUM PRINTING TAX LIST

Taxpayers by Reason of Publication Graft in Delinquent Taxes Squeezed Out of \$4900.

PRICE IN 7 YEARS \$5351.49

Amount Required, if Notices Sent by Mail as Proposed Law Provides, Would Have Been \$350.

It has cost Baker county taxpayers \$5351.49 to publish the delinquent tax lists of that county since the present publication statute was enacted in 1911. In 1912 the Morning Democrat and the Baker Herald were each paid \$550.80, the rate being 17 cents per column inch. In 1913 the same papers were paid \$516.12 each, the rate being the same as for the previous year. In 1914 the Baker Herald alone printed the list,

being paid at the rate of 35 cents per column inch, the total being \$579.08. In 1915 the Morning Democrat was the only paper printing the list, it receiving a total of \$458.15 at the rate of 17 cents per inch. In 1917 the list was published in both the Morning Democrat and the Baker Herald. The Democrat published the list for 5 cents per inch for the first insertion and 3 cents per inch for the remaining publications. Its total compensation was \$473.53. The Herald was paid 17 cents per inch for the same work and received \$650.42. In 1918 both papers printed the list, each receiving 4 cents per inch at a total compensation of \$323.52 per paper.

Lots of White Space

In 1918 there were but 372 parcels of property listed as delinquent. In order to make the publication worth while the lists were set "wide open" by both papers. In addition there were five publications in each paper, which padded the list to the padded composition foisted an overcharge of something like \$166 upon the taxpayers. The system of 1918 was not much different, if any, from that practiced in the former years. Had the delinquent tax notice bill, which will be on the November ballot for approval by the voters of the state, been the law during the past seven years, the taxpayers of Baker county, who paid the charges of publication of the lists, would have been some \$4900 better off financially.

Direct Notice Cost Little

The delinquent tax notice bill provides that letter notices be sent to delinquent property owners, giving them the same information regarding their taxes as is now required by law to be included in the published notice. The difference is that the notice by publi-

cation is expensive and theoretical, while the notice by letter would be direct and economical. It would have cost \$11.16 in postage to have sent a 3 cent letter for each parcel of delinquent property in Baker county as shown by the list published this year. The entire expense of sending letter notices, postage and all, would not have exceeded \$50. The difference in expense for 1918 would have been the difference between \$667.04, paid for the publication of the lists, and \$50, or \$617.04. That sum, in other words, is one year's waste and overcharge.

Typical of Other Places

At the same rate of postage, which is higher now than in the past, it would have cost approximately \$78.12 for postage for the seven years from 1912 to 1918 inclusive, the period covered by the existing publication law. At the estimated total rate of \$50 per year the cost under the Delinquent Tax Notice bill, or the letter mail plan, would have been \$350. The total cost of publication, as shown from the record, was \$5351.49. The loss to the taxpayers of the county, who have been assessed for the publication, amounts to approximately \$4923.57. The history of delinquent tax advertising in Baker county is typical of the history of every other county in the state.

POT ROAST BEEF, 121-2-15c

At Frank L. Smith's, 228 Alder street: Soup meat, 5c. Boiling beef, 10c. Veal stew, 12 1/2c. Beef stew 13 1/2c. Veal breast, 15c. Corned beef, 15c. Sirloin steak, 18c. Beefsteak, 18c. Prime ribs, beef, 18c. Ch'ce oven 'sts, 18c. Roast veal, 18c. Veal cutlets, 20c. Hamburg steak, 18c. Sausage meat, 18c. Bacon, 40c. Sliced bacon, 45c. Frank L. Smith's is 228 Alder st.—Adv.

LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS AMONG RAILROAD MEN TO BEGIN SATURDAY

Approximately 150,000 Employees Are Expected to Subscribe \$1-000,000 Worth of Bonds.

The campaign for Liberty loan subscriptions among employees of the railroad lines under control of Federal Manager J. P. O'Brien will start full blast Saturday morning. Approximately 150,000 employees are on the lines under Mr. O'Brien's management and over \$1,000,000 worth of bonds are looked for. The lines include the O-W, R. & N., Southern Pacific north of Ashland, Pacific Coast railway and San Francisco & Portland Steamship company. Employees over \$500,000 in bonds of the third issue, and employees on other lines in this district are not behind them in spirit. Committees have been appointed by Mr. O'Brien to conduct an aggressive campaign for subscriptions, ending October 12. The campaign organization is: General committee—J. P. O'Brien, chairman; A. C. Spencer, R. Blaisdell, C. G. Sutherland. General office committee—R. Blaisdell, F. W. Robinson, S.

Murray, William McMurray, appointing captains of volunteers in departments San Francisco & Portland Steamship and O-W, R. & N. water lines—G. L. Blair, G. E. Egan, H. C. Frazier. Northern Pacific terminal—E. Lyons and J. Mitchell. Pacific Coast railroad—G. W. Martins and A. W. Edwards. Seattle terminal—E. L. Hudson. East Portland freight terminal—F. G. Smith. Fifth division—E. R. Budd. Hospital department—Dr. K. A. J. McKenzie. Dining cars and hotels—J. T. Jones. Albina shops and general store department committee—J. P. Graham, C. E. Peck, T. M. Rasmussen, W. R. Ladd, J. L. Irish. Payment on bonds by employees may be made in full or in installments covering not more than eight months. Installment deductions will be made from the payroll beginning with October, except in case the employee is making payments on third loan bonds, installments will begin with January, 1919.

Asks More Time

Salem, Sept. 27.—The state desert land board today forwarded to the Oregon delegation in congress a resolution passed by the board urging congress to pass a special act granting the state 10 years additional time in which to complete the reclamation of the Tumalo irrigation project. Under present laws 15 years' time is allowed, and this period has almost expired.

Price Fixing Postponed

Washington, Sept. 27.—Basic price fixing of cotton was postponed Thursday by the price fixing committee of the war industries board till November 15, indicating that the investigation of the industry now being made will be completed at that time.

Tigard Schoolhouse Burns; Student Fire Drill Is Orderly

A four-room schoolhouse at Tigard, Or., burned to the ground Wednesday noon. The morning session of school was just ending. A fire had been started in the furnace for the first time in the new semester. The principal scented smoke, and turned in the signal for a fire drill. The students, unsuspecting a real fire, marched out of the building in an orderly manner. When the children reached the road outside of the playground, they noticed that the roof of the building was ablaze and sparks were still coming from the chimney. There was no means of protection for the building, and the teachers had to watch the destruction.

Dead Man Was Fisherman

Roseburg, Sept. 27.—Ralph Fischer, whose body was so badly mangled by the train near Dole, about 15 miles south of this city last night, was with a party of Alaska fishermen who had returned to Seattle and were sent to San Francisco to receive their pay for the past six months.

Hood River Apples

Special Sale for Saturday \$1.50 Apples at \$1.25 Fancy Potatoes, \$2.15 per 100 pounds THE APPLE HOUSE, 115 Second St. PORTLAND, OREGON

Fresh Creamery Butter, Victor Brand, Finest Quality, 2 lb. Roll \$1.25

Saturday—Last Day of Our Sale Women's and Misses' Fall and Winter Coats at \$19.50

Plush coats and kerseys in handsome shades of brown, navy, Burgundy and green. High-waisted models. Self-belted styles with tuck backs. The plush coats have large collars with mole-plush trimming; the kerseys have black plush collars. Wonderfully stylish and serviceable coats at only \$19.50. —Meier & Frank's: Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

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THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND

All Charge Purchases

Saturday and Monday Go on October Bills, Dated Nov. 1

Classes in French Now Being Formed

These classes which will be conducted under the auspices of the National League for Woman's Service will be instructed by Madame van Roosendaal. Morning and evening classes are now being formed. Enroll Saturday at National League Headquarters in our Sixth Floor Auditorium.

Greatest Value of All Is a Liberty Bond

Continuing Saturday Our Sale of Men's Famous "Lion Brand" Shirts

For Fall and Winter Remarkable Values

\$1.29

No need to go into lengthy particulars. Every man knows the Lion Brand quality and knows that he can make no mistake in choosing a standard, trademarked article of this kind. What we want to impress on you is the lowness of price at which we are offering Lion Brand shirts in this sale. \$2.00 is nearer the present worth of these shirts than our special price of \$1.29. First quality shirts in a variety of smart striped patterns. Made with laundered cuffs, the kind preferred for Fall and Winter. Limited quantity.

Men's Warm Sleeping Garments

You'll say to yourself, "Just what I've been looking for," when you see this announcement of warm flannelette night shirts and pajamas offered at prices that counsel—BUY NOW!

Night Shirts \$1.29

Excellent values in good weight flannelette night shirts, full cut, well made garments. Good looking striped patterns. Military, turn-down collar and V neck styles. Pocket. Sizes 15 to 20.

Night Shirts \$2.00

Fine heavy quality flannelette night shirts. Pink, blue and white bodies with colored stripes. Military, turn-down collar and V neck style. Neatly trimmed, with good pearl buttons. Pocket. Sizes 15 to 20.

Pajamas at \$1.98

Two-piece flannelette pajamas in white with pink or blue stripes. Military collar and low neck styles. Excellent values in sizes 15 to 19. High grade flannelette pajamas with frog trimming \$2.50. —Meier & Frank's: Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor.

WILL YOU Wear This Badge of Honor?

Next to getting into it "Over There" there is no stronger mark of patriotism. You are a true soldier of the home army in the service of Democracy if you

Buy Liberty Bonds

If you can—and don't—buy bonds, you are a deserter and as such the abomination of every freedom-loving man and woman.

Do It Saturday

Buy U. S. Government Bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan. No matter how many bonds you own already buy more. Don't wait to be solicited. "Hit the Liberty Trail"—bring your subscription to the Liberty Temple Saturday—as early as you can.

To Be Up in Front You Must Dress The Part

The men who pay careful attention to their clothes are the ones who hit on all cylinders in the race for success. They realize the importance of not missing fire in a matter that counts so heavily as personal appearance.

The first essential in being properly attired is that one must wear clothes that are correct in style. The easiest and safest way to achieve this is to wear

Society Brand Clothes

Every garment that bears the Society Brand label is of unquestionable style authenticity. That means these clothes are always in good taste, sensible, refined, not foppish nor extreme and yet possessing that subtle something that stamps the wearer as out-of-the-rut.

In addition style is hand tailored into every Society Brand garment. It is put there to stay there. Result—shape-retaining clothes.

There is nothing better in fabric, fit and workmanship than Society Brand.

Come to Style Headquarters

Let us show you the newest Society Brand suits and overcoats for Fall and Winter—\$35 to \$50. You'll know right away they are just what you want. Come in Saturday.

—Meier & Frank's: Men's Clothing Shop, Third Floor.

Newest Neckwear for Fall and Winter

Here are four groups of recent arrivals in women's neckwear for Fall and Winter:

Collar and Cuff Sets \$1.75

Organdy and pique collar and cuff sets. Crepe collars with Val lace trimming, ruffled edges and Filet effects. Flat, roll and panel styles. Other models.

Organdy Pleatings, Yd. 95c

Good quality washable organdy pleatings that are particularly adaptable to collar and cuff sets. 4 and 5 inches wide. \$1.25 value.

Scarfs, Capes and Coatees

New—just received. Good quality plush scarfs, capes and coatees of imitation mole and seal. With fancy colored silk linings. Moderately priced \$9.75 to \$22.50.

New Pleatings \$1.50-\$2.50

New pleatings of Georgette and net for fichu collars and sets. These are shown in white, tan, flesh and blue. Yard \$1.50 to \$2.50. —Meier & Frank's: Neckwear Shop, Main Floor.

SATURDAY

At 2:30 P. M. Seventh Floor

Mme. Coates

Famous Authority on Drse-making Will Give a Free Lecture Under the Auspices of the

RED CROSS

Red Cross workers and all others interested are invited to this free lecture to be given by Madame Lydia Coates at MEIER & FRANK'S Saturday beginning at 2:30 P. M. Prompt attendance is requested. Madame Coates will cover the new Government orders relative to Red Cross garments and outline definitely the required work of the various activities of the local chapter. Admission is free to all.

Madame Coates Dressmaking Classes

are now being formed at this store. Two separate courses for beginners and advanced students—each complete at 15 lessons at \$1.50 and \$2.50 respectively. Classes begin Monday. Tickets at Notion Shop, Main Floor.

The Greatest Hat Values We Know of Anywhere Are Found in Meier & Frank's MEN'S FELT HATS

For Fall and Winter Wear

\$3

The best way for a man to convince himself that we have a hat of the quality and style he likes at this price is to come in and see for himself.

These are NOT three dollar hats, but hats that MEIER & FRANK'S alone, thanks to rare foresight, great initiative and tremendous purchasing power, are in a position to sell at \$3 when everything is against the production of a good hat to sell at this price.

Popular Trooper shape in the new brushed-up finish so much in demand this season. New shades of tan, taupe, citron and ivory.

Other staple and novelty shapes in black and all the wanted colors \$3.

—Meier & Frank's: Men's Hat Shop, Main Floor.

On Center Aisle Bargain Square, Main Floor, Fifth Street

Good \$5.00 Chinchilla Overcoats \$3.95

These overcoats were ordered from the maker last year—they have just been received. You will find them irresistible values at \$3.95.

Boys' warmly serviceable chinchilla overcoats in the popular belted and pinch-back styles. Well tailored coats in Oxford gray, navy, brown and a few mixtures. Full flannel lining. Sizes 3 to 8-years.

Worth much more than the regular low price of \$5.00—sensational values tomorrow at \$3.95. —Meier & Frank's: Center Aisle Bargain Square, Main Floor, Fifth Street.

The Lower Price Store

We Have Ready Saturday Immense Assortments of New Fall Coats For Women, Misses and Children

A whole section devoted to inexpensive coats — coats made of beautiful materials and demonstrating the newest and best style tendencies of the Fall and Winter season. In every instance they have been accurately reproduced from costly original models and are fashioned with an attention to detail seldom found in less expensive coats. Come in tomorrow and select your new coat.



Women's New Fall Coats at \$27.50

Women's new pony plush coats with strap belt and shawl collar. Full lined coats with Italian satin. Brown, taupe, Burgundy and black shades. All sizes. Finely serviceable garments.

Women's New Fall Coats at \$22.75

Nothing but the best of materials have been used in the making of these coats. Heavy twill and kersey coats in blue, Burgundy and green. With crush mole-plush shawl collar, double belt and novelty patch pockets. All sizes.

Women's and Juniors' Coats at \$14.50

Women's and juniors' zibelline coats with velvet cape collar and large patch pockets. Belted style with buckle. Brown, blue, Copen, green, black and Burgundy shades. Body lined. All sizes 16 to 44. Worth one-fourth more today.

Children's Fall Coats for \$11.75

Children's good quality zibelline coats made with large velvet collar and wide belt. Patch pockets. All the new colors. Sizes 7 to 14 years. Excellent values at \$11.75.

Children's Fall Coats for \$10.75

Children's good heavy quality velutina coats in dark rose, Copen, green, brown, navy and black. Belted style with beaver plush collar, high yoke effect. Full lined coats. Sizes 6 to 10 years.

Women's All Wool Dresses \$16.75

Women's attractive all wool French serge dresses in straight line style with braided trimming and satin collar. Navy only. All sizes. Wonderfully good dresses at only \$16.75.

Women's New Trimmed Hats \$3.49 to \$4.98

A special line of women's trimmed hats in tailored and semi-dress effects. Medium and large shapes and turbans. Black and colors. Smartly trimmed with ostrich bands, fancy feathers and flowers. Excellent values.

Sale Children's Hats

Children's hats in all colors and in a large variety of styles. In three lots—98c values 50c, the \$1.79 values \$1.25, the \$1.98 values \$1.49.

Four Good Specials for Boys

Suits \$5.95

Boys' heavy mixed and striped cheviot school suits in pinch-back style with patch pockets. Sizes 7 to 17 years.

Caps at 49c

Boys' good looking caps in mixtures and stripes. Suitable for school wear. Many desirable colors. Special at 49c.

Suits \$5.49

Broken sizes in boys' finely serviceable corduroy suits. Dark and light brown suits for school wear. Good values.

Overalls 59c

A big disposal of boys' overalls in bib style. Blue only. Broken line of sizes from 4 to 7 years. Worth 85c.

Men's Work Pants, Pair \$1.89

Men's good wearing cotton cheviot work pants in fine stripes. Look better than and wear as well as overalls. All sizes. —Meier & Frank's: Lower Price Store, Basement Balcony.

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