

### SMALL TAXPAYER RESPONSIBLE FOR BIG DELINQUENCY

Chief Deputy Collector Huckaby of Sheriff's Office, Says Big Holders Paid Up Well.

### FAILURE DUE TO NEGLECT

Shortage of Over Million Dollars This Year Exceeds Any Previous Total; Years Compared.

It is not the large taxpayer who is responsible for the million dollar delinquency in the payment of taxes to Multnomah county for this year, according to the statement made Saturday by Chief Deputy Tax Collector E. S. Huckaby.

"All the large corporations," he stated, "as well as the railroads have paid their assessments before October 5. Failure to appear came on the part of innumerable smaller taxpayers."

That the outstanding reason for this was neglect, is the opinion of the head of the tax collecting bureau. Payments were very slow during the entire season, and although there was an unprecedented rush during the last few days preceding October 5, which taxed the collecting department to the utmost, the amount turned in failed by over \$1,000,000 of reaching the sum due the county.

All payments that are not made by November 5 become subject to a penalty of 5 per cent in addition to the 1 per cent which was made due following October 5. The tax delinquency for this year amounts to \$1,000,840.16 and is by far the largest ever recorded in Multnomah county. It exceeds by twice in percentage the delinquency on the tax roll of 1918.

Tax roll for 1918 amounted to \$9,307,641.6. Of this amount only approximately \$8,800,000 had been collected by October 5. The balance amounting to \$507,641.6, or 5.4 per cent of the total. On October 5, 1914, the delinquency for Multnomah county amounted to \$325,015.15, or 4.7 per cent of the tax roll. In 1909 the amount unpaid by October 1 was only \$91,885.47, or only 2.1 per cent of the levy.

### Magazine Printing Shops in New York Closed by Walkout

New York, Oct. 18.—A quarrel between certain local unions and their international unions has closed every magazine printing establishment in New York city. Some of the local unions have retained their membership in their international union, while the pressmen, feeders and paper handlers' local unions have seceded and struck.

These local unions demand that a 32 1/2 to 44 hour week and an increase of \$14 per week with double and triple pay for overtime take effect immediately. The international unions contend that the men should return to work and the entire matter be left to arbitration.

The publishers of the magazines, meanwhile, must suspend publication until the unions fight out their differences. This means that Collier's Weekly, McClure's, Pictorial Review, Cosmopolitan, Hearst's Magazine, Harper's Bazar, Good Housekeeping, Harper's Magazine, Metropolitan, Scribner's Magazine, Century, Munsey's, Popular, DeLacour, Vanity Fair, Everybody's, McCall's, Popular Science Monthly, Vogue, Motion Picture Magazine and 123 others as well as many of the largest trade papers in the country will not appear on time, as usual.

Some publishers are making plans to remove their plants from New York city to other places, and many Western cities are bidding vigorously to induce these publishers to consider their particular localities. Three very large publications have already completed plans for removal and their printing machinery and paper supply is now being shipped to Chicago.

### German Officers Willing to Help Fight Bolshevism

By General Alexander H. R. von Kluck Commander of the German armies in the first drive through Belgium and France, Mainz, Germany, Oct. 18.—German officers will fight loyally by the side of their old adversaries if the entente and German help in the offensive against the Bolsheviks. The allies are utterly helpless in fighting Bolshevism without Germany's aid. It is not practicable to blockade a frontier as extensive as that of Russia. If the blockade should be successful it would not act against the Reds, but against the Russian people. The only way to fight Bolshevism is for the allies and Germany to commence an offensive on both land and sea.

### OFFICERS OF ASHLAND COMPANY ARE CHOSEN



Lieutenant William M. Briggs

Ashland, Oct. 18.—Lieutenant William M. Briggs has been appointed first lieutenant of Company B, Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, by Captain Millard W. Grubb. Lieutenant Briggs has been serving as second lieutenant of the company. He enlisted May 11, 1917, at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and was commissioned second lieutenant from the first training camp, later being promoted to a first lieutenant. Lieutenant Briggs is practicing law with his father, E. D. Briggs. In the early days his father was joint representative in the state legislature for Jackson and Douglas counties. Lieutenant Lynn D. Mowat has been appointed second lieutenant of Company E. He won a commission as second lieutenant when in service at Fort Monroe, Va., before going overseas, where he saw three months' active service. He is secretary of the Commercial club and secretary of Post No. 14, American Legion.

### Recent Arrival From Stockholm Dies in Portland

Magnus Peterson, aged 71, came from Stockholm, Sweden, a few weeks ago, to spend his declining years with his son and daughter in this city. He was taken sick shortly after his arrival and died Friday at Good Samaritan hospital. He is survived by his son, Peter G. Peterson, and his daughter, Mrs. Christine Foleen of this city. One son resides in Los Angeles and another in Sweden. Funeral services were conducted Saturday from the Pearson parlors and final services at Rose City cemetery.

Peter Bernhardt, a native of Russia, aged 73, died at his home, 760 East Eleventh street north, Thursday, where he had resided for 28 years. Bernhardt was a contracting carpenter for a number of years and built many residences in the east side. Funeral services were held Saturday from the Pearson parlors, and interment was in Rose City Park cemetery. Bernhardt is survived by five daughters and three sons and a number of grandchildren. He was well known in the section of the city where he resided.

Mrs. Bertha Elinor Miller The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Elinor Miller will be held at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Fifth and Montgomery streets, at 2 p. m. today. Rev. F. K. Howard officiating. The body will be forwarded to Eugene for interment. Mrs. Miller was formerly the wife of Mayor George L. Baker of this city and formerly lived at Eugene. She was drowned in Lake Washington, near Seattle, while with her husband in a small launch on October 13.

Mrs. Mary Thayer Mrs. Mary Thayer, aged 37, a native of Laurel, Or., died at her home, 1155 East Tenth street north, Friday, at the age of 37. She was the wife of E. C. Thayer and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peterson, all of this city. Funeral services will be held at the Portland crematorium Sunday at 3 p. m. Miller & Tracey have charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Olive Jane Duncan Mrs. Olive Jane Duncan, a resident of Scappoose, died at St. Vincent's hospital Friday at the age of 56. She was a native of Illinois and had resided in Scappoose for a number of years. Mrs. Duncan is survived by her husband, J. B. Duncan, and eight children, two brothers and three sisters. The funeral will be held Sunday at the Congregational church in Scappoose at 1:30 p. m. Funeral arrangements are in charge of J. P. Finley & Son of this city.

Allen Rogers Allen Rogers, a retired farmer, aged 80, a native of Ohio, and a resident of Portland for 15 years, died at his home, 5625 Forty-fourth street, southeast, Thursday. He is survived by a widow. The body has been forwarded to Crowley, Or., by Miller & Tracey, where funeral services will be held.

### TACOMA INSISTS IT NEEDS SECOND ROSE TEST GARDEN THERE

Claims Portland Has Another Kind of Climate and Appeals to Government.

Frustrated in their attempt to take away Portland's leadership in rose culture by the announcement that the government would locate their Northwest experimental garden in Oregon, Tacoma is undismayed, and is now attempting to prove that Portland and that city have different climatic conditions and that a second rose test garden should be located in the Northwest at Tacoma. Information to this effect has been received by the Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Rose society, Tacoma is submitting its claims to the department of agriculture, which has authority in the location of test stations. Seven rose gardens are to be located in the Northwest at Tacoma, through special representative at Washington, is endeavoring to obtain one of the gardens. Statistics are being compiled by the Portland associations interested in rose culture to prove conclusively that Tacoma and Portland have practically the same climatic conditions, and that the location of another garden in the Northwest is unnecessary. These reports will be sent to the department of agriculture.

With Portland practically the only city on the Pacific coast specializing in rose culture for more than 30 years, this movement looks like nothing more than a "baiting in" process on the North-west of Tacoma," said W. D. B. Dodson, secretary of the chamber.

### Story of Robbery Of Astoria Store Related in Court

Astoria, Oct. 18.—Frank Wagner, alias Frank Barnett, this afternoon confessed to the robbery of the Kallunki store, in Uniontown. "I did it myself and alone," he said, testifying in defense of Albert Meadors, who, with Wagner and James Clergy, were brought here from St. Joseph, Mo., where they were arrested on the charge of robbery. Wagner made a complete confession of the robbery. "I lured Kallunki leave the store to go home and then I went to work," he said. "I waded through the tide to reach the basement of the building and hid myself in a closet. As I pulled the job, I went back and got a pair of pants, shoes and vest, so as to have some dry clothing." He told how he later purchased an automobile here and invited Meadors to take a trip with him. Later the automobile was sold and the men went to Missouri.

### Council to Hear Talk on Highways At Monday Lunch

S. M. Williams, chairman of the federal highway council, will address members of the newly appointed federal highway council of Oregon, at a luncheon Monday noon at the Chamber of Commerce. The Oregon council is affiliated with the national council and the purpose of the federal association is to extend the highway program of the country. Those expected to be present at the meeting are: George L. Baker, S. Benson, Herbert Nunn, Ralph W. Hoyt, Alvin A. Muck, W. L. Thompson, R. A. Booth, J. N. Burgess, Philip H. Eaton, John A. Westlund, R. N. Stanfield, R. Holman, C. P. A. Loneragan, C. E. Spencer, R. W. Marsters, J. L. Meier and Fred A. Rasch.

### VANCOUVER MAN PAID HIGH HONOR BY LODGE



Clement Scott

Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 18.—Clement Scott of Vancouver has been appointed district deputy grand exalted ruler of southern Washington. Scott is the past exalted ruler of the Elks lodge of this city, which ranks in membership among the first in the state. He is first vice president of the Washington State Elks association. He is president of the Vancouver Commercial club, and is taking an active part in the development of this city, and is proprietor of the Red Ash Coal company.

### Chop Off Oleo Tax To Hit High Prices

Washington, Oct. 18.—Another blow is aimed at the high cost of living in a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Sabath of Illinois. The bill proposes to reduce the federal tax on oleomargarine from 10 cents to 1/2 of 1 per cent per pound, which it is said will produce sufficient revenue to pay the expense of inspection and necessary regulations.

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### CASE AGAINST EILERS FAILS BY NON-SUIT; NO FRAUD IS SHOWN

Wagonload of Books and Papers Do Not Support Contention of Smith Heirs.

Without even hearing defendants' arguments, judgment for non-suit against plaintiffs was awarded last week by Federal Judge Bean in the case of Charles A. Smith against Hy J. and A. H. Eilers and S. J. McCormick. The decision came after 14 days of argument in federal court here and after introduction of several wagonloads of books and papers of Eilers Music House. More than 700 separate items were identified in connection with depositions taken in Chicago and New York. Smith, millionaire piano manufacturer, bought \$50,000 worth of Eilers' preferred stock in June, 1911, testimony showed. He was privileged to sell back to Eilers by giving six months' notice. Smith's heirs brought suit in March, 1918, alleging that he kept his stock instead of selling it because of false and misleading statements of defendants as to the true condition of the corporation. Defendants claimed that Smith, as trustee of the Eilers concern in 1913, familiarized himself with the true conditions of the corporation, and for reasons of his own kept his stock. Fraud, it was contended, had not been shown.

### Firemen Tag Cars To Assist Police

Firemen in the police station have joined the traffic squad. Motorists who persist in parking their machines on Second street between Oak and Pine streets, in front of the police station, will find a police tag in their machines. It will not be put there by a trusty bluecoat, but by a fire laddie. The firemen are not using the "reminder" tags being placed in machines by policemen. They are using the "report to the captain of traffic" kind.

Dr. Boyden Goes to Meeting Pendleton, Oct. 18.—Dr. Frank Boyden is representing the Second congressional district at the American surgeons' congress, which meets this month in Washington, D. C. He went east for study several weeks ago.

Hugo Haase, the German deputy, who was shot October 8 when entering the Reichstag in Berlin, is improving and may live.

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