

MEASURE IS PROPOSED TO PERMIT STATE TO INCREASE ROAD FUND

Representative J. S. Stewart Would Have Limit Raised From 2 to 6 Mills.

Salem, Oct. 22.—James S. Stewart of Corvallis, representative from Wheeler county, was in Salem Wednesday, making preparation for the filing of the petition for a constitutional amendment which will allow the state to incur indebtedness up to 6 per cent of the assessed valuation for the purpose of road construction. According to law, the proposed amendment cannot be voted upon, except at a general election, of which the next is November, 1920.

The amendment proposes to give the state the power to increase the bonded indebtedness to \$20,000,000, instead of the present \$20,000,000 limitation, which is 2 per cent of the assessed valuation. The counties by a law passed at the last special election have the right to bond themselves, if they desire, up to 6 per cent of their valuation and the proposed amendment would enable the state, according to a resolution, to match county issues in aiding in road building.

PORTLAND COMPANY FILES ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Salem, Oct. 22.—The Multnomah Fire company of Portland, which has a capital stock of \$500,000, has filed articles of incorporation. Incorporators are W. L. Powell, E. V. Lattinfield and C. H. Greene. Articles were also filed by the Watsonite Products company of San Francisco. Its capital stock is \$400,000 and the incorporators are William J. Watson, Berkeley, Calif.; Alfred S. Kirske, San Francisco, and Abram S. Marks, San Francisco.

APPLICATIONS ARE FILED FOR RIGHT TO USE WATER

Salem, Oct. 22.—Applications for permission to appropriate water have been filed with State Engineer Percy A. Cupper by O. C. Turner of Freewater, who seeks to irrigate a small tract near Springs; James Martin of Rogue river, who desires to use water from a spring for irrigation of a small acreage and for domestic purposes, and by E. H. Pratt of Haines, for the construction of a small reservoir on Dutch Flat creek to irrigate a small tract.

C. H. McKendree of Lakeview has filed application for a permit to appropriate water and for the construction of a reservoir for the storage of 15,000 acres feet from Fish Hole creek. He plans to irrigate a tract near Bly.

YOUNG TRUST FLEES INTO BRUSH NEAR LAKE LABISH

Salem, Oct. 22.—Denton Trux, 28 year old trusty of the state penitentiary, escaped from a gang working in the Lake Labish district, five miles north of Salem, at 1:40 p. m. Wednesday and has not been caught. He ran for a patch of brush and trees and succeeded in eluding the guards. An armed posse from the prison was sent in pursuit. Trux was committed to the penitentiary July 1, 1915, for one to seven years for rape. He is not considered dangerous. A reward of \$50 for information leading to his capture has been offered.

SHELL OIL COMPANY PAYS \$174,893 INTO ROAD FUND

Salem, Oct. 22.—The Shell company of California sold 172,604 gallons of gasoline and 10,178 gallons of distillate in Oregon during September, according to its statement filed Wednesday in the office of the secretary of state. Tax paid the state at the rate of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline and 1/2 cent on distillate totals \$174,893. August sales of the company in Oregon totaled 171,185 gallons of gasoline and \$016 of distillate and the tax paid was \$177,193.

RESIDENTS VOTE APPROVAL OF IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Salem, Oct. 22.—The organization of the Lower Powder Valley irrigation district in Baker county was approved by the residents of the district at an election, Monday, according to information received Tuesday by State Engineer Percy A. Cupper. The district embraces 70,000 acres of land, of which 45,000 are Carey act lands.

HIG ASTORIA COMPANY FILES ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Salem, Oct. 22.—The Ross, Higgins, Mason, Ehrman company of Astoria, with capital stock of \$300,000, filed articles of incorporation Wednesday. The firm will engage in a general wholesale and retail business, exporting and im-

LIST MADE PUBLIC OF BOOKS FOR TEACHERS OF OREGON TO READ

Law Requires Reading of at Least One Before Certificates May Be Registered.

STRIKERS IN OREGON DURING PAST 90 DAYS TOTAL 3029 WORKERS

Great Majority Are Back at Work, Difficulty Being Settled or Other Work Is Found.

Salem, Oct. 22.—A total of 3029 workers have been out on strike in Oregon during the past 90 days, but the great majority of them are back at work, have found other employment, or their difficulties are in process of being settled, according to data prepared by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, upon request of the National Industrial conference board of Boston, Mass.

The largest number affected in any industry are the metal trades workers, 1500 being involved in a strike since October 1. Part of these were employed in the shipyards of Vancouver, Wash.

Next in number were the telephone operators, whose strike was adjusted about three months ago. The laundry workers, who have been on strike a month, and the tailors, who walked out six weeks ago, each went out 500 strong, but the ranks of the latter have been reduced by agreements until now 125 in force.

There were 225 cereal workers out, but their strike is in process of adjustment. Jewelry workers went out 50 strong, but about half have returned to work through agreements reached with employers. Hauling and portable engineers to the number of 30 went out, but about half have returned to work. Their issue of wages and recognition is still contested. The issue of recognition for the meat cutters is still contested, though the 24 men who went out on strike have found other work.

In addition to these, there were local strikes of timber workers in logging camps in which approximately 500 men were involved, striking for wage increases and recognition of their union. Camps affecting about half the number have made settlement.

Three Ask Water Rights

Salem, Oct. 22.—Applications for permission to appropriate water for the irrigation of small tracts have been filed with Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, by Mrs. Annie G. Black, for water from Vandy creek near Grants Pass, and Ida E. Stephenson, for water from Robertson creek near Grants Pass. Otto F. Turner of Wythe has filed application for water from Wonder creek for fish culture purposes.

Boys Escape From School

Salem, Oct. 22.—Bill Smith, 20, and Lloyd Zachery, 17, escaped from the state training school for boys at noon Wednesday and have not been retaken. A reward of \$5 each is offered for information leading to their return to the institution. Smith was committed from Marshfield and Zachery from Salem.

Hoff Is in Portland

Salem, Oct. 22.—State Treasurer O. P. Hoff left Tuesday night for Portland, where he will remain for a few days on business.

Flyers Reach Salem To Repair Airplane

Salem, Oct. 22.—Lieutenant Batten and Sergeant Fisher of the forest patrol, stationed at Eugene during the summer months, arrived in Salem in a De Havilland airplane to repair the plane of Lieutenant Ned Schramm, when Schramm, flying from Seattle to Red Bluff, Cal., was forced to land in Salem. When repaired the machine will go to Eugene and thence to Mather field.

Hanson Pleads for Schools

Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 22.—(L. N. S.)—A plea for higher wages for school teachers, and of somewhat better schools, was made here last night by Ole Hanson, ex-mayor of Seattle, who declared that only in that way could the menace of Bolshevism eventually be overcome.

Ohio Town Stirred By Belgian King's Unexpected Visit

Aboard King Albert's Train, Dennison, Ohio, Oct. 22.—(U. P.)—Oakdale found itself splashed on the map early today when it awoke and found in its midst a real king. It was King Albert of Belgium, who, with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Leopold, was taking advantage of several spare hours between Columbus and Pittsburg, to get a quiet sleep. For five hours, from 3:20 this-morning to 8, the special lay on a siding near before the population discovered the Belgians aboard. Then came a rush to the special.

Albert, who already had breakfast and taken a walk, shook hands with several of them.

Prince Leopold had his first motor ride with a girl of his own age yesterday. It was Miss Julie Galvin, 16, daughter of Mayor Galvin of Cincinnati. Julie declared she found the prince "nice," but said he did not try to pay her any compliments. Julie refused to say what he did tell her.

Actor Speaks at Luncheon

Norman Hackett, well known actor, who arrived at noon to open an engagement at the Hotel tonight in "Ten for Three," was rushed to the luncheon of the Progressive Business Men's club, where he made an interesting talk.

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5 Thompson's, wal., mah.....	550	500
1 Steger & Sons, mah., oak.....	620	487
2 Steger & Sons, fine mah.....	750	500

New 1916-1917 Model Player Pianos

Original Sale	Local Value	Price
1 Armstrong, mah., oak.....	\$465	\$487
2 Menasha's, mah., oak.....	390	375
1 Thompson, mah., wal.....	400	678
1 Reed & Sons, fine mah.....	300	325
2 Reed & Sons, mah., oak.....	400	400
2 Steger & Sons, mah., oak.....	1100	862

Resale and Used Pianos

Original Sale	Value	Price
Steger & Sons mission.....	\$825	\$395
H. Ward, small upright.....	375	310
Kimball & Co., large oak.....	500	395
Collard & Collard, small up.....	250	185
J. F. Hale & Co., ebony.....	285	195
Bush & Getz, large walnut.....	550	395
Leland, golden oak.....	425	315
Valley Gem, Finnish oak.....	425	315
Thompson, dull mahogany.....	450	330

Terms: \$15 or \$25 cash, \$6, \$8, \$10 or \$12 monthly.

Resale and Used Player Pianos

Original Sale	Value	Price
Thompson, mah., 35-note.....	\$990	\$495
Thompson, in handsome wal.....	950	595
Peerless, electric player.....	710	395
\$50 cash, \$12, \$14 or \$18 monthly.		

Used Parlor Organs

Original Sale	Value	Price
Ealey & Co., organ, 10 stop.....	\$148	\$325
Chicago Cottler organ, 10 st.....	135	295
Pacific Queen organ, 11 stop.....	155	295
Mason & Hamill organ, 10 st.....	160	300

Terms: \$10 cash, \$3 to \$5 monthly.

\$800 1919 Model \$595
\$50 Cash, \$18 Monthly

Clarence Johnson, Confessed Slayer, Is Taken to Salem

Salem, Oct. 22.—Clarence Johnson, confessed slayer of Mrs. Eulice Freeman, arrived here this morning to begin serving a life sentence in the state prison. Johnson was brought to the penitentiary handcuffed to W. C. Carter, alias W. H. Crawford, sent up from Multnomah county on a sentence of from one to three years for forgery.

Deputy Sheriff Shirmer of Multnomah county, who brought the two prisoners to Salem, said he experienced no difficulty on his trip.

With a smile on his face and the same nonchalant bearing that he has maintained since his arrival at the county jail Monday, Clarence Johnson, murderer of Mrs. Eulice W. Freeman, his benefactor, left this morning for Salem in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Shirmer to commence serving a life sentence imposed upon him Wednesday by Presiding Judge Gatens.

He smoked several cigarettes after his breakfast, laughed and joked and seemed to be in the best of spirits.

Arbitration or No Work, Ultimatum Of Union Employees

Salem, Oct. 22.—Unless the management of the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company of this city agrees to submit the difficulty between the company and employees to arbitration, members of the Timberworkers' union will refuse to return to work Friday morning, according to Phillip Holden, organizer for the timberworkers, who is here organizing employees of the Spaulding mill.

A number of men who have become members of the union have been dismissed by the mill management. It is stated, and others have been informed that union men were not welcome about the plant. This attitude on the part of the management is resented by Holden and union employees, who insist upon their right to organize and declare no interference with this right, which is covered both by state and federal law, will be tolerated.

L. W. W. Suspected of Firing Farm House

Salem, Oct. 22.—H. H. Pomeroy, deputy state fire marshal, returned Tuesday from a trip to Elgin, Union county, where he had gone to investigate a fire which destroyed the farm home and barn of Mat Beavell on September 27. Although the fire was unquestionably incendiary, according to Pomeroy, Beavell is exonerated from any blame, officials suspecting L. W. W. members.

Lends Meditation Class Friday

Mrs. Theodore A. Harper will hold a class in meditation 3 p. m. Friday at the assembly rooms of the Realization league, 148 Thirtieth street.

Frank Branch Riley To Repeat Lecture

Frank Branch Riley will give to Portland on Friday night, at the Lincoln high school, the lecture that has made the Northwest famous in the East.

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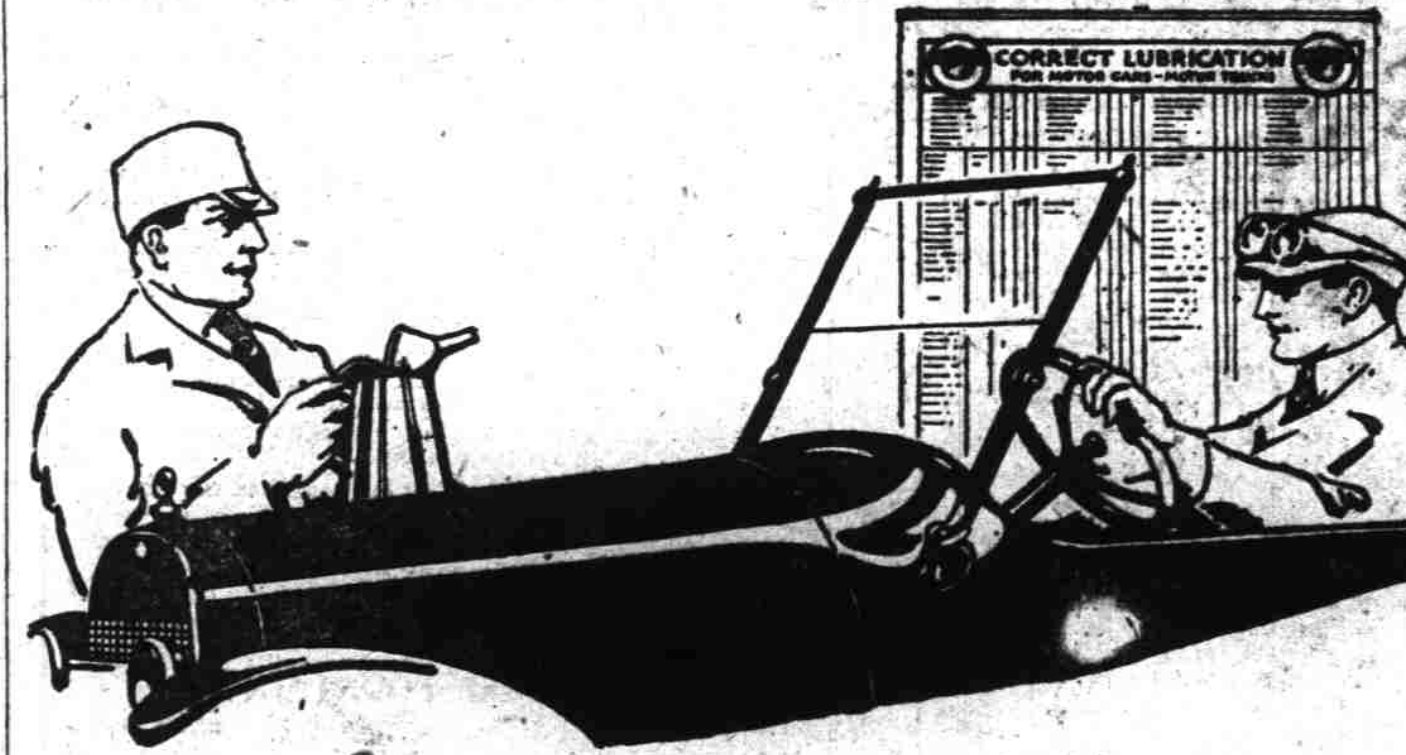
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