

ALDERSON ASSERTS 2-MILL TAX LEVY IS VERY URGENT NEED

Educator Declares Bill for General School Purposes Must Be Passed for Efficiency's Sake.

The proposed bill for a 2 mill tax levy for general school purposes, which was scheduled to be brought before the legislature today, is, according to W. C. Alderson, county superintendent of schools, directly in line with the dire need of increased income for Oregon schools based upon equal taxation of all property in the state.

Believing the public is beginning to feel that all property should bear an equal burden for the support of the schools, Alderson cited the following example of the present disparity in school taxes of certain districts of the county as compared with others.

"In 10 districts of Multnomah county for this year having an assessed valuation of \$5,500,000, a special tax of \$50,000 was levied for school purposes, which would approximate 9 mills. In 10 other districts with an assessed valuation of \$6,250,000 there was a levy of \$750, which would require less than six tenths of a mill special tax. In other words, some properties in this county are paying 15 times as much as others for support of the elementary schools, which is an unfair basis."

Higher levies will be necessitated, says Alderson, to meet the increase in teachers' salaries, which the teacher shortage makes inevitable. On account of preparation required by patrons of rural and city schools, teachers are demanding a higher wage, and as this is being met by other states, Oregon will lose her best teachers unless the same demand is met here.

The object of this 2-mill tax is to provide for the present emergency and that all property in the state shall share on an equal basis this burden. The bill also provides that in the future school districts which have been levying an excessive tax may be the first to be relieved, should the demand become less urgent.

Alderson believes that unless such a measure as this is adopted the educational facilities of the state will be seriously impaired. "This also relieves the city of Portland from voting again on a 2-mill tax for the coming year," declares Superintendent Alderson.

St. Helen's Hall Purchases a Tract Of 200 by 400 Feet

For a consideration of approximately \$120,000, Bishop W. T. Sumner and the trustees of St. Helen's hall recently closed a deal for the purchase of a 200 by 400 foot tract between Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Montgomery and Hall streets, belonging to the Portland academy, William Fred Strang represented the academy in the transfer.

The property purchased is improved with school buildings, and has been occupied under lease by St. Helen's hall for the past two years. Directors of the concern propose to sell the 200 by 300 foot tract at Vista and Park avenues, now used as a kindergarten school, and use the proceeds in improving the new site.

L. F. Davis, Reported Portland Dealer in Real Estate, Is Held

Oregon City, Jan. 13.—L. F. Davis, said to be a real estate man of Portland, was arraigned before Justice Livy Stipp Monday on a charge of giving a check without having funds in the bank to meet it, and was placed under cash bonds in the sum of \$250. No time has been set for his preliminary hearing. The complaint was signed by Albert Burquett, who alleged that Davis had given him a check for \$300, drawn on the Bank of Oregon City, in settlement of an account. Davis was arrested in Oregon City Saturday evening by Constable Ed Fortune.

Bulgaria Ratifies Treaty

Sofia, Jan. 12.—The sobranje (Bulgarian parliament) Monday ratified the peace treaty with the allied powers.

HELMETS ARE OFFERED AT PUBLIC SALE

BURGLARS, policemen, poets and others whose occupations are more or less hazardous, rejoiced today when the government retail store, Fifth and Pine streets, placed on sale 100 steel helmets. The helmets are exactly like those worn in France by American soldiers. They sell for \$2.10 each.

WATERPOWER BILL TILT WAXES WARM

Senator Lenroot Charges Senate Amendments Would Give Corporations Great Power.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The pending waterpower bill developed warm debate in the senate Monday. Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin charging that the proposed senate amendments would in effect grant perpetual license to power corporations and amount to giving away valuable natural resources.

"It will be a sorry day for the Republican party," he said, "to take a position on the Cummins bill against special privilege in the anti-trust clause and then vote special privileges to wealth in dealing with the republic's utility corporations. Nothing that has come up in the last 12 months would be a greater reflection upon the Republican party." Senator Smoot of Utah declared he could see no such meaning in the bill. He denied that the senate amendments would result in granting away valuable rights of the government, asserting that the compromise formulated in the measure protects the government, but will permit development of locked up resources.

The committee by a margin of one vote lost the first contested amendment, under which federal charge for projects on rights of the government would be limited to 25 cents per horsepower.

By rejection of this amendment the bill leaves all charges to the discretion of the federal waterpower commission. Senator Chamberlain, McNary and Borah voted for this amendment; Phelan, Nugent, Henderson and Walsh of Montana against it. The other far Western senators were absent.

REED COLLEGE CLASSES AND FACULTY MEMBERS IN FAVOR OF TREATY

Immediate and Unreserved Ratification Favored by Largest Number of Ballots.

By a decided plurality students and faculty members at Reed college Tuesday voted approval of the ratification of the peace treaty, without reservation of any kind. Members of all classes and faculty members voted in the interesting contest that attracted balloters to the booth throughout the day.

Seventy-five voters asked for immediate and unreserved ratification; 81 voted for the peace pact with reservations that would bring about immediate ratification; 28 voters would save the pact adopted by the senate reservations and eight were against the pact in any form. Seventeen favor a separate pact with Germany and 25 approved the Lodge reservations.

Such reservations as would prevent the treaty from returning to a peace conference were approved by 141 voters, as against 46 who would prefer that it be resubmitted rather than see it suffer ratification. An analysis of the election result shows that 89 per cent of the senior class balloted; 71 per cent of the junior class cast ballots and the sophomore and freshmen classes were represented at the polls by 69 per cent of their strength. Sixty-eight per cent of the members of the teaching staff cast votes. The balloting was in charge of the student council.

"Create a Demand"

If avocados were suddenly grown in enormous quantities, the growers would have to "create a demand" or their fruit would rot on the ground. Usually, however, creating a demand means concentrating an already existing demand on some one brand or trade-mark in that field.

Morris does not need to create a demand for ham—but his advertising may concentrate the ham lover's appetite on the Morris brand.

Advertising will induce people to eat alligator pears or pipe olives, and it will also sell Goodyear's to a man wanting tires.

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ORDINANCE GRANTS LICENSES FROM STEAM ENGINEERS

Examination and Registration, It Is Thought, Will Tend to Lessen Danger of Explosions.

Examination, registration and licensing of engineers and firemen in charge of steam engines and steam boilers are provided for in an ordinance that will be introduced before the city council Wednesday morning, according to an announcement made by Commissioner Barbur this morning.

The ordinance has been under discussion for some time, following an explosion that occurred in the boiler rooms of the Corbett building some months ago which killed two men. Final details and amendments to the proposed legislation were agreed upon Tuesday afternoon at a meeting in Barbur's office, with J. J. Sayre of the Builders' and Managers' association; A. E. Worth, superintendent of the Lewis building; Eugene Kessend of the streets department; the Northwestern National Bank building; and E. Huppely, owner of a machine shop. William Mackenzie, who is in charge of the local union of engineers, was not present at the meeting. It is understood that Mackenzie is not in accord with the provisions of the ordinance.

The ordinance creates a board of examination of steam engineers who will be appointed by the mayor. Engineers in charge of boilers of boats or vessels on the Willamette river or engineers operating engines inspected by the government do not come under the requirements set down in the ordinance.

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Such reasons will not hold water, he declares, for the demand is very light in the winter months and receipts are constantly increasing at this season. The producers' association, on the other hand, has maintained an unchanged selling price of 64 cents a dozen since December 16. He avers that false reports from here at the present time are being held up for a purpose. Upon says, Eastern markets are high and the local price must correspond in order to "get all the traffic" will bear.

Some time ago the price slumped to a sub-normal level. There it remained only over night. In the meantime, upon reports, a big shipment of Chinese eggs arrived from the east and the price immediately jumped far above normal so that the Chinese eggs might be sold to those who could not pay the abnormal fresh egg price. Thus, he says, Chinese eggs are palmed off at the present price. Prices are being held up for a purpose, upon says. Eastern markets are high and the local price must correspond in order to "get all the traffic" will bear.

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Superintendent Drops Dead

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—H. P. Jones, superintendent of the United street railroads of San Francisco, dropped dead here Monday afternoon. Jones was in the Bank of Italy, talking with the cashier at the time. The cause is as yet unknown.

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McNary Bill Curbs U. S. Consular Agent

Lone Bandit Robs Woman of \$10 and Her Wedding Ring

A lone highwayman with soiled hands held up Mrs. Maybelle Emden, 65 North Fifteenth street, at Fourteenth and Burnside streets Monday night and robbed her of \$10 and her rings. The robber carried a revolver. Mrs. Emden noticed that his hands were unclean when he pulled her rings off. One of the rings was her wedding ring. The manager of the Franklyn hotel reported to the police that one of their roomers had made away with a complete set of bedding and a small carpet. Inspector Tichener found an automobile license and a street number which was stolen from the Armshaw brothers January 2. The motorcycle inspectors found the automobile of T. C. Roke 331 Fourteenth street, on a road leading off Terwilliger boulevard, stripped of its parts. The machine was stolen January 11.

EGG DEALERS HERE ROB BY EXORBITANT PRICES AND CHINA EGGS, CLAIM

Chinese Eggs Are Sold for Fresh Stock Prices; Fresh Eggs Are 12 Cents Cheaper in Seattle.

Chinese eggs are being forced upon Portland housewives by the prohibitive and unreasonable prices of fresh Oregon eggs, while Seattle and other coast markets, at last report, were selling perfectly fresh eggs at practically 12 cents a dozen less than did Portland.

This charge is made by L. Upton of the Oregon Poultry Producers' association, representing actual producers, who declares that consumers are made to suffer because local egg handlers ship their wares east instead of selling them at home.

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Government to Pay Coos Bay Road Taxes

Oswald West has just been advised by wire from Washington that the taxes due Coos and Curry counties on Coos Bay road lands had been recommended for payment by the interior department and that payment will be made by the secretary of the treasury at an early date.

Silverton Boy Shot In Leg Accidentally

Silverton, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Senator McNary of Oregon today introduced a bill by request prohibiting United States consular agents or other citizens from trafficking in or handling intoxicating beverages in China or other countries where treaty provisions permit.

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BOILING TEST FOR GASOLINE IS PLAN IN PROPOSED LAW

Legislative Measure Repealing Existing Law Requiring Gravity Test Drafted at State House.

State House, Salem, Jan. 13.—The repeal of the gravity test for gasoline, and the substitution of a boiling test in place thereof with supervision by some state agency, and examination and inspection by the state sealer of weights and measures, is provided for in a bill which has been drafted by Chairman Dennis of the house committee on roads and highways and tentatively endorsed by the committee at a meeting last night.

The committee went over the measure last night and after determining that it met with their approval in a general way, decided to ask the representatives of the oil companies and any other persons interested to appear before it in order that as full information as possible might be gained by the committee before it took final action and reported the measure to the HOUSE.

Gov. H. H. Hays FOLLOWS

Before the bill provides the gasoline must conform to the standards specified in the act before it may be lawfully sold in the state. The present federal government specification are written into the bill, but it is provided that some state agency, tentatively agreed upon by the committee as the Oregon state bureau of mines and geology, shall keep the standards and the motor fuel commission, and change the specification from time to time as may be necessary.

This follows the practice of the federal government where the bureau of standards sets the specifications of gasoline as a condition in the trade may justify.

CONTINUAL TESTS PROVIDED

The bill also provides that the state sealer of weights and measures shall make continual tests of gasoline sold in the state, but it is provided that some state agency, tentatively agreed upon by the committee as the Oregon state bureau of mines and geology, shall keep the standards and the motor fuel commission, and change the specification from time to time as may be necessary.

INSPECTION SAMPLES TAKEN

Inspection samples will be taken at random. These samples immediately after drawing will be retained in a clean, dry bottle for sale, and a sample for test taken from the mixture in this vessel directly into the test vessel.

(A) Boiling point must not be higher than 80 degrees C (149 degrees F.)

(B) Twenty per cent of the sample must distill below 105 degrees C (221 degrees F.)

(C) Twenty per cent must distill below 140 degrees C (284 degrees F.)

(D) Ninety per cent must distill below 190 degrees C (374 degrees F.)

(E) The end or dry point of distillation must not be higher than 225 degrees C (437 degrees F.)

(F) Not less than 95 per cent of the liquid will be recovered in the receiver from the distillation.

Blakeley Would Go To San Francisco as Democrat Delegate

Obsequies Will Be Held Wednesday for Late Max S. Bloch

Max S. Bloch, who died in this city Sunday, was a prominent merchant of La Grande, where he had resided since 1870. He was 68 years of age, a native of Germany, and one of the best known merchants in Eastern Oregon. His widow, Mrs. M. S. Bloch, resides in La Grande with a son and daughter. One son, W. E. Bloch, resides in this city. Another son resides in New York city. Funeral services will be held at the Holman parlors, Third and Salmon streets, Wednesday at 2 p. m. under the auspices of the Masons, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise officiating. Final services will be at Beth Israel cemetery.

TRIAL OF SYNDICALISM CASE IS ENLIVENED BY CLASH OF ATTORNEYS

Judge Rules Against Vanderveer, Who Faces Trial in Court at Minnehaha Today.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 12.—George F. Vanderveer, one of the attorneys retained by Mike Henney, who is being tried on a charge of violating the criminal syndicalism law, is not trusting the case to his associates, as he did for the most part in the trial of McAdams and Brookshier, when Attorney Emigh handled the defense. Vanderveer is on the job himself and at times the feeling between him and Special Prosecutor P. J. Kirwin becomes intense. It reached white heat late Monday, when John Majeris, a policeman from Tacoma, was on the stand and an effort was being made to ascertain what he knew regarding the connection between a book offered as evidence by the defense and the Chamber of Commerce committee Workers of the World.

Vanderveer questioned the witness, and so dissatisfied was he with the witness' alleged personal knowledge that the book was being sold and circulated by the I. W. W., that he demanded of Judge Back a bench warrant for the arrest of the witness for alleged perjury. Judge Back refused the demand. A verbal tilt between the two attorneys ensued, which was terminated when the judge adjourned court.

Assisting Vanderveer is W. S. U'ren of Portland. Practically the same literature offered as evidence by the defense in the case of Brookshier and McAdams is being introduced in the present trial. Local police officers were examined Monday.

Vanderveer is scheduled to face trial at 2 o'clock this afternoon in Judge W. R. Wilson's justice court at Minnehaha on a charge of having talked through bars at the county jail to prisoners, a misdemeanor.

M. Doty, Formerly of Portland, Buried

Medford, Jan. 13.—Funeral services for Morton Doty, former Portland man, were held here today. He was well known over a large section of the state as traveling representative for years for a truck and tractor house, but since last August salesman for a local automobile company, were held here Monday. Interment was in the cemetery at Jacksonville, near which city Doty was born 50 years ago. He leaves a wife and three children. He died in an Ashland hospital Saturday.

LAST TIMES TODAY

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Mielke was acquitted a short time ago by jury trial on an indictment charging involuntary manslaughter, which arose from the same offense.

BAN IN FRONT OF AUTO

Verna S. Knight, 10-year-old companion of Viola Cummings at the time of the accident, first witness for the city, testified that she and Viola had started to run across the street in front of, and not behind, as maintained by the defense, a milk wagon which was standing in the street. Viola had one foot on the curb when she was struck by Mielke's machine. Verna further averred, E. J. Cummings, the girl's adopted father, said he had measured the route of the machine. The body was dragged for 44 feet, he testified, and the automobile proceeded for 156 feet before coming to a stop. The car was but 18 inches from the curb when it struck Viola, he added. Both he and J. C. Madden, who were on the scene a few minutes after the accident, swore that they smelled liquor on Mielke's breath. In this, they were supported by Charles Kalk, who testified as to the accuracy of the measurements.

MACHINE WAS DEFECTIVE

The most damning evidence against Mielke was given by Motorcycle Officers Kelley and Scott. Kelley testified that the machine was, with much difficulty, started. Going at a moderate rate of speed, he stated, he was not able to stop the car in less than 120 feet, although he applied both brakes. Under ordinary circumstances, an automobile should be stopped within 20 feet, he added. He also testified that there was a play of six inches in the steering gear, whereas a properly adjusted machine would not have more than one inch.

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Suggesting that the civic entertainment committee reconsider plans for a parade in honor of General John J. Pershing on the occasion of his visit in Portland next Sunday, the Presbyterian ministers of the city have filed a communication with Judge C. H. Carey, chairman of the committee.

With the desire of a minimum of display, Dr. D. A. Thompson, pastor of the Mizpah Presbyterian church, was named chairman of the committee to confer with the entertainment organization and present their protest "in a kindly spirit." Dr. Thompson conferred with the Chamber of Commerce committee and expressed entire satisfaction over the plans.

Dr. Thompson was with the Y. M. C. A. overseas for 18 months, and said, following the conference, that arrangements already made were merely for a military escort for Pershing, which, in consideration of the rank of the occasion, was a requirement of military etiquette.

In that the entertainment committee had already decided to eliminate all unnecessary features, including a big military parade, the plans as already announced will undergo few changes, according to a statement made by Judge Carey.

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5. The Liberty Presents— An atmospheric Stage Setting of the Feature "Hawthorne of the U. S. A."

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