

# COUNTY BUDGET TO BE PRINTED NEXT SATURDAY

The tentative budget for Multnomah county for 1921 must be published by the county commissioners next Saturday, to meet the requirements of law. After 10 days' publication, during which time citizens may present objections, the board will meet for formal adoption of the budget, making such changes as the situation may demand.

These are special days of stress for the commissioners because there is not nearly enough money available under the prescribed tax limitations to meet the demands for public improvements. At Wednesday's meeting of the commissioners three large delegations were heard on projects which they consider imperative, but which the board could not see its way clear to aid to the extent desired.

**CANNOT AID FESTIVAL**

Others are scheduled to appear, and Thursday morning at 10 o'clock these conferences will be resumed, with the right of appeal to the circuit court. The festival of roses, of the Portland Rose Festival, composed of E. J. Jaeger, L. M. Lepper, H. J. Blasing and A. A. Aya, who ask that a levy of one-tenth of a mill be levied for the festival of roses, on the ground that it is the best advertising for this city has. Other delegations will represent the public library and the Multnomah county fair.

Members of the board today indicated that they could not give any aid to the fair or rose festival projects, while the aid to the library was cut at least \$40,000. Members of the library board stated that this would simply mean that some of the branch libraries would have to be closed during 1921.

**ESTIMATES CUT**

The county commissioners stated that they have curtailed budget estimates at every point possible, and that the tentative budget now represents practically only the expenses of running existing institutions and costs of government, with but slight provision for extension of improvements.

While at least 10 miles of paved road should be provided for, the county petitions for road projects totaling well toward a cost of \$1,000,000 had been presented, the budget provides for not more than two miles of new paving. A proposed outlay on the new county hospital has been cut down 50 per cent, and proposed bridge improvements have been abandoned for the year, in order to keep the budget within the limit.

**STATE HAS BRIDGE CLAIM; COUNTY HAS ROAD CLAIM**

While the state treasurer is making a demand upon the commissioners of Multnomah county for the remittance of such portion of the receipts from the Interstate bridge as are due the state, the commissioners are anxious to collect from the state the amount due the county in the road receipts, which amounts to about \$48,000.

The amount the state claims due from the county from the bridge receipts from January 1, 1918, to May 28, 1919, is \$174,308.83. The amount the county auditor and county treasurer report as to what, in their judgment, is the amount due the state, and request Auditor Martin to take such steps as may be necessary to collect from the state the amount due on market roads.

**MAN SEES DIVORCE, ALLEGES NEW FORM OF CRUELTY**

A new form of "cruelty" has been practiced upon James T. Durand by his present wife, Hattie Durand, from whom he seeks divorce, according to his complaint, filed in the circuit court. He says among other acts committed by his wife to annoy him, she has been sending him letters signed with the initials of his first wife, long since dead, stating that she still lives and wishes to meet him at some designated place. He charges that his present wife frequently threatens to commit suicide, simply for the purpose of harassing him.

**33 CHILDREN REPORTED IN FRASER DETENTION HOME**

A report filed with the county commissioners Monday shows that November 1 there were 33 children in the Fraser detention home, and 25 were received during the month. Twenty-one were returned to their parents, five were sent to other institutions, one was placed in a private home, and five remained in the institution at the close of the month. The average number of children in the home each day during the month was 14.6 and the average length of stay of each child was 16.15 days.

**JUDGE DENIES DIVORCE TO HEAD OF LARGE FAMILY**

Presiding Judge Taxwell denied a divorce decree today to Elijah Adams in his suit against Melvina Adams. The plaintiff declared he was satisfied, as he didn't care whether he was divorced or not, and had filed the suit at his wife's request. She is the mother of 18 children, and charges cruelty, but a grown daughter testified that her father had always treated his wife as he should, and that her mother desired divorce so she could marry another man.

**Youth Accused of Larceny**

Antonio Dagostino, an Italian youth who came into local prominence some months ago when he was the plaintiff in a personal injury damage suit against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, designated as "the kidney case," is in serious trouble. He was arrested Wednesday morning on a charge of larceny in a store.

# Crows Damaging Grain in Fields

Lewisville, Or., Dec. 8.—The wheat fields here are being visited by large flocks of crows, which do considerable damage. The birds pull up the young grain and eat the kernels. These flocks, each containing from several hundred to 1000 crows, alight in a field, remain an hour or so, then fly northward, to be followed by another flock. The older inhabitants here say that never before have there been so many crows seen as have been this month.

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**Divorce Mill**

Divorce suits filed. Alice W. Spencer against Ralph R. Spencer, cruelty; Emma Lyman against Clifford V. Lyman, cruelty; Lodica M. Weaver against Watney Scott Weaver, cruelty.

Divorce decrees granted: Violet Michael from Clifford Michael, Mary T. Dettman from Louis P. Dettman, Vera Juhn from Fred Juhn, John Hilkey from L. Sarah Hilkey, R. M. Sather from E. Sather, Charles Bahler from Bertha Bahler, Edwin L. Chase from Carl T. Chase, Louis A. Emerich from Lilly M. Emerich.

**Charles White Appeals**

Charles White, convicted of forgery and sentenced by Circuit Judge Kavanaugh to five years in the state penitentiary, Tuesday filed notice of appeal to the Oregon state supreme court. Judge Kavanaugh signed the certificate of probable cause. White was sentenced October 6, after a jury had found him guilty of passing forged checks on the Brownsville Woolen mills. He has served time in prisons of four states.

**Leroy Nelson Paroled**

Leroy Nelson pleaded guilty before Presiding Judge Taxwell Tuesday to altering a bank check and was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary, then paroled to the district attorney. He secured possession of a pay check for \$2 cents issued by the Warren Brothers' Construction company and raised the figures to \$13.39.

**Huston Memorial Saturday**

Memorial services by the bench and bar of Multnomah county in honor of the late Senator S. B. Huston, who died suddenly in the federal court room a few days ago, will be held at 10 o'clock next Saturday morning in the court room of Presiding Judge Taxwell. Judge Martin Pipes will speak on behalf of the Multnomah County Bar association and Circuit Judge Stapleton will speak for the judiciary.

**Elide Wins \$250 Verdict**

A jury in Circuit Judge Gatens' court Tuesday gave a verdict for \$250 to Iver Elide in his suit against the Portland Damascus Milk company. He sued for \$250 for damages resulting from an automobile collision.

# INCOME TAX OF 1918 URGED BY HOUSTON

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Income paid by other tax payers, he said.

"One partial substitute for the excess profits tax would be a tax on undistributed profits of corporations, as nearly as possible equal to the surtax imposed upon the same income of individuals. If individuals doing business in partnership pay 20 per cent on undistributed profits, individuals doing business as a corporation should pay 20 per cent."

Houston urged that if an undistributed profits tax be adopted congress should prohibit various devices by which corporations distribute their income to individuals while actually retaining their profits in business. He urged the advisability of requiring every corporation, 95 per cent of whose stock is held by a single individual, to be treated as a partnership or personal service corporation.

**SUGGEST MODIFICATIONS**

Losses in revenue through repeal of excess profits probably will amount to \$200,000,000, which must be made up in new taxes.

"Income surtaxes must undergo drastic modifications, as they are excessive and driving wealthy taxpayers to transfer their investments in tax-free securities, setting up needless and dangerous competition with industrial and railroad securities, with consequent impediments to business development and foreign trade expansion," the secretary asserted.

"The effective way to tax the rich is to adopt rates which do not force investment in tax exempt securities," he said.

"Consumption" taxes are recommended to reach a class of surplus income "taxable capacity," but from which the government derives no revenue. This proposal is designed to cover, the secretary said, "luxurious and wasteful consumption among those persons who do not ordinarily pay income tax."

**DIFFICULT TO COLLECT**

Repeal of taxes upon fountain drinks, ice cream and other similar articles of food and drink, imposed by present revenue laws, is recommended, and congress is urged to substitute heavier taxes upon certain other luxuries, regarding low excise and luxury taxes, the secretary said.

"It is not necessary to tax every luxury. It is desirable to avoid absolute necessities of life, because some individuals have little or no wage income to be tapped either directly or indirectly."

Present luxury taxes are poorly defined and uncertain and difficult of collection, the secretary said.

# HARDING DECIDING ON HIS POLICIES

By Jack Royle  
Marion, Ohio, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Home again after a vacation journey of more than five thousand miles, President-elect Harding today was ready to plunge into the two chief pre-inauguration tasks—selection of a cabinet and conference with the "best minds of America" on a League of Nations policy which the various factions in the United States can unite upon, safeguarding American rights.

But before entering upon these matters he planned today to get his eyes-glasses repaired. He broke his spectacles before he got a chance to read President Wilson's message to congress, so today he found an old pair which did substitute duty while he perused the presidential document.

Senator Harding hopes to find a common ground with the foremost Republican leaders on international policies before the Christmas holidays. He expects visits here from Herbert Hoover, Elihu Root, Charles Evans Hughes and William H. Taft.

**TO MEET HOOVER**

The conference with Hoover, as first scheduled, was set for Sunday. The former controller is expected to bring not only a broad knowledge of political foreign conditions, but also important views gained as the result of recent conferences with American Federation of Labor leaders, and with employment conditions, production and industrial efficiency.

During Senator Harding's brief stay at Washington he enjoyed brief conversations with the British ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, and with General Neville of the French army. The president-elect admitted that some of his interviews with Republican leaders at Washington had to do with patronage. "Visitors here probably will not see Senator Harding again until he rides up Pennsylvania avenue to take his place as chief executive. He said today that while there were many things which he would like to do in Washington before his inauguration, he did not expect to return to the capital before March.

**DINES WITH PHYSICIAN**

Senator Harding indicated a belief that the senate would do little more than mark time during this session. Senator Harding is paired in the senate with Senator Underwood, Democrat, under an agreement by which the latter will decline to vote on party measures, but free to vote when notified by Senator Lodge that Senator Harding would not object.

Few, if any, speeches will be delivered by Senator Harding before he becomes president, he said, although invitations to speak have flooded his Marion headquarters. Mrs. Harding, it is said, plans to accompany him on a trip to New York soon, but the president-elect will not accompany her.

The Harding party had breakfast at White Oaks farm, just outside Marion, as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Sawyer. Dr. Sawyer is the Harding family physician.

# Shipping Board to Order Hollywood To Call at Astoria

Washington, Dec. 8.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Chairman Benson of the shipping board today advised Senator McNary that the board has agreed to order the steamer Hollywood to stop at Astoria for 500 tons of freight offered for shipment to the Orient. The board is investigating with a view of determining the minimum tonnage to be fixed for that port in handling future business.

# Squeaky Voice Leads To Suspect's Arrest

Montesano, Wash., Dec. 8.—C. L. Howe, 22, who is alleged to have held up a poker game and store at Cedarville two weeks ago, was arrested Wednesday at Centralia and is being brought here. He was betrayed by his squeaky voice.



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# Police to Be Armed With Steel Shell And Poisonous Gas

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Instead of unlimbering the old "gat" and showering criminals who resist arrest with bullets, Chicago police in the future will thrust forth a steel shield and advance upon their quarry behind a wave of poisonous gas.

City Chemist Frederick O. Toney and Chief of Police Fitzmorris are perfecting plans for the use of gas in the local crime drive. The gas will be designed to render criminals powerless rather than kill, and will be used only where desperate men are threatening the lives of policemen.

Officers using the gas will be protected by a heavy steel shield.

# CONGRESS BUCKLES DOWN TO BUSINESS

By J. Bart Campbell  
Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—With President-elect Warren G. Harding in the comparative seclusion of Marion, Ohio, and President Wilson's annual message tucked away in the congressional records, congress settled down to business today.

Members of the senate and house began to buckle to the tasks before them during the next three months.

An effort was to be made in the senate today by Senator Kenyon, Republican of Iowa, to secure immediate action on the so-called packers' regulation measure of which he and Senator Kendrick, Democrat of Wyoming, are joint authors. The measure is on the senate calendar as unfinished business and has the right of way.

Kenyon said he proposed to urge the passage of the bill in a lengthy speech, but opposition to it on the part of several "readers" may preclude an early vote on it.

It is understood Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Senator Smoot of Utah are two Republican leaders who believe the retailer and not the wholesaler is the one in most need of regulation.

Certain recommendations made by the president in his message are certain to be ignored by the Republican majority in control of congress, Republican and Democratic senators declared.

They say the president's suggestion for an immediate revision of the country's taxation system is impracticable, although hearings will be begun after the Christmas holidays by both the senate and house ways and means committee, preparatory to a general readjustment of taxes in accordance with a Republican program of revising the revenue act.

**MAY IGNORE SUGGESTIONS**

The honoring of corporations engaged in interstate commerce, a loan to Armenia, and the granting of independence to the Philippines are other proposals of the president, which, it is believed, will not be acted upon favorably.

The coalition between Democratic and Republican agricultural members may result in the reestablishment of the war finance corporation, despite the opposition to this by certain Republican leaders.

# Hosiery Prices Hit Low Mark, Asserts National Association

(By United News)

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Prices of women's hosiery have touched the low point of the year, according to the National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers.

Women's silk stockings priced by manufacturers last spring at \$27 a dozen have dropped to \$15.

Women's mercerized stockings, during the same period, have been reduced from \$7.50 to \$3.50 at the mill.

This news was given out at the meeting Tuesday of the National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers.

# PLAN BIG MOVE TO AID EXPORTS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Plans for a billion dollar export corporation to open European markets to American agriculture and industry, broached at the convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation here late last night, will be whipped into shape at a conference in Chicago December 10 of representatives of export interests, it was decided today.

Willis H. Booth of the Guaranty Trust company, New York, placed the plan before the federation meeting. His proposal is for the organization of an export corporation with a capital stock of \$100,000,000 to handle all kinds of export products, both agricultural and manufactured.

Under the each law, he pointed out, the corporation may issue securities to multiply its capital stock by 10, making a billion dollar corporation.

The proposal outlined by the New York banker would provide for an organization with a governing board composed of farmers, business men and bankers. Twenty-five per cent of the capital stock would be payable immediately and 10 per cent monthly until the hundred millions of stock had been paid, under the Booth plan.

# CLARA HAMON IS CHARGED WITH MURDER

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Armore in the last few days. Public opinion feels she will surrender and will be freed by a jury who hears her story of her relations with Jake Hamon. The "powerful oil interests" mentioned in several newspaper dispatches are an unknown quantity here so far as they have affected either the search for the missing woman or in awaiting public opinion.

**DECLARES HAMON PAID WIFE \$1000 MONTHLY TO STAY AWAY**

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Ruth Walker Hamon, wife of Frank L. Hamon, nephew of Jake Hamon, Oklahoma millionaire and politician, alleged to have been murdered, told the United Press in an interview today that Jake Hamon paid her \$1000 a month to stay in Chicago and not to bother him.

Frank L. Hamon is the divorced husband of Clara Smith Hamon, sought as the slayer of Jake Hamon.

Mrs. Ruth Hamon told the United Press that Jake Hamon paid her husband \$1000 a month to marry Clara Smith, so that the latter could legally carry the name of Hamon. In this way, Mrs. Ruth Hamon said, the relations of Jake Hamon and Clara Smith were calculated not to excite suspicion. She added: "Clara Hamon came to visit us and during her stay received several telegrams from Jake Hamon. She showed me a small pistol on one occasion which she said she was keeping as 'protection.' I am positive that Frank did not go to Clara Smith Hamon."

Mrs. Hamon's story was somewhat confused. She spoke of being in Murietta Springs and later in Los Angeles, where she learned of the shooting. Another statement she made declared she was in Sacramento during the shooting.

**RELATIVES PLAN DEFENSE FOR CLARA SMITH HAMON**

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Relatives of Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, fugitive and alleged slayer of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma multi-millionaire, today were conferring with noted Texas criminal attorneys. One noted law firm, which has been represented in every big murder trial in the Southwest in the last decade, was visited by representatives of the missing woman. The firm would not discuss the conference.

A meeting between the missing woman's relatives and Mrs. Jake L. Hamon, widow of the oil king, was to be held today. It was rumored this conference would result in the missing woman's surrender, although the report could not be confirmed.

# Police Find Liquor Cache; Tenant and Landlord Arrested

Even a law-abiding citizen cannot rent his basement to his bootlegger friend and permit him to store liquor there, say Patrolmen Harms and Nutter.

In a raid on the home of Antone Metchoff, 321 North Twenty-second street, Monday the officers found a secret trap door in the pantry. Lifting the trap they examination found a place where the earth had been disturbed. After procuring a shovel and digging for some time on their hands and knees the "invincible booze hounds" unearthed 148 points of moonshine.

Metchoff disclaimed ownership, telling the police that Jack Markich, 243 North Sixteenth street, was paying him \$25 a month for the privilege of storing the liquor in his house. Both men were arrested and charged with having liquor in their possession. An additional five points were found concealed in the wood pile in Markich's basement.

# Alleged Booze Leak To Late Democratic Meet May Be Aired

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—With the completion of the jury selection early today, the first witness will be called before Federal Judge Maurice T. Dooley in the United States district court here to testify in the trial of Harry Brodick, Jules Gamage and Douglas Newton, indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act.

Numerous federal officials, including Collector of Internal Revenue Justice Wardell, have been subpoenaed by defense attorneys. It is believed that attempts will be made by Hugo Asher, attorney for Brodick, to lay before the court the charges that 51 barrels of liquor were officially dispensed at the Democratic national convention here in June.

# Women Take Over Government Reins When Men Resign

Yoncalla, Or., Dec. 8.—Yoncalla's new women officials took office Monday night instead of January 1, the men officials resigning in their favor. The resigning men said they took such action to let the women begin at once their program of civic betterment and that they would support the new administration.

Mrs. Gregory Gooden, Burt is the new mayor and members of the council are Mrs. Bernice Wilson, Mrs. Jennie D. Lasswell, Mrs. Nettie Hanan and Mrs. Edith B. Thompson. They announced that the city would be cleaned up once and other improvements would be undertaken.

The women were elected when the men declined to enter the race after a feminine ticket had been named.

# Farmers Face Ruin, Says Chicago Banker

Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—"The situation of the country banks today is desperate and the farmers are facing bankruptcy," F. W. Thompson of Chicago, representing the Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association of America, declared today before the joint agricultural committee investigating the agricultural situation. Thompson urged the revival of the war finance corporation.

# Embezzlement and Desertion Charged

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Elmer E. Knouse, 20, is held by police here today on a telegraphic warrant from military authorities at Camp Lewis, Wash., who assert he is wanted on a charge of embezzling about \$400 in government funds. Knouse, detective declared, confessed he was an enlisted man and deserted with company funds to which he had access.

# CLOTHING MAKERS' STRIKE THREATENS

New York, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The break between the clothing manufacturers association of New York and their 65,000 employees widened today, with industrial warfare as the immediate prospect.

The manufacturers, whose ultimatum for reestablishment of the piece work system, reduced wages and the right to "hire and fire" was rejected by the employees, countered by declaring it would have no further negotiations with the workers' union—the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

It is the manufacturers' declared intention to run an open shop, to continue filling orders as fast as they can get them and "to avoid employment of their workers upon a basis which will insure good wages and make competition with other markets possible." Only some 10,000 of the 65,000 workers are now employed.

# Service Star Legion Will Be Organized

A meeting has been called for Thursday at 2 p. m. in room 325 Courthouse to discuss the organization of a Portland chapter of the Service Star Legion, now being formed by women relatives of veterans of the late war. Purposes of the Legion are to protect and preserve American ideals and traditions, maintain the principles of freedom and democracy, cooperate in all civic and patriotic work, promote the welfare of ex-service men and their families, and cherish the memory of those who died in the service.

# New Marshal Named

Freewater, Or., Dec. 8.—Wesley Speers has resigned as Freewater city marshal and John C. Crimmins was appointed to take his place.

# Woman Is Placed on Trial on Charge of Murdering Husband

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Lillian Woodcock went on trial here today charged with the murder of her first husband. Mrs. Woodcock is also charged with being an accomplice to the murder of her second husband and will be placed on trial on this charge later.

Ursula Broderick, daughter of Mrs. Woodcock by her first husband, Thomas P. Broderick, was convicted in juvenile court on the charge of killing her stepfather, Joseph Woodcock. She was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary, but is free on \$50,000 bond pending her appeal to the supreme court.


The Broderick girl confessed she killed her father to protect her mother and shot her stepfather in defense of her own honor.

# 45,000,000 Chinese Facing Starvation

Approximately 45,000,000 people are menaced by the worst famine in the history of Northern China, according to a communication received Tuesday by H. B. Van Duser, president of the Chamber of Commerce, from Ras D. Hinkle, managing editor of the Christian Herald. Hinkle says that the situation is "the greatest tragedy facing humanity today—and it is just beginning." The Christian Herald has handled relief funds in the past for China and will do so in the present emergency.

# Victim of Flu Dies

Milton, Or., Dec. 8.—Frances Norman Brinker, wife of John Brinker of the Fruitland Grocery company, Freewater, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norman of this city, died at the home of her parents Monday. Mrs. Brinker was born in Milton 28 years ago. During the influenza epidemic she contracted lung trouble and had been an invalid since.



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