

Material development in Portland and Oregon during the year will be set forth in picture and text in The Sunday Journal Magazine next Sunday.



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# BILL FRAMED TO SUPERSEDE COUNTY TAXES

### Senator Gordon's Measure to Be Introduced at Coming Legislature would Create Commission.

### Three Members Would Have Sweeping Authority to Decide Amount Taxes to Be Collected.

A "Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission" bill with teeth in it for the supervision and conservation of Multnomah county taxation, has been drafted and will be introduced in the coming legislature by Herbert Gordon. The proposed measure, should it be enacted into law, will take the place of the present advisory statute and give the new commission absolute power in the levying of all taxes for the conduct of all units of government within the county of Multnomah, including the county, city and school district levies.

The Gordon bill is drafted in the form of a general statute covering the assessment and levy of taxes in all counties of the state having a population of 100,000 inhabitants or more.

## LEAGUE WORKING ASSERTS HYMANS

### Assembly Adjourns Initial Meeting and Members Leave Geneva.

By Henry Wood  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Geneva, Dec. 18.—The League of Nations assembly adjourned its initial session this evening.

## SENATE HOLIDAY PLAN HITS SNAG

### Small Group Making Determined Effort to Keep Wheels in Motion.

By L. C. Martin  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Washington, Dec. 18.—Plans of senate members to take a two weeks' vacation beginning Monday were blocked today by the determined opposition of a small group who have long fought the congressional custom of holiday recesses.

## Ice Cream Bricks to Be Given Away Free By Journal This Week

The classified advertising department of The Journal will give away pint bricks of Hazelwood ice cream as premiums for "dime-a-line" classified advertisements received and paid for on Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24, for publication in The Sunday Journal of December 26.

## Starving Children in Need Oregon Prepared to Help

Oregon today is bidding for the lives of 25,000 children in East Central Europe against famine and death. Oregonians campaign to buy her quota—25,000 lives at \$10 apiece—in the national effort inaugurated today under the leadership of Herbert Hoover, is to be launched in 600 churches scattered in every city, town and hamlet.

## Man Injured In Fighting Vicious Deer

### Dog Chases Animal Away and Saves Life of Its Master.

Medford, Dec. 18.—A crime wave is on among the wild animals of Jackson county.

## Feared Lost Airmen in Death Fight

### Army Men Are Believed to Be Battling Elements in Adirondacks and Quebec.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Somewhere in the fastness of the Adirondacks or Quebec, three members of the navy aviation squad are believed to be fighting the elements for their lives tonight.

# TELEPHONE CO. HOLDS TO R.R. COUNTER ORDER

### Declines to Follow Service Commission's Request That G. N. and S., P. & S. Use Depot.

### Insists Two Roads Must Vacate by End of Month in Accordance With Directors' Original Order.

Orders outing the Great Northern and S. P. & S. railroads from the Union station December 31 will not be rescinded, according to what may be termed as final action of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, operators of the Union station.

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## QUESTION GORDON'S LEGISLATIVE SEAT

### Quo Warranto Proceedings State Gordon Was Candidate for Two Offices at Once.

Salem, Or., Dec. 18.—Quo warranto proceedings were instituted in the Marion county circuit court here this afternoon by Leslie W. Murray of Portland, through his attorney, Paul C. Dormitzer, also of Portland, in an effort to prevent the seating of Herbert Gordon as a member of the Multnomah county delegation in the house of representatives at the forthcoming session of the state legislature.

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## Auto Fatalities Drop in Year

### Safety Campaign Obtains Ends

There is general gratification in Portland over the report of the traffic bureau Friday showing a reduction of 33 per cent in the number of fatalities in automobile accidents in the fiscal year 1920, in comparison with the fiscal year ending December 1, 1919.

## The Dalles Has Its First Heavy Snow

The Dalles, Or., Dec. 18.—The first heavy snow storm of the year descended on The Dalles Friday night, and continued almost until noon today.

## Women Kidnapers Suspected in Case

Paris, Dec. 18.—A band of women kidnapers is believed by the Paris police to be responsible for the disappearance of Raymond Duncan, the 15-year-old son of Raymond Duncan, brother of Isadora Duncan, widely known American dancer.

# GLITCH TALK IS UNDISCOVERED

### Almost Baseless Pessimism of Would-Be Economist One Cause of Depression, Says Lawrence.

### Psychological Period to End After the Holidays and Bustling to Resume, Government Heads Say

By David Lawrence  
(Copyright, 1920, by The Journal)  
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