

CENTRALIA MAN KILLS HIS WIFE AFTER QUARREL

Jim Slagle Slays Selma Slagle in Their Apartment; Said to Have Fussed Over Legal Papers.

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 31.—Following a family quarrel, Jim Slagle shot and killed his wife, Selma Slagle, this afternoon at 2 o'clock in their apartment at the Taylor hotel. Slagle fired five shots from a pistol into his wife's body.

The quarrel is reported to have been over legal papers. Slagle left the room under pretext of having the papers legally attended to. When he returned, he pointed the revolver at his wife and, without a word, fired the shots.

Coroner David Livingstone held an inquest. Slagle did not attempt to escape. Slagle has several children by a former husband. She was 35 years of age. Slagle, later today in the city jail, gave as his reason for shooting, "I wanted a woman who would make me a home, but I was disappointed in the one I got. She was untrue to me and accused me of communicating to her a disease."

Slagle also said that after killing his wife he attempted to take his own life, but he pulled the trigger three times and the gun failed. Then Haveren, proprietor of the room where the Slagles lived, said he heard two shots and a woman's voice screaming, "He's killing me."

THREE MORE SHOTS
Following the first two shots, Haveren said he heard three more, a few seconds intervening. Two of the shots fired took effect in the wife's head, causing instant death.

Slagle is 47 years of age and had been employed at the Eastern Railway & Lumber company. Previously he had worked for the Summit Lumber company, Corvallis, Ore. Slagle's mother resides at Chehalis. His divorced wife resides in Seattle.

Mrs. Slagle is survived by two brothers, Jack and Alvin, of Centralia and Lee Angel of Adna.

Late this afternoon Slagle was transferred to the county jail. A formal charge of murder will be placed against him.

CITY FARED WELL DURING LAST YEAR

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erected. A building program exceeding \$100,000 is predicted for the new year.

The total number of building permits issued was 14,153 and the aggregate value was \$17,234,456, compared with 13,106 permits, valued at \$12,988,506, issued in 1932. The principal feature of the 1931 building campaign was the unusual interest centered in the erection of new dwellings. During the year a total of 2839 residence permits were issued, calling for the expenditure of \$10,901,780, compared with a total of 299 residence permits, valued at \$3,594,430, granted in 1930.

DECEMBER PERMITS 711
Building permits issued during December numbered 715 and their aggregate value was \$552,935, a material falling off from the record for November, when 1283 permits, valued at \$1,374,418, were granted. Residence construction is holding its own during the winter as shown by the December record of 162 permits, valued at \$358,780.

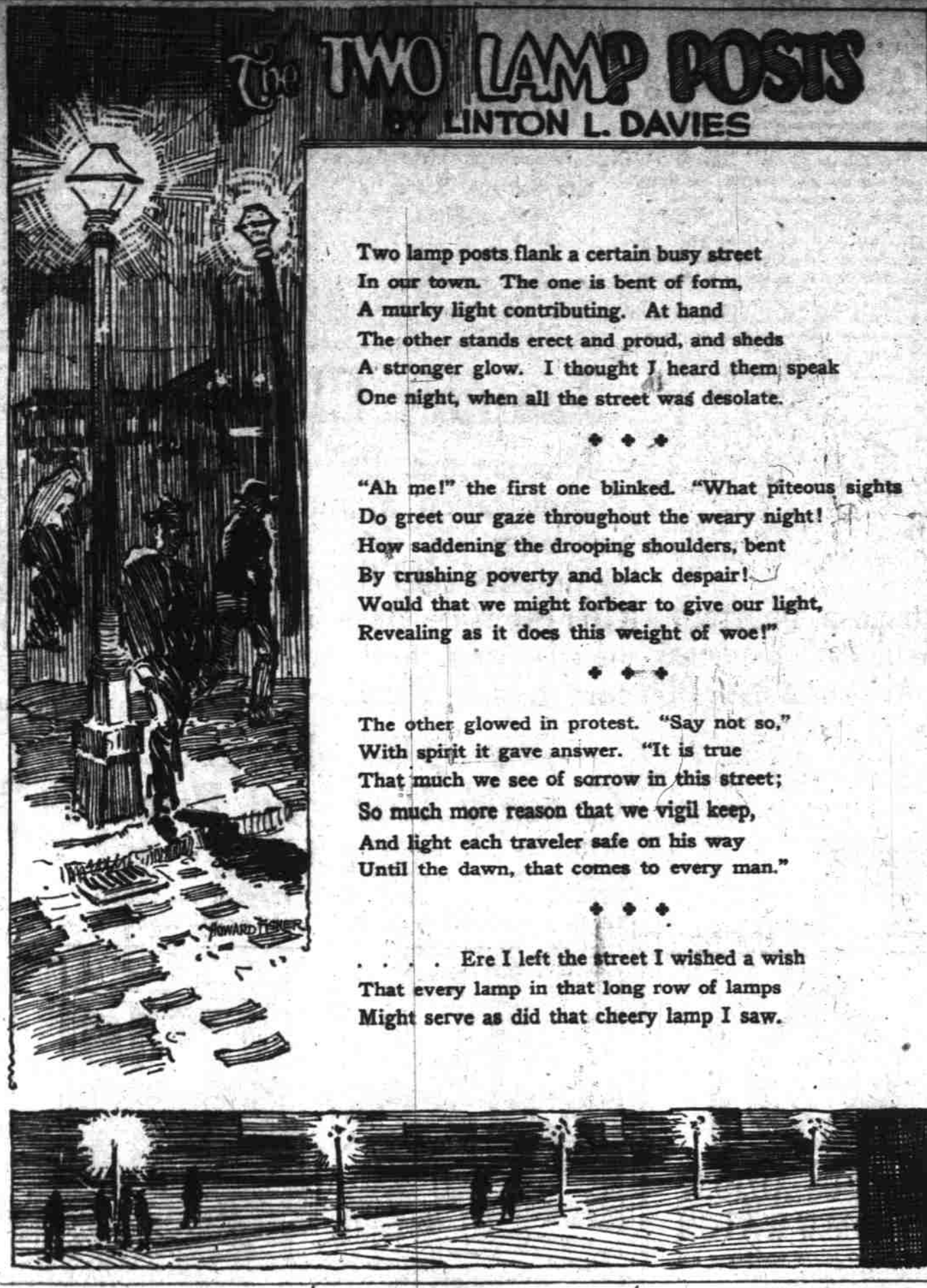
Bank clearings for the week ending today totaled \$34,546,824.42, compared with \$36,441,099.33 for the corresponding week of last year, according to the report of the Federal Clearing House association. For December the total was \$1,230,344,025.09, compared with \$1,158,445,024.09 for 1932. The principal feature of the year was the increase in the volume of business in the general deflation of value during the past 15 months.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GROW
Postal receipts for 1932 totaled \$2,061,644.72, according to reports submitted by Postmaster John M. Jones, compared with a total of \$1,940,809.35 for 1931, an increase of \$119,835.37 or approximately 6 per cent. Receipts for December, 1932, show an increase of 437 per cent over the corresponding month of last year, indicating a larger participation in Christmas giving than in the previous season.

Development of Portland into the second largest wool market in the United States and a close rival with Boston for the premier place in this industry is one of the features of the year's industrial activity. A statement of wool shipments by water from Portland to Atlantic coast ports, prepared by Fred Clark of the Merchants Exchange, shows a total of 22,141,232 pounds for 1932, compared with 424,195 pounds for 1930. Facilities for handling wool grown in Oregon and other Northwestern states have been installed on a large scale during the year and preparations under way call for a still larger volume of business in 1933.

BIG LUMBER MOVEMENT
Movement of lumber from the Columbia river by water shipments for the first nine months of 1932 totaled 563,906,094 feet, of which 231,770,773 feet was domestic cargo and 127,135,771 feet export trade. The total movement from Northwestern shipping districts, including British Columbia, amounted to 804,423,216 feet in domestic cargo and 441,624,094 feet in export shipments, an aggregate of 1,246,037,310 feet.

Shipments of lumber from the Northwest to the Atlantic seaboard totaled 139,791,775 feet for the nine months period of 1932, compared with 12,453,797 feet for the first nine months of 1930. The increase in water shipments to North Atlantic ports since the rise in rail freight rates on August 26, 1930, was approximately 1823 per cent, according



Two lamp posts flank a certain busy street
In our town. The one is bent of form,
A murky light contributing. At hand
The other stands erect and proud, and sheds
A stronger glow. I thought I heard them speak
One night, when all the street was desolate.

"Ah me!" the first one blinked. "What piteous sights
Do greet our gaze throughout the weary night!
How saddening the drooping shoulders, bent
By crushing poverty and black despair!
Would that we might forbear to give our light,
Revealing as it does this weight of woe!"

The other glowed in protest. "Say not so."
With spirit it gave answer. "It is true
That much we see of sorrow in this street;
So much more reason that we vigil keep,
And light each traveler safe on his way
Until the dawn, that comes to every man."

Ere I left the street I wished a wish
That every lamp in that long row of lamps
Might serve as did that cheery lamp I saw.

to estimates submitted by the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The lumber mills of the Northwest increased from 76,031,800 feet for the first nine months of 1932 to 208,332,000 feet for the corresponding period of 1931. Increasing business also developed during the past year with India, Egypt, the Philippine Islands and New Zealand.

PORT BUSINESS LARGER
Increasing importance of water carriers in the distribution of Portland's industrial output is shown in port statistics for the year. During 1932 a total of 815 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 5,883,115 tons called at this port, compared with 667 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 1,602,946 tons during 1930. Of the inbound vessels during the year 719 were domestic carriers, aggregating 1,829,211 tons, and 196 represented foreign tonnage, totaling 713,924 tons. Reports for 1930 showed 529 vessels in domestic trade totaling 1,563,332 tons, and 63 foreign carriers with an aggregate of 239,244 tons. Customs house statistics show total exports from the port of Portland for 1932 valued at approximately \$65,000,000.

HARDING GIVES ALL RUMORS HARD JOLT

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been left to Mr. Hughes he would have selected George Harvey to go to Great Britain, but no one can say Mr. Hughes has ever uttered a word of dissent about that appointment.

Mr. Hughes has concentrated on the state department job and believes there is an opportunity at this stage of world affairs to do a constructive piece of work. He would be the last man to want to give up such an opportunity.

RUMORS AFFECT DAUGHTERY
Among other cabinet changes discussed is the possible resignation of Attorney General Daugherty. Inquiry there discloses the fact that Mr. Daugherty has no thought of leaving his



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chief, for whose nomination and election he is largely responsible. The story developed out of offers made to Daugherty to return to law practice under most favorable financial conditions.

Another cabinet portfolio which has been frequently mentioned as likely to change is that of Secretary Mellon in the treasury department, but Mr. Harding himself gave the answer to inquiries on that point a few days ago when he was talking to correspondents.

He said Mr. Mellon had retired—and he paused a moment to pick up a memorandum giving the exact name of the governmental commission on which the new thought was being announced.

ANOTHER RUMOR EXPLODES
But the president with a laugh explained that it would be a long time before they would have and such announcement to make. The resignation of Will Hays as postmaster general does not have a good deal of basis for discussion. Mr. Hays has had a flattering offer from the combined motion picture interests, who want him to become a sort of Judge Landis for the movies.

The producers are afraid of state and national censorship. They see it coming and want to head it off by purifying the movies voluntarily. Mr. Hays is the man to do the job, they think, not only because he is a good organizer, but because he knows the ways and byways of politicians both state and national. It is said he has been offered more than \$100,000 a year. Mr. Hays has been tempted, but the latest word is that he told President Harding he would not resign.

Mr. Harding would have a hard time getting another Will Hays, but what's more interesting is that Will Hays would be as happy out of politics as a fish out of water. Mr. Hays, moreover, is young and ambitious. His friends think he will be a senator from Indiana some day and some have gone so far as to tell him the presidential star may set on his path some time in the next 20 years. The cabinet changes talked of are not likely to materialize.

Ferry Once More Carries Autoists Across Columbia

Salem, Dec. 31.—Ferry operations between Stevenson, Wash., and Hood River, Or., which were discontinued on account of floating ice in the Columbia river, have been resumed and travel to eastern Oregon and Washington may take the north bank highway between Vancouver and Stevenson, ferrying over to Hood River, according to announcement by the state highway department here today.

The ferry charge, the department advises, is about \$3 for the average car. Snow and ice on the Columbia river highway is melting under the influence of moderating weather and it is hoped that traffic may again be directed over this route soon.

Perjury Charged to Man in Divorce Case

Dallas, Or., Dec. 31.—Otto Emmenegger was lodged in the county jail here tonight, charged with perjury by his former wife, Jessie Emmenegger, from whom he obtained a divorce in September, 1930. Mrs. Emmenegger alleges the perjury occurred at the time he secured the divorce by default, when he swore that they had no minor children. She has filed a civil suit asking that the case be reopened and that she be granted alimony to support the children, of whom there are two.

OREGON LEAGUE TO SELL PLANTS TO DAIRY BODIES

Holdings to Be Kept in Ranks of Industry in Plan of Liquidation of the Assets of the League.

Plants of the Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative league, the members of which voted last week to wind up its affairs and liquidate its assets, will be sold at four-fifths of their book value to local dairymen's organizations in an effort to save the dairy industry of the state.

This plan is announced in a letter prepared by F. A. Baker, Ivy Condon and A. H. Sale, trustees, for distribution to the league members this week. Copies of the letter will also be sent members of the Oregon Dairymen's By-Products corporation.

PLANTS ARE STAYED
The reason for reselling these plants at four-fifths of their present book value is because a payment of one-fifth has already been made on the purchase price of the plants. The trustees also announce that in reselling they will accept the preferred stock of the By-Products corporation at par, to apply on the purchase price.

"The sale of these plants to anyone else would put the dairymen again at the mercy of strangers," said the letter. "To work out this plan the trustees must have the active and determined support of stockholders and members. We urge every stockholder and member to support this plan with his whole heart. It is the only way to prevent ruinous loss to all."

The letter said that in performing their duties the trustees were aware of no time criticizing their predecessors or in complaining of mistakes made in the past. An analysis of the entire situation is to be made and the exact financial status of the organization is to be determined. With this in view an examination and audit of the books has been ordered.

PLAN IS IMPARTIAL
After the analysis and audit it is planned to immediately sell out the plants. Because of this the trustees express the opinion that the most rigid economy, efficiency and absolute impartiality between districts and individuals must be observed. Further the trustees say that the league still has large assets that it is too early to predict what distribution will be made.

"The amount which can be distributed will depend largely upon the amount of cooperation offered by the stockholders and members," said the letter.

IN LIQUIDATION
In liquidation we must sell out the property of the league which could be done in either of two ways. First we could dispose of the plants at forced sale and distribute the proceeds equally between the stockholders. This method means heavy loss to the stockholders, a total loss to all members on pools and ruin to the local dairy industry in the future.

ANOTHER PLAN SUGGESTED
There is another possible method of liquidation. We could sell back the plants to local dairymen's organizations, keeping the old spirit of cooperation alive in a more practical form and enable the members to protect their own interests in each locality. This would mean saving the dairy industry of the state, paying all of the preferred stockholders in full and retaining in a substantial balance which could be paid to members on pools.

"Hold meetings and organize new local or revive old ones and be ready to do business when the trustees arrive. Arrange a date of meeting and bear in mind that we must hasten this work in order to reduce the cost of liquidation."

CANDIDATES' DREAMS DIE WITH SESSION

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that its enactment would mean that 80 per cent of the \$4,000,000 needed to finance the 1933 fair would come out of Multnomah county, a circumstance which is not calculated to make the 80 per cent in Multnomah think over kind of the speaker from Lane. But that is not all. The Bean bill laid no income on corporations.

Under its terms the big corporate aggregations of Multnomah would have paid no title to the fair, and since the largest of these have the bulk of their stock ownership out of the state, not even their stockholders would have been taxed for the fair. This circumstance, also, is not calculated to make the 80 per cent in Multnomah think over kind of the speaker from Lane. But that is not all. The Bean bill laid no income on corporations.

"TOO MUCH PORTLAND"

And, too, these chessmasters have hopped a wandering pawn over George L. Baker and moved him off to the edge of the board. They argue that with Multnomah county at war with the outside state over the state fair, whichever way you choose to phrase it, Baker's candidacy would mean "too much Portland" and would go down in the upstate regions under the handicap.

Particularly would this be true, it is argued, with a divided field here and Olcott fighting for votes down this way. So, by the process of elimination, they are moving Kelly up a peg or two, but they are not so sure that the same handicap that would clog Baker would not hamper Kelly as well. He came from Lane county, of course, but he has been in Portland long enough to be of it, particularly since he holds membership upon the Port of Portland committee.

PATTERSON COUNTED
Out of it all Senator Patterson steps forward as a more potential force to be reckoned with than at any time prior. He, it will be remembered, was "nominated" for governor by the voters, but he was not elected.

He is now in Portland at the Benson during the closing days of the regular session. At that banquet were the leading spirits in the upstate revolt against the 1933 fair. But during the special session he championed the fair in a calm and judicial way so that the upstate Olcott friends would not of necessity be a red rag in the face of Multnomah county now. The special session did not start Senator Patterson in general political opinion.

As to the field, George White, adjutant general, is letting no opportunities slip by to advance his cause. He says, yet, that he is not a candidate for governor, but there are too many of his scouts out jaxing up the service men over the state, as well as anybody else that can be taken very seriously.

EAGER FOR SOMETHING
Nobody believes that Senator Charles Hall, of Marshfield, has any serious intention of making a bid for governor. He wants to be something but it is not governor that he harbors hopes of being.

J. D. Lee, representative from Multnomah, is the only outspoken candidate so far in the field. He has cherished gubernatorial ambitions for many years and will make the bid in the general election. Some observers contend that Governor Olcott has been harmed by the special session, but general opinion holds rather to the contrary. He broods some very consistent grouches among the members of the legislature by calling the session for the week before Christmas. But, on the other hand, the performances of that session have bred some very sincere contenters that it was a merciful providence which protected the state from a longer session.

Be that as it may, the special session did not leave so many dents on the Olcott armor as on that of some of the rest. The primary election is but a few days more than five and a half months off and it will not be long before formal announcements will begin to bud and bloom. With all the political dynamite of the special session strewn underfoot the next campaign promises to be an interesting and exciting show.

TAX REDUCTION NEW YEAR GIFT TO MANY PAYERS

Collector of Internal Revenue Huntley Believes Himself Almost Santa Claus This Year.

Relief for the tired taxpayer is offered, effective with the opening of the New Year, by Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue. Huntley claims no personal credit for himself or the office of the Oregon district, but he said Saturday that the pleasure in aiming to reduce the tax burden is his. He said that the pleasure in aiming to reduce the tax burden is his. He said that the pleasure in aiming to reduce the tax burden is his.

For instance, the small boy who likes 'em cold at the soda fountain will not be assessed the extra penny or so for war tax. Neither will grandma have to pay the stamp tax on her medicine if the drug store mother need not complain because the department store charged her a dollar war tax on her new coat.

LIST IS EXTENSIVE

And so on, through quite a considerable list. Show shoppers, however, will still pay on theatre tickets and long distance telephones may expect a tax in addition to the regular charge which always grumbles about. Railroad travel will be exempt from the tax, thought those who bought tickets before midnight Saturday were obliged to pay the full tax. The government understands that the tax on the telephone, however, which would have accrued after midnight.

Huntley has prepared the following as an official record of the exempted "excises":
Commencing January 1, 1933, these taxes will no longer be collected by dealers from their patrons:
Stamp taxes on toilet preparations and patent medicines.
Tax on ice cream cones, soda water and other fountain service.
Tax on carpets, rugs, picture frames, trunks, valises, purses, handbags, umbrellas, fans, smoking jackets, bath robes, men's hats, women's hats, ladies' waists, ladies' and men's silk hose, neckwear, corsets, underwear, kimono, bedclothes and other similar apparel.

Other taxes which have heretofore been added to the general price of goods and which are now eliminated are those on freight and express charges, passenger and Pullman fares, and parcel post packages.

INSURANCE POLICIES
All taxes on insurance policies are also repealed. Practically the only excise taxes which the public will now be called upon to pay direct will be those on telephone and telegraph messages and upon admissions where the charge is in excess of 10 cents.

The 5 per cent tax on jewelry will still remain in force, but it will no longer apply to silver and gold mounted eyeglasses and spectacles. This tax may be charged to its customers by the dealer on it may be absorbed by him.

Except as to the few taxes herein enumerated which are to be paid by the public all excise taxes provided by the new revenue act will be collected by the government from the manufacturer, producer or importer.

TO MEAN SAVING

This should result in a great saving

to the consumer and will remove a source of friction and annoyance, and it will also save the taxpayer considerable expense, as he will no longer have to act as tax collector for the government and keep the voluminous and intricate records heretofore necessary.

Of interest to the owners of pleasure boats is the fact that after July 1, 1932, the special tax of \$10 on boats of less than 5 net tons will no longer be in effect. Thereafter that tax will apply only to pleasure boats of over 5 net tons and over 52 feet in length.

JAMES MILNE, HERMIT, DIES

Dallas, Or., Dec. 31.—James Milne, aged 71, who had lived the life of a hermit in Polk and Lincoln counties for several years, died in the Dallas hospital, Christmas day, where he was taken when he became ill on the street here. Milne was a native of Scotland and had never married.

ANDREW H. HOLMES DIES

Dallas, Or., Dec. 31.—Andrew H. Holmes, aged 63, died Tuesday. He had lived in Dallas many years. His wife, a daughter of Dr. V. J. Dallas, and a son, Oscar H. Holmes, survive.

BONDS BRING PREMIUM

Salem, Dec. 31.—Ladd's titling of Portland bid in the \$200,000 block of highway improvement bonds offered for sale by the county court of Marion county. The bid for the block was \$204,000. Bids were entered by 16 other Pacific coast banking houses.

DAEWYN TO HEAD FAIR

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—L. H. Daryin, until tonight commonly called articles of incorporation of the Bellingham Daily American Publishing company, with capital stock of \$30,000.

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So, wishing you all the best New Year that you ever had, let us

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