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## SERVICE MEN LOAN FUND IS PROVIDED

### Referendum Measure by Dennis Would Benefit Oregon Men of World, Civil and Spanish Wars

#### THIRTY MILLIONS AVAILABLE NOW

#### Will be Referred at Next Election If It Is Passed

Approximately \$30,000,000 immediately and more as the state's property valuation should increase would be made available as a loan fund to men who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, also to all other qualified to be members of the American Legion, to veterans of the civil war and of the Spanish-American war, by a referendum measure which Senator Dennis of Union county will introduce today.

This would be known as the Oregon veterans' loan fund. The measure is in the form of a joint resolution to refer a proposed constitutional amendment to the people for their judgment at the next election, whether it be a special or a general election.

The measure would add article XI to the constitution. Notwithstanding other limitations contained in the constitution, it provides that the credit of the state may be loaned and indebtedness incurred to an amount not exceeding 3 per cent of the assessed property valuation of the state to create a fund to be loaned to the beneficiaries under the act. An honorable discharge from the service would be a requirement.

The act would authorize the issuing of bonds of the state to the amount of 3 per cent of the assessed property valuation. The total assessed property valuation of the state is now about \$1,000,000,000, which would make the available money for loan under the act about \$30,000,000 at the present time.

## INSPECTORS KILLED WHEN BOMB EXPLODES

### SEVERAL TAXI EMPLOYEES ARE INJURED

#### Company Found Bombs in Two Cabs Ten Days Ago—Chauffeurs Are on Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—P. H. Dean and George McKee, inspectors, were killed tonight when a bomb exploded in the garage of the Quaker City Taxicab company. Several other employees were injured slightly.

Chauffeurs have been on strike for several weeks. About ten days ago bombs were found in two cabs of the company. One cab was demolished but no one was injured. Several cabs have been stolen and wrecked.

The two men were examining a car which had just come in and Dean picked up a cylindrical object. The driver shouted a warning and jumped back in time to escape injury, as it exploded.

The police have arrested 16 men.

## INAUGURAL PLANS MADE

### East Portico of Capitol to Be Seat of Simple Ceremony

MARION, Ohio, Jan. 17.—Final plans for the simple ceremony on the east portion of the capitol, which will mark the inauguration of W. G. Harding as president, were virtually approved today as the result of conference between the president-elect and Elliott Woods, superintendent of the capitol building and grounds.

Mr. Woods came to tell Mr. Harding that the inaugural committee had acquiesced to his proposals that the east steps of the capitol be made the scene of the event. He also sought consent to a plan for the erection of a small platform on the steps from which the inaugural address will be delivered. It was agreed that the platform would be built, but it would be merely a small affair.

Mr. Harding continued his cabinet conferences preparatory to his departure for Florida. Among the visitors were Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, who is reported to be supporting Charles G. Dawes of Chicago for secretary of the treasury; Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, spoken of for postmaster general, and Charles D. Miller of New York, mentioned for the secretaryship of the treasury.

## KLAN OFFERS REWARD

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 17.—A reward of \$100 was offered tonight by Colonel William J. Simmons, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, for the arrest and conviction of "any person who uses the name Ku Klux Klan in an unlawful manner or in connection with any purpose or movement not sanctioned by law."

## NEW SYSTEM PROPOSED IN VINTON BILL

### Yamhill Senator's Measure Would Make Board of Control Budget Commission for State

#### ALL ESTIMATES UNDER EYE, IS INTENTION

#### Appropriation Provided in Measure to Carry Act Into Effect

Following out a recommendation made by Governor Olcott in his message to the legislature, Senator W. T. Yamhill will today introduce a bill constituting the state board of control as the budget commission of the state.

The effect of the measure, it is urged, would be to make the present method of presenting to the legislature estimates of financial needs of state departments and institutions more truly a budget system. The estimates for several years have been placed before the legislature and the ways and means committee in budget form. At present the board has authority only over the estimates of the 10 state institutions.

The bill would give the board of control direct supervision of all matters relating to the preparation of the estimates of all activities, both public and private, supported wholly or in part by state money. The board would have authority to revise, increase or decrease, by majority vote, the estimates submitted for its perusal, and make recommendations to the ensuing session of the legislature whatever amounts it may determine as necessary for the various activities for the next biennium. The board would have authority to hear, and it would be its duty to hear, any representatives of the several activities capable of furnishing data. An executive officer or statistician would be named by the board and authority would be extended to employ clerical or technical assistance.

Heads of the several state departments would be required to submit their estimates to the board on or before October 1 of each even numbered year, together with estimates of their probable receipts from all sources. Also it would require that persons having claims against the state file them with the board on or before October 1 of the even numbered years, and the same requirement would be made for all individuals, corporations or associations, including municipal corporations, intending to present appropriation requests at the legislature.

Not later than November 10 of each even-numbered year the commission would be required to have its figures, data and recommendations in tabulated form, for submission to the secretary of state, who would have it compiled and printed with comparative data, ready for distribution among members of the legislature.

The recommendations of the budget commission would not be considered final by the legislature, but merely informative and advisory.

To carry out the provisions of the act during the biennial period embraced between January 1, 1921, and December 31, 1922, the bill would appropriate \$6000.

## Honolulu Cloudburst Sweeps Property Away

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 17.—A cloudburst today in the Palio valley back of Honolulu following unprecedented rains of the past few weeks caused damages estimated by officials at \$250,000. A few small houses in the suburbs of Honolulu were swept bodily away.

Four persons were drowned, according to an unverified report. Many bridges of the Oahu railway were demolished. Rural highways were blocked by debris. The Royal Grove district of Waikiki was flooded and when the waters subsided a coating of mud several inches deep was left over streets and lawns.

## NEW PHEZ MANAGER ALSO MADE PRESIDENT

### C. M. MIALI ASKS FOR SUPPORT OF PEOPLE

#### Officers and Directors Chosen to Head Reorganization of Local Plant

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17, 1921. To the Editor of The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Dear Sir:

Two weeks ago I was appointed general manager of the Phez Company, and I have today been elected its president, with a board of directors representative of the interests that, in recognition of the company's industrial importance to the state of Oregon, have in the past financed the enterprise to an extent far beyond the limits justified by any expectation of individual gain.

These arrangements have placed upon my shoulders the responsibility for the continued existence of the company, and that once having been rendered possible, the delineation of plans assuring its future success.

May I be permitted to say to the well-wishers of this valuable and far reaching enterprise that, without the support and the forbearance of all whose interests may be thereby affected, the efforts of myself, and those working with me, and those whom I have been selected to represent, are entirely foredoomed to failure.

Let me say further that when I need self-sacrifice here and there I shall unhesitatingly ask for it, and confidently expect to receive it.

Intervening between the present situation and the improved condition of affairs that we hope to achieve, there lie very many serious and complex difficulties. It is a pleasure to find myself able to state that those difficulties would have been greater, and our present hopes of ultimate success unjustified, had it not been for the unselfish and entirely voluntary action of the men who, in so liberal a measure have poured into the foundations of this enterprise, Yours very truly,

—C. M. MIALI.

The above letter is given a prominent place, because, in the opinion of the writer, it is deserving of that consideration. The objects sought to be worked out by the reorganization of the Phez company, including the putting of the affairs of the company in such shape that it will again be the outstanding factor in the stabilizing of the fruit industry of the Salem district, is near to the hearts of all of our people.

A large part of our permanent and assured prosperity depends upon this.

The writer thinks he can assure to Mr. Miall every possible co-operation on the part of all the people of Salem and the Salem district.

**New Board of Directors**  
At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Phez company held at the office of the company in their building, at the corner of Commercial and Trade streets, yesterday, the following board of directors was chosen:

C. M. Miall, general manager The Phez Company, Salem, Oregon.  
Chas. A. Hart, member of Carey & Kerr, attorneys at law, Portland, Ore.  
Prescott W. Cockingham, attorney for Ladd & Tilton Bank, Portland, Ore.

C. W. Lamping, vicepresident Northwestern National Bank, Portland, Oregon.  
John H. McNary, attorney-at-law, Salem, Oregon.

**New Officers Elected**  
The following new officers were elected by the board of directors: C. M. Miall, president; Chas. A. Hart, vice president; John H. McNary, treasurer; Prescott W. Cockingham; C. L. Lamping; W. L. Phillips, secretary.

## GAME MEASURES BRING HARMONY

### Commission Meeting Fails to Disrupt Agreement Reached in Portland

With the unanimous endorsement of the state fish and game commission, three bills to reorganize administration of the fish and game laws, and embodying agreements reached by contending factions several weeks ago, which have been introduced in the legislature will go before the two houses and doubtless have a very decisive approval in both.

One of the bills provides for a separate fish commission, one a separate game commission and the third regulates fishing in Rogue river.

## FARM GIRL BECOMES NOTORIOUS BANDIT

### HOLDUPS BAITED WITH TEAR OR SMILE

#### Young Woman Acts as Lure for Fifty Chicago Holdups Occurring in Sixty Days

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Ciopatra Hurtzman, 23, who until two months ago had spent her life milking cows, feeding chickens and helping run a farm near Wichita Falls, Texas, tonight was quoted by the police as confessing that she was the woman bandit who had played the leading part in 50 holdups in 60 days.

"A smile or a tear were my chief weapons," she was quoted as saying, "but I also carried a little pearl-handled revolver."

Mrs. Hurtzman said she was married to Kurt Hurtzman two months ago and then left the farm to come up here with him.

"His health failed, he lost his job, became too fond of whiskey and then fell in with thieves," she said. "We decided to become bandits."

"I acted as a lure. Kurt and I would rent a room in a fashionable district. When I met a prosperous looking person, I managed to force a tear. I told him I was lost and wanted to find a certain address. When he explained that it was only a few doors distant, I smiled and generally he would volunteer to accompany me."

"When the number was reached I either persuaded him to enter with me—or brought forth the pistol. In either case, I took him into the room where Kurt took his money. It was simple. Sometimes we held up five or six persons a day. It made me wonder why I spent 23 years on a farm, it was so easy."

The Hurtzman's evaded arrest until four detectives waited for them at a room they had rented.

## BOLT STRIKES CONFERENCE

### Spanish Speaking Delegates Threaten to Withdraw From Federation

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17.—Open threats of a bolt from the Pan-American Federation of Labor conference by the Spanish speaking delegates came today after a stormy morning session, the possible defection hinging on the delay of Samuel Gompers, in directing a message to President Wilson concerning the American occupation of Santo Domingo.

Mr. Gompers was asked by the Santo Domingo delegates to answer a question whether a telegram protesting against the American occupation and demanding an immediate evacuation of the island had been sent in accordance with the resolution approved by the labor congress Friday.

Mr. Gompers replied that he desired to modify the text of the telegram as the American government had declared itself in favor of evacuation in which the Latin-American policy of the United States was bitterly criticized by the Dominican, Salvadoran and Mexican delegates.

Senor Solana of Salvador declared that his delegation would abandon the congress unless Mr. Gompers immediately sent the telegram. The Dominican and Colombian delegates asserted later that they would act likewise.

Although the trouble originated with the technical refusal of Mr. Gompers to abide in detail by the resolution passed unanimously, it is said that behind it lies an effort by the Spanish-speaking delegates to test "their strength against the American licenses are not issued to boys under that age and they are prohibited from hunting on land not owned by relatives or guardians.

## Would Extend Hunting Privileges to Boys

Boys under 14 years old may be issued hunting licenses and allowed to shoot on land other than that owned by their parents, relatives or guardians if accompanied by parent or guardian, if a bill is passed which was introduced by Senator Banks of Multnomah yesterday. Under the law in its present form licenses are not issued to boys under that age and they are prohibited from hunting on land not owned by relatives or guardians.

## Proposed Bill Would Affect Bond Houses

To place bond houses under the jurisdiction of the state corporation commissioner by an amendment to the blue sky law, is the purpose of a bill introduced by Senator Eddy yesterday. Important features of the measure are that it would require the regular reports and investigations; it also would require that interim certificates be adequately secured, dollar for dollar, and it would require that when interim certificates reached as much as \$100,000 outstanding, the bond broker would be required to notify the corporation commissioner.

## GOVERNOR ASKS REPEAL OF ROAD TAX

### Urges Legislature to Withdraw Quarter Mill Appropriation and Build New Training School

#### ACT WOULD NOT HINDER ROAD PROGRESS

#### Recommends Cottage Plan Instead of Present One

In a special message to the legislature yesterday afternoon Governor Olcott recommended that a law passed a number of years ago appropriating \$520,000 biennially for highway construction be repealed, and that \$200,000 of it be utilized in the construction of "boys' training school which would be a credit to the state."

The remainder, he suggested, if not needed for any other purpose, "could be left untouched to lessen the tax burdens of the people."

The Governor delivered his message at a joint session of both houses at the house chamber at 2:30 o'clock, and in his opening remarks expressed regret that the publicity given his announcement of a special message had created the impression that there was "something spectacular on the boards."

Funds Needed  
In making a request for the repeal of the law, the executive explained at the time of its enactment, the state was not committed to any definite highway financing program, but that since the people "have given overwhelming sanction to the Oregon policy of financing good road improvements through the issuance of bonds which are to be realized from the automobile license fund, and that a withdrawal of the appropriation would work no hardships on the highway program, he said:

"My proposal to meet and overcome the training school difficulty is made possible by the fact that the people of the state of Oregon have adopted and have given overwhelming sanction to the Oregon policy of financing good road improvements through the issuance of bonds which are to be retired from automobile license fund. Such a policy is so meritorious, is so closely wedded to our plan of financing our state highway program, that it has become the foundation and the backbone of the financial structure of such program. That this plan of financing is a success and has more than justified itself is plainly demonstrated by the fact that in 1920 the receipts from automobile license fees and gasoline tax give a large surplus over the estimated needs."

**Would Repeal Road Tax Levy**  
"We still have on our statute books a provision for the annual levying of a tax of one-fourth of a mill known as the state road levy. A remnant from the old system of state highway financing enacted before the present policy was placed in our statutes. This is a direct tax against the property of the people—of the state. The people have expressed their belief that automobile owners should pay for the construction of the state roads through their license money, and the automobile owners are willing and glad to do it in return for the immense service already being given by such roads. Under our plan of financing it will be very well if the direct property tax of one-fourth of a mill be returned to the general fund in the future, to come to the relief of our state institutions, which are sorely pressed for adequate funds."

"This one-fourth of a mill road levy, according to the estimate made by the State Tax commission, will amount to \$260,207 for the year 1921. For the coming biennium, on the same basis, it would amount to over \$520,000. The few miles of road that sum would build I consider of small importance compared to the immense good it may now do if diverted into other channels."

"I recommend the repeal of that road levy. By such repeal a fund of over half a million of dollars would be made available to this legislature under the six per cent limitation amendment to be used for institutional purposes. Any of the amount not needed could be left untouched to lessen the tax burdens of the people."

"By the expenditure of \$300,000 of that fund I believe we could establish a Boys' Training School which would be a credit to the state and which would, by reformation of the boys and the establishment of good citizenship in them, yield vast financial returns in decreasing the cost the state would otherwise be put to in maintaining a large number of

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## PIPER WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

### Editor of Oregonian is Lecturer for Six O'Clock Club

Citizens of Salem and vicinity are to have the privilege of hearing Edgar B. Piper, editor of The Oregonian, at the First M. E. church in this city tonight. Mr. Piper will speak under the auspices of the Salem Six O'Clock Club and the club extends a cordial invitation to members of the Oregon legislature and the public generally to be present and hear Mr. Piper.

The Salem Six O'Clock club is a brotherhood organization having among its members individuals of all denominations and no denomination, and has fortnightly meetings during the fall, winter and spring in the interest of good fellowship and comradeship. A supper is served at a nominal price, to which all persons are welcome whether members of the club or not, beginning shortly after 6 o'clock, and after supper those present are entertained by eminent educators, statesmen, publicists and others.

This evening Editor Piper will address his auditors upon some personal impressions of the national convention. Mr. Piper attended both the Republican convention in Chicago which nominated President-elect Harding and the Democratic convention at San Francisco shortly thereafter. By training and experience he is well qualified to discuss these conventions and what he has to say concerning them cannot fail to interest and instruct citizens anxious to possess knowledge along political lines that they may faithfully and efficiently discharge their duties and obligations.

Preparations are being made by the club to serve at least 150 persons at supper and if additional guests arrive they can properly be accommodated.

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## PAPER MILL PROBE URGED IN MEASURE

### BY SENATOR DENNIS

Immediate investigation of all paper mills operating in Oregon by the federal trades commission is demanded in a joint memorial which will be introduced in the state senate today by Senator Bruce Dennis of Union county. The memorial was adopted at the Oregon newspaper conference at Eugene January 15.

The memorial points out that every user of paper mill products is suffering from what is apparently an unjust and abnormal price of paper, and that paper mill products are produced in Oregon and on the Pacific coast in very large quantities. It is believed the investigation demanded may result for the consumers and that the product may be sold at a price that will net the mill operators "a fair rather than an exorbitant profit."

A copy of the memorial, if adopted, will be sent to the federal trades commission and to each member of congress from Oregon.

## POLICE AND FIRE STAFF APPOINTED

### Opposition to Additional Members of Force Strong—Motion to Buy Motor Cycle and Side Car Passes

#### SALARY OF POLICE MATRON INCREASED

#### Mrs. F. H. Spears and Henry Myers New Members of Library Board

The second meeting of the 1921 city council was held last night, and a number of problems laid over from the former meeting were given consideration, chief among which were the election of members to the fire and police departments. In his letter of recommendations, Chief of Police Verduin Moffit requested that an additional man be added to the police force. Strong opposition to the added expense of the seventh police official was expressed by a number of the members of the council and the matter was deferred until another meeting. A motion for the city to purchase a motor cycle and side car, was finally passed after rather heated discussion as to the advisability of the expenditure. Several of the aldermen being strongly in favor of keeping, as they said, within the budget limitation, and fearing the heavy outlay at the beginning, opposed both the purchase of the motor cycle and increased police force.

The unanimous election of O. F. Victor, Elmer White, William Porter, Clyde Ellis and Ralph Davis as patrolmen and of Miller Haven as traffic officer, took place.

The regular firemen elected for the year were W. H. Phillips, William Iwan, F. Wriehert, C. Thrapp, E. Knight, B. Mills, C. Savage, R. Gesner, W. Eberhard, H. Savage, Roy Knaghton and W. Edwards. The fall men elected were C. Jorgensen, G. Burgess and F. Baggett.

Three ordinances were presented to the council last night by Alderman Edward Schunke, all of which were declared emergency cases and passed at the third reading. The first fixed the salary of the secretary of the board of health. The former salary being at \$900 a year is now \$750. The salary of the sanitary and plumbing inspector was decreased from \$1200 to \$1100, and the police matron received an increase of from \$1020 a year to \$1200.

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