

TAX LEVY IS MADE PUBLIC

Decrease Shown as Compared With Last Year, Says Commission

The total tax levy on all property in Oregon for state purposes in 1922 is \$8,835,295.39, as against \$9,376,289.11 for 1921, according to announcement made here today by the state tax commission. The decrease in the levy is \$540,993.72.

Besides including all the items of expense to which the state will be subject under existing laws for the year 1923, the levy contains all deficiency appropriations for the biennial period 1921 and 1922, approximating \$210,000, all appropriations made by the legislature in special session in December, 1921, which were not included in prior tax levies and interest aggregating \$10,196.45. Appropriations made by the 1921 legislature not included in prior tax levies totaled \$212,000.

The interest included in the levy was paid during 1922 on all warrants indorsed by the state treasurer "not paid for want of funds" and on \$400,000, the estimated cost of additional buildings and repairs to public buildings proposed for next year.

The tax levy for both years includes the 2 mill elementary school tax. This money, however, is retained in the respective counties and disbursed by them.

The net state tax levy thereby is reduced to \$8,625,295.39 for the year 1922. The state tax levy rate for 1923 is 3 3/4 mills, as against 9-15-100ths for 1922. This reduction was attributed by Frank K. Lovell, state tax commissioner, to increased receipts and to consideration of only those items already allowed by law.

Heavy Winds do Damage to City Business Area

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 21.—Heavy winds, striking La Grande early today resulted in considerable damage being done in the business section of the brick wall of the Star theatre which was gutted during a recent fire, collapsed, part of the brick breaking in the roof and damaging the interior. Several plate glass windows were broken.

WRANGLE OVER MOVIE ACTOR WAXES WARM

Protesters of Comedian's Return Grow in Number—Producers With Arbuckle

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Protesters over the prospective reappearance in motion pictures of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle increased today.

Protestants, including clergymen, demonstrated their opposition in several ways and the comedian's friends rallied to his defense.

Joseph M. Schenck, producer, who said he would re-employ Arbuckle, said "It is not Christian-like in these ministers to condemn Arbuckle before he has been heard."

"He is as clean as any one in motion pictures today. He merely got in to a 'jam.' He was unfortunate. Personally I think he should be given another trial. He is honest, intelligent and diligent. I don't believe they should try to keep him down."

"In another theatre the main title of a release is flashed on the screen. It says 'Harold Lloyd in 'Dr. Jack,' and before the opening scene is disclosed there is a round of applause. The only time I have witnessed such an occurrence was on the first night of the showing of 'The Three Musketeers' when Douglas Fairbanks was there in person."

Mr. Dean goes even further than that, telling of the opinions of ten different people in different walks of life. Two preferred Chaplin, while a housewife declared that she "liked Chaplin better in some ways but in other ways didn't like him as well as Lloyd."

It is a question bound to provoke interest. Anyway, Harold Lloyd will be seen at the Grand theatre in "Dr. Jack," and then people can judge for themselves.

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"Pay as you go" in 1923 and you will have a liberal amount of Xmas money next year

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Billy Webb's 8-piece Dixie Land Orchestra

8:45 p. m. — Popular Prices All Welcome

IS HAROLD LLOYD KING OF MODERN COMEDIANS?

Is Harold Lloyd the screen's comedy king?

That is an interesting question and a question that James W. Dean, prominent syndicate writer and motion picture critic knew would cause considerable comment. In fact, Mr. Dean began the controversy by syndicateing a story through prominent newspapers throughout the country and thusly started the ball rolling. He wrote:

"The barber was talking as he wielded his razor. Valentino is a great actor, he thinks, but William Farnum is greater. And who is his favorite actor of all? Harold Lloyd. Does he think Lloyd better than Chaplin. 'I should say,' he answers. 'Chaplin is always the same. Lloyd is always different.'"

"In a theatre a flash on the screen announced the coming of Harold Lloyd in 'Dr. Jack.' Said one man to another near me: 'I'll have to see that. That fellow's the funniest guy in the world.'"

"The other man asked him if he thought he was funnier than Chaplin. 'He's got Chaplin skinned seven different ways,' he replied."

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Priced from 35c each and up
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In mahogany, a fine value for \$10. Xmas special..... \$7.65
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A Spotlight
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Our stock of accessories is Complete

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Christmas Club Check

How Would You Spend \$50 for Christmas? Salem's Leading Merchants are going to give \$50 in prizes for the best answers to the above question. Prizes to be awarded in the following manner:

Best answer..... \$20 Club Check
Second answer..... \$15 Club Check
Third answer..... \$5 Club Check
Next five answers..... \$2 Club Check

Checks will be given at the office of the Statesman December 22, or will be mailed to you if requested and will be good for face value at any one of the firms advertising in this column.

Names of winners will be published in this column either December 21 or 22, or both. All answers must be in the postoffice or delivered at this office not later than 9 a. m., December 20. This will assure fairness to all contestants.

In your answers to the above question you are to imagine you are buying presents for father, mother, big brother (age 20), big sister (age 18), little brother (age 8), little sister (age 6), and one other person—grandma, grandpa, or a friend. Then you must buy something for "him" or for "her." That makes 8 in all.

The presents selected need not be articles appearing in this column, but they must be from firms whose ads appear here—perhaps something you've seen on a personal shopping trip.

Watch these ads, closely, they appear Sunday, Wednesday, Friday of each week until Christmas, and arrange your list to the best advantage.

Write your letter plainly, on one side of your paper, and tell in your own way what you would buy with \$50 for the family that is suggested here.

Address all answers to Christmas Contest Editor, care The Statesman, Salem, Oregon.

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Purses..... 1/2 price

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Games, glassware, notion, and all kinds of Xmas specialties. Always, for that last minute present, call on us.

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You can't go wrong on a fur choker for a Christmas gift.

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Will aid you in making a clean sweep of your Xmas shopping.

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