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PRICE FIVE CENTS

CITY PROPERTIES PAY HALF OF TAX

Marion Has High Average Rate in Comparison With Bordering Counties

INCREASE IS HELD HIGH

Third of Money Goes for High School and Grade School Purposes According to Oregon Voter Survey

Tax statistics compiled by the Oregon Voter for every county in the state reveal the fact that in Marion county half of the total property tax is paid by property within cities...

Marion county farm property pays one-third of the tax—33.87 per cent—compared with all farm property in Oregon, which pays 25.97 per cent of the total.

With the exception of Clackamas county, Marion county has a higher average tax rate than any of the counties which border it...

In Linn county the average rate is 37.5, in Polk, 40.42, and in Yamhill, 37.2. However, Marion county has a lower per capita tax than any of the five...

In unincorporated territory in Marion county the average rate is 34.68 mills, which is slightly higher than the average for all unincorporated territory in the state...

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Marion county taxes this year show an increase of 12.89 per cent, compared with an increase of 6.06 per cent for the state as a whole.

NOTE COMMENTS RAPPED

CHAMBERLAIN MAKES STINGING ATTACK IN REPLY

GENEVA, June 10.—(By Associated Press.)—European security talk took a sensational angle today when Austen Chamberlain, British secretary for foreign affairs, made a diplomatic but stinging attack on the publication of misleading statements about the proposed allied note to Germany.

It appears M. Briand, French foreign minister, and Mr. Chamberlain agreed not to divulge the contents of the note until it was delivered to Germany. However, some accounts of its contents, alleged to be one-sided and misleading, appeared in print in some countries.

Chamberlain's communique insisted no advantage was to be gained in commenting on the communication before its delivery and announced that the text would be published in a day or two.

While the British have refused details, it is understood they object to articles failing to point out that the proposed pact of security would be mutual as to operation among all four powers, and to those neglecting to emphasize the importance of the role or arbitration in the peace arrangements which will be proposed by Germany.

RETAIL GROCERYMEN FORM CHAIN SYSTEM

SIX COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN ORGANIZATION

Fronts and Equipment to be Standardized; Willamette Grocery Growing

Organization of the "Triangle Stores," a chain store system, is under way with retail grocers of six counties meeting in Salem to formulate plans for the organization, which has as its purpose the giving of improved service to the public and increasing the buying power of the trade.

The organization promises to develop into the largest of the Willamette valley projects.

Under the proposed by-laws the stores will engage in collective buying, collective advertising, use the same style of fronts and delivery equipment, modernize all stores and eliminate obsolete furniture and fixtures.

The organization plans to throw into the field a chain store system to compete with outside chain stores and meet conditions that are confronting independent grocers.

Retail grocers from Marion, Linn, Lane, Polk, Benton and Tillamook counties attended the meeting here.

Along with this organization comes the announcement of increase in capitalization from \$150,000 to \$250,000 by the Willamette Grocery company, one of the largest wholesale firms in the state outside of Portland.

This firm was organized five years ago with a capitalization of \$25,000 and last year grossed \$1,500,000. Home manufactured products are featured by the company.

BOARD RECEIVES BIDS

FOOD-STUFFS FOR INSTITUTIONS GOING HIGHER

Bids on foodstuffs for the state institutions for the next six months were received yesterday by the board of control. Prices in the main are higher on the same commodities a year ago with a decrease in but a few instances.

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EVOLUTION BOOK BANNED

BIOLOGY TEXTBOOK MAKES MENTION OF SUBJECT

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 10.—A textbook on biology which does not teach evolution has been adopted by the state textbook commission, it was announced Wednesday by Governor Austen Peay.

The selection was made in conformity with the Tennessee anti-evolution law.

The announcement came on the eve of the formal announcement of the entire list of books adopted by the commission.

This announcement was expected to be made at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when the successful bidders were asked to come to the capital to agree on a plan of distribution.

DRIFTING SHIP RESCUED

MOTOR SCHOONER HELPLESS AT SEA; GAS TANK LEAKS

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 10.—The gasoline schooner Ida May of Astoria, which with engines dead and her mast gone, drifted several days and was picked up off Burns by the steam schooner Rosalie Mahoney and towed into Coos bay last night.

The mast fell and before this wreckage was cleared away the gasoline tank sprang a leak and 700 gallons of oil ran off.

Captain Polkinghorn had a small reserve of oil and set out again, but the engine gears stripped and he was helpless until picked up by the Rosalie Mahoney.

JUDGE TO BE HONOURED

TACOMA, June 10.—A memorial service for the late Judge M. J. Gordon who was killed last week by a runaway automobile, will be held by the bar association Saturday in Judge Card's department of superior court.

JURY IN SHEPHERD CASE IS COMPLETE

Three Weeks and Three Days Are Used in Obtaining Twelve Members

TRIAL TO START TODAY

One of Greatest Legal Battles in History Taking Stage; Defense Prepares for Attack

CHICAGO, June 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—The jury in the trial of William Darling Shepherd for the murder of his millionaire foster son, William Nelson McClintock, was completed here late today after three weeks and three days of effort.

Completion of the tedious task came with unexpectedness. Nearly 400 men had been examined for the last place when Charles Edelstein, a street car motorman, was called. His replies met the demands of George E. Gorman, the first assistant state's attorney, and the panel of four was tendered to the defense.

Without asking a question, William Scott Stewart, chief defense counsel, turned to Judge Thomas J. Lynch and said: "Swear the jury; we are satisfied."

Adjournment was then taken until tomorrow.

Tonight the first session of the actual trial promised to be a wordy legal battle.

Stewart expressed his intention to have the prosecution limited in its opening statement to the death of young McClintock. He will seek to have the state restrained from bringing in the death of Mrs. McClintock, 16 years before that of her son, or that of Dr. Oscar Olson, alleged to have been part of a plot of Shepherd to obtain the McClintock \$1,000,000 estate.

Robert E. Crowe, the state's attorney, will make the opening statement, but his intentions were not divulged tonight.

The prosecution depends upon (Continued on page 5)

FORUM TAKES VACATION

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEONS END JUNE 29

The Chamber of Commerce will hold the last luncheon of the year June 29, with the annual spelling match, and no Monday forums will be held during July and August.

One exception will be noted, however, when United States Senator R. A. Stanford appears in this city. Negotiations are under way to secure him as a special speaker, and if the proposition goes through a luncheon will be held on a regular Monday date.

PRISONERS OF COUNTY VOICING TALE OF WOE

MANY ARE AILING; FAMILIES NEED THEIR SUPPORT

Epidemic of Suffering if Complaints Are to be Given Credence

Rich food served by the county to inmates of the bastille who are denied the proper amount of exercise that might be derived from manufacturing the court house lawn or massaging market roads, is working a hardship upon the sundry collection of moonshiners, bootleggers and other malefactors who are incarcerated at present, if their complaints can be credited. There seems to be a veritable epidemic of horrible suffering among the prisoners, while the physical ailments range all the way from the loss of one lung through confinement behind the bars to acute indigestion and serious stomach disorders.

Just why it is that families of the prisoners are suddenly in need of support cannot be fathomed, but this is also a favorite basis of argument why the complainant should be released before the expiration of his sentence. Several of the inmates spent but precious few hours making an honest living for their families before their illicit activities landed them in jail for periods ranging from a month to a year or more.

All of a sudden they express a deep yearning to be restored to the bosom of their families.

The latest prisoner to join in the general wail is Carroll Wright, who was sentenced to serve 60 days and pay a fine of \$50 when he appeared before Brazier C. Small, justice of the peace. Wright was found guilty of having a too familiar connection with a quantity of moonshine that was cached in the brush along the county highway near the penitentiary, and failed to convince a jury that he was only "taking a look" at the liquor. Wright did not mind the fine, but the thought of having to exist on a rich diet for two whole months and no work to do almost unnerved the young man, and he voiced an eloquent plea as to why he should not go to jail.

The basis of this plea was his stomach, which, he assured the

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VETERINARIAN IS FINED

ASTORIA MAN PAYS \$100 FOR HAVING NO LICENSE

Practice in Clatsop county without a license cost Charles Leslie, a veterinarian, \$100 in justice court, according to word received by W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. The arrest was made following complaints that Leslie did not have a license to practise either medicine or surgery. He failed to take the stand in his own behalf.

AMUNDSEN'S DEPARTURE FOR NORTH DESCRIBED

TAKE-OFF OF POLAR PLANES IS DECLARED PERFECT

Possibility of Accident Is Scouted By Technician of Air Service

OLSO, Norway, June 10.—The start of Amundsen's airplanes from Kings Bay on their polar flight was a sight never to be forgotten; it was so quick that it was impossible to snapshot it. This was the description brought back by Herr Schutte Frohline, technical director of the Dornier plant, who has just returned to Oslo.

The director and several others went to Kings Bay to aid the Amundsen party prior to its departure. At the starting point there were two inches of snow on the ice, which itself was six inches thick, but shortly the planes came to thinner ice and cut through, leaving an open trail like a steamer; then came thicker ice again and after sliding along for a distance of about a mile, they took the air.

Frohline was enthusiastic over the expert skill of Lieutenants Larson and Dietrichson the pilots. He was sure the planes were not damaged at the start, else they would have made for Amsterdam Island, according to agreement.

Captain Amundsen had with him everything deemed necessary in the way of equipment and provisions; not the slightest detail was forgotten.

The loaded machines weighed 3,000 kilos (6,612 pounds) each; the Dorniers had guaranteed them for 2,500. Herr Frohline absolutely disbelieves it possible that the planes crashed during the flight or ran short of gasoline although he thinks they might have been damaged landing near the pole.

Amundsen had a bright smile as the planes prepared to take off and all members of the party left absolutely sure of success.

CHINATOWN IS RAIDED

YEE LEE PLEADS GUILTY TO HAVING NARCOTICS

A police raid on an opium den in Salem's Chinatown Wednesday netted a small quantity of opium and one lone Chinaman, Yee Lee. Officers Cutler, Olsen and George White raided the place on Ferry street. Yee Lee was arraigned in justice court and pleaded guilty to possession. He will be sentenced later.

Two women are being held by the police. They gave the names of Josephine Johnson and Rose Johnson, sisters, and are said to live in Portland. They were arrested by Officer Cutler after they had been under surveillance for some time. Hypodermic needles and some of the drug were found in their possession. They were not attempting to sell the drug, it is said.

PRIZES ARE GIVEN AT COMMENCEMENT

Eighty-First Exercises at Willamette Concluded Wednesday Morning

MANY ARE GRADUATED

73 Complete Liberal Arts Course and Nine to Take the State Bar Examinations Here Next Month

The 81st commencement at Willamette university was completed Wednesday with 73 students receiving degrees and nine law students diplomas which carry with them the privilege of taking the state bar examinations next month. Luther D. Cook was given the degree of Master of Arts and Rev. Royal Bishop, recently returned from India and a member of the class of '08, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

A large crowd completely filled the First Methodist Episcopal church to witness the exercises. Seniors, faculty and members of the Willamette board of trustees gathered on the campus at 9:30 o'clock and at 10 marched in a body to the church where seats were reserved for them.

The organ prelude was played by Prof. T. S. Roberts and the invocation was delivered by Rev. J. C. Spencer. Rev. Hiram Gould took the second chapter of First Corinthians as the Scripture lesson for the services.

A vocal solo, "Invictus," by Lloyd Thompson, accompanied by Miss Anna Howe, furnished an interesting break in the more solemn numbers.

The principal address was delivered by Hon. Charles S. Cutting of the class of '73. Judge Cutting gave a number of interesting reminiscences of his college career and commented favorably on the study of Latin as a pre-law requisite.

In closing, Judge Cutting praised the students highly for coming to a small college, and left the final impression that as graduates of Willamette they should hold the institution in mind and make sacrifices for it.

A vocal selection was given by Miss Gladys McIntyre, graduate from the department of music this year.

Degrees were then conferred by Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president, to those earning them this year. The manner of conferring the degrees was impressive and very interesting.

Winners of a number of the university prizes were then announced by President Doney. These are:

The Keyes prizes for honors in oratory—First prize, \$15, Leland T. Chapin, Reedsport; second, \$10, Pomeiano Tuanio, Philippine islands.

Interstate contest: The Pacific Coast Forensic League, local try-out—First place, Leland Chapin; second, Rawson H. Chapin, Salem. Leland Chapin won the first prize of \$50 in the final contest held at Corvallis.

Steeves prize for excellence in Latin, \$10—Miss Ila G. Costock, Portland.

University prizes to winners in public speaking, interstate debate contests—Joel V. Berreman, Philomath; Charles Redding, Salem; (Continued on page 6)

EX-CONVICT IS NABBED

POSED AS CLEVER AIDE TO PASS BOGUS CHECKS

Posing as an agent of George L. Clevver, former state prohibition commissioner, Wallace McKay, ex-convict, was arrested by Sheriff Oscar Bower and Deputy Sam Burkhardt yesterday, after he is said to have victimized several persons on forged checks, and by issuing checks which were not covered by bank deposits. He is now held in the county jail.

McKay, who is said to have been operating under several aliases, is declared to have spread his activities throughout the county, and checks have come back from banks widely scattered over the valley.

He is now held on the specific charge of forging a check for \$45 on a Silverton bank. Portland officials have announced that they have checks which he has cashed there, and reports are coming in from Vancouver, Silverton, Canby, Lebanon, Independence and Woodburn.

McKay was traced through his check activities by Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt. One of his signatures found on a hotel register and compared with that on a check led to his arrest.

TROOPS STARTING FOR ANNUAL SUMMER CAMPS

2800 OREGON MEN WILL BE ON THEIR WAY TODAY

Majority Going to Camp Jackson With Artillerymen to Fort Barry

National guard troops of Eighty-Second Infantry brigade will begin moving on Camp Jackson, near Medford today from 29 Oregon cities. The training period will last 15 days. Eight special trains will carry the force to the southern Oregon training ground and the men will be under canvas before noon Friday.

Preliminary plans have been completed and the advance detail now waiting the arrival of the troops. All organizations have been recruited to full strength authorized by the war department according to General George A. White.

Troops from Baker left last night while the La Grande and Tillamook companies will entrain during the afternoon and those from Portland early tonight. Troops located along the main line of the Southern Pacific will be picked up in the night by passing troop trains. More than 2500 men will be at Camp Jackson while another 300 will be in the heavy artillery movement at Ft. Barry, California.

An inspection will be held Saturday with intensive field training beginning Monday. Visitor's day will be June 22 and following this the troops will be taken to Crater Lake over the week-end through the efforts of the Medford Chamber of Commerce. Afternoons of the encampment will be devoted to physical development athletics and schools for various officers and non-commissioned officers.

ROBS FILLING STATION

ROBINSON HELD UP BY LONE BANDIT LAST NIGHT

"Stick-em up" was the command that greeted C. M. Robinson proprietor of the Robinson filling station, located at the fork of the Jefferson and Liberty roads, as he turned from counting up the day's receipts, about 9:30 o'clock last night. Stick them up he did as he watched the red faced, smooth shaven, blonde haired individual rake the checks and cash into his pocket.

A good description was secured of the stick-up man, the first to visit this section of the state for some time, according to the reports filed at the police station. The lone robber was wearing a brown striped suit, a gray slouchy cap, weighed about 150 pounds, and was about five feet eight inches in height.

The robbery occurred as Robinson was preparing to leave for the day.

POISON GAS PROHIBITED

WAR CONFERENCE ADOPTS AMERICAN PLEA

GENEVA, June 10.—Without a dissenting voice, the international conference on the control in trade in arms and munitions tonight adopted the text of a special protocol for which the American delegation is sponsor, prohibiting the use of poison gas or bacteria in time of war. This obviates the necessity of President Coolidge calling a special conference in Washington.

The protocol will be opened for signatures the same day as the convention on arms traffic and will remain open until September 30, 1925. Ratification will be sent to the French government and the protocol will be operative for each signatory from the date of ratification and from that moment, each power will be bound as regards other powers which have already ratified it.

After along debate, the conference voted to restore armored cars. Concerning airplanes, the conference decided that within a half year after delivery, all nations must publish a list of exportations of both aircraft and motors, to include the number exported and the countries to which they were forwarded.

CAR PLUNGES IN RIVER

DRIVER ESCAPES AFTER 200 FOOT FALL OVER CLIFF

SPOKANE, June 10.—Stanley Mikowski rode in his light sedan as it rolled over and down a steep 200 foot embankment here today and managed to escape from it just before the car sank in the Spokane river.

When his steering gear locked and his emergency brake failed, Mikowski said later, he tried to jump from the machine as it left the top of the bank, but his foot caught between the seats. He leaped from the machine at the river's brink.

CANTONESE TROOPS SUFFER BIG LOSSES

Shortage of Food Supplies for Large Population Causing Worry

AMERICANS SAID SAFE

No Sign of Interference in Chinese Strife Is Seen; Cantonese Casualties Declared Severe

CANTON, June 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Fighting between Cantonese troops for the possession of this city which started on Saturday afternoon, has been in progress night and day since, showed no signs of slackening this afternoon. Fear is now expressed that food supplies will not be sufficient for the wants of the population.

Reinforcements have arrived from the Whampoa academy which is controlled by communists for Li Fuk Lum, who is in charge of the Cantonese on Honan Island. All the troops of Honan Island are wearing red scarfs while they carry red streamers on their rifles.

All the lights in Canton were ordered extinguished tonight by Yang Hai Min, the Yunnanese commander.

Sampans and cargo boats, driven from the fighting area by the rifle of the opposing troops across the river, are taking refuge outside the foreign settlement, Shanghai. A demand of the Shanghai authorities to move, being disobeyed, a fire engine was sent to the waterfront to play streams of water on the crews in an endeavor to drive them away. Many spies have been caught by each side and shot.

LONDON, June 10.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Hong Kong dated today says the Cantonese troops Tuesday night made a determined effort to cross the Canton river and drive out the Yunnanese troops but were repulsed with severe losses.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—American residents with friends or relatives in China found two comforting items in today's news concerning the far east:

A dispatch from Canton said all foreigners had been removed from the fighting zone to places of safety.

An official report from Consul General Cunningham at Shanghai said the "high water mark of danger" had passed.

The difficulties of foreigners in China are not yet settled, however. At Peking, patriotically embused students held a mass meeting in the rain and continued to distribute hand bills carrying anti-foreign sentiments. At Shanghai the waterfront strike was becoming more and more effective, with more than a score of British and Japanese vessels unable to get crews. At Canton the Yunnanese troops holding the city dug in and prepared for a long siege, with the attacking Cantonese closing in from all sides.

The situation at Shanghai was reported as generally easier. The mixed court continued peacefully hearing evidence for and against a number of Chinese charged with rioting—with participating in the disturbances that brought the anti-foreign sentiment to white heat May 30, when 22 members of a mob were shot down by foreign settlement police.

The general strike at Shanghai, the weapon appropriated by Chinese agitators when it became plain to them that force would not gain their end, was reported becoming less general. The strike in the past few days has been aimed (Continued on page 6)

BELGIUM WINS AIR RACE

BALLOON EVENT CAPTURED BY BELGIUM NAVIGATOR

BRUSSELS, June 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Belgium has won the first renewal of the Gordon Bennett cup race for lighter than air craft. This fact became definitely known this evening when news reached Brussels of the landing of M. Veenstra, pilot of the Belgium bag Prince Leopold, at Cape Torres, Spain, after having traversed more than 800 miles. Torres is on the Atlantic ocean about 50 miles from Coruna.

Previously Veenstra had not been heard from since the race started near here Sunday afternoon. Announcement that he had landed safely relieved the Aero club of Belgium of the necessity of making a ruling whether Wade T. Van Orman, the American aeronaut, who piloted the Good-year III, but who fell into the sea off Ushant light after he had flown 441 miles, should be disqualified.

