

PLAYGROUND DOOM SEALED BY COUNCIL

Erixon, Thielsen, Arbuckle, Kells, Ryan Ask for Re-consideration

PLEAS ARE SET ASIDE

Dodson Declares Issue Between More Library Funds and Playgrounds, Which He Favors, Was Money Available

Salem is to have no playgrounds for 1926, judging from action taken by the council last night in adopting the report of the budget committee without change. The budget as it now stands, and made an ordinance for the city by the council last night, provides not a cent for the maintenance of playgrounds.

The ordinance adopted, dictating how the city's income is to be dispensed, ironically reads, for maintenance of playgrounds—nothing.

Pleas by members of the various service clubs of the city as well as other citizens were made to the council, imploring the aldermen to reconsider their action in eliminating the playgrounds fund from the budget. The outcome of these pleas was that the council, without a word for or against from any alderman, adopted the motion made by Alderman W. W. Rosebraugh to adopt the report of the budget committee, no further consideration being given to the playgrounds.

Aldermen voting for adoption of the report, which meant the abolishing of the playground fund, were W. W. Rosebraugh, W. H. Dancy, G. J. Wenderoth, Fred Williams, E. E. Galloway, G. D. Alderlin and E. R. Grabenhorst. Fred Erixon, member of the playground committee, and representative of the Salem Kiwanians, was the first to speak in defense of the playgrounds.

"I notice in the budget as just read that the playground fund has been omitted. It seems to me this is wrong. It was only with a great amount of work that the service clubs and the Elks of the city created the playgrounds.

"A city the size of Salem should have playgrounds. If you will take the trouble to look up statistics, you will find other cities of the same size spend from \$5000 to \$25,000 yearly for their playgrounds.

"This is a step backward. I do not think Salem is a city to take a backward step. To do away with the playgrounds at this time is wrong. The people of Salem appreciate the playgrounds.

"Formerly hardly a year passed but that a drowning or two was recorded within the city limits of Salem, but since the creation of the playgrounds, not a drowning has occurred within the corporate limits.

"The best crop we have is our boys and girls. Isn't it worth a few paltry dollars to take care of them during vacation? Eight hundred dollars is not enough to properly maintain the playgrounds; it should be more. But if it is possible, please save the playgrounds for Salem."

Fred Thielsen, president of the Salem Rotary club, told the councilmen the Rotarians had gone on record for the playgrounds. He asked on behalf of the club that the council reconsider the matter of the playground fund.

George Arbuckle and Rich L. Rieman also spoke in favor of the playgrounds, and asked the council-

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"DISTILLERY" SEIZED

DRY AGENTS SHOWN STILL IS ONLY OIL BURNER

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 8.—When dry agents raided G. W. Wade's tin shop and confiscated several products of the tinsmith's art, they did not halt a liquor-making industry but delayed the installation in Wade's house of an oil burner. This was brought out today before C. F. Borberg, federal court commissioner, in Wade's preliminary hearing on a charge of possession of a still intended for manufacturing liquor. The commissioner dismissed the complaint after Wade had shown plans for installation of the oil burner and had related that the copper can is an oil container and the 30 feet of copper tubing is intended to connect the can with the furnace. The case attracted attention because it was first on record here in which an alleged still was seized in the making. Wade is an ardent supporter of the dry laws, he testified.

NEW FEATURE COMING

STATESMAN TO RUN SHORT STORY EVERY DAY

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 13, The Statesman will publish a series of short stories by Major Grover F. Sexton, under the title of "The Arizona Sheriff." Each story is complete in itself and deals with a typical "Arizona sheriff," his adventures, his courage, his humor and his keen intelligence. The stories are all taken from life and give a wonderful insight into human nature as evidenced in that section of the United States where "things do happen" as they are used to, in spite of the fact that the motor car has displaced the sheriff's pony in the march of civilization.

The Statesman serial, "Her Husband's Love," by Adele Garrison, will be discontinued with the Sunday issue.

MODIFICATION OF DRY LAW IS BEING SOUGHT

NEW JERSEY SENATOR WOULD REPEAL VOLSTEAD ACT

Prohibition Leaders Endeavor to Tighten Lines in Face of Strong Opposition

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—New tribulations were opened up today in the senate to the streams of proposals yesterday in the house for repeal of modification of the Volstead act.

While dry leaders in the senate withheld legislation they have in mind for tightening up prohibition enforcement, those in the house have almost kept pace in the number of such measures with those advanced by the opposition.

The chief "liberalizing" measures in the senate were offered by senators from New Jersey. Senator Edwards, democrat, came out flatly for repeal of the Volstead law and offered besides a measure to legalize the sale in the original package of beer having 4 per cent of alcohol by weight.

The measures introduced by Senator Edge, republican, were less drastic. He declared for 2.75 per cent beer, the kind authorized under wartime prohibition, and also offered a bill removing the present restriction of a pint every 10 days on liquor prescribed for an individual by a physician.

All of these measures were referred to the judiciary committee which expects later to have before it other bills for modification of the Volstead act, and still others designed to make more difficult the flow of liquor into illegal channels.

CITY BILLS CAUSE TALK

ALDERMEN WANT ACCOUNTS IN ADVANCE OF MEET

Considerable discussion over the present method of paying the city's bills arose at the council meeting last night when a bill from the Salem Abstract company was submitted, for the use of the company's books during the past year, amounting to some \$145.

Alderman L. J. Simeral stated he had refused to o. k. the bill because he thought such records could be obtained through the county clerk's office.

This drew remarks that bills were continually being introduced to the council for items the council had never heard of before. Bills, it was held, are rushed to the heads of the committees for sanction on the eyes of meetings.

"There should be some way of checking these bills before they are submitted," Mayor Giesy said. Alderman Purvine intimated that at the next meeting of the council he will introduce an ordinance specifying that all bills must be submitted to the city so many days, perhaps five, in advance.

SIX ARE HURT IN CRASH

AUTOMOBILE AND STREETCAR MEET AT CROSSING

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Six of the eight occupants of an automobile driven by Bonham Curths, 22, a recent arrival from Oklahoma, were hurt when Curths' automobile ran in front of a Monto Villa streetcar.

Albert Curths, 19, and Mrs. Elsie Peters, were the most seriously injured. R. E. Brooks, a visitor from Utah, and E. C. Brooks, 69, his father, were riding in another machine with T. Griggs of Portland. The automobile was piloted by R. E. Brooks.

TAX MEASURE SENT FOR CONSIDERATION

House Votes Unanimously to Take Up Discussion of Bill to Slice Taxes

RECEPTION IS FAVORABLE

Undercurrent of Quibbling as Debate Progresses Is Not Taken As Omen of Future Dissention

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill was launched on its legislative course in the house today on a choppy but well charted sea. After the reading of President Coolidge's message to congress in which he endorsed the "principle" of the bill, the house voted unanimously to take up consideration of the measure.

Agreement was reached to end general debate by Saturday night, after which the measure will be taken up for amendments and leaders on both sides were confident tonight that the house would pass it before the end of next week. An unusually large number of representatives were present and they started the work in a cheerful mood. Declarations of support of the bill by Representative Green, republican, Iowa, chairman of the ways and means committee which framed it and by Representative Garner of Texas, ranking democrat on the committee, drew applause from both sides of the chamber.

In marked contrast of the discussion of such legislation in previous years the debate today opened like a love feast.

Before the three hours' consideration of the measure had ended, however, politics had crept in and members of both parties were jabbing the speakers with queries involving issues of the two parties in the past. Chairman Green served notice he would insist that the total reduction proposed in the bill be not noted. The surplus this year probably would reach \$330,000,000 he said, or slightly more than the reduction proposed, but the bill contained provisions which would mean greater cuts in the government's revenues in years to come, particularly the inheritance taxes.

His explanations of the charges proposed by the measure were followed closely and almost without interruption. He defended vigorously the changes in the income rates which have been attacked by Representatives Roney of Illinois and Hull of Tennessee, democrat members of the committee. The chairman argued the increase

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VALLEY STAR GRID TEAM NAMED

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WHITE MADE KING BING IN CHERRIAN ELECTION

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL OF NOBLES ARE NAMED

New Ruler Will Be Crowned At Annual Banquet Booked For January 5

At the meeting of the Cherrians held last evening at the Chamber of Commerce, officers and council of nobles for the year were elected as follows:

Harley O. White, King Bing. George Arbuckle, Lord Governor Wood. C. E. Wilson, Chancellor of the Rolls.

O. L. Fisher, Keeper of the Orchard. Grover Hillman, King's Jester. Ralph Cooley, Duke of Lambert. Harry W. Worth, Queen Anne's Consort.

E. J. Kurtz, Archbishop of Richreall. A. A. Gueffroy, Marquis of Maraschino. Bert Ford, Earl of Waldo.

The annual banquet of the Cherrians will be held at the Marion hotel Tuesday evening, January 5. Cherrians voted for a ladies' night by a good majority. The annual banquet will include the crowning of the new king, Harley O. White, and the initiation of 25 new members.

The Cherrians' Christmas tree in the courthouse yard will be lighted as usual. King Bing Perry announced that he would appoint W. M. Hamilton as chairman of a committee to have charge of lighting the tree.

Harley O. White, King Bing for 1926, was mayor of the city during the year 1915, later serving on the school board. He has been active in the work of the Cherrians since the organization of this marching body so well known throughout the state.

BUYING SYSTEM SAVES

FARMERS MAKE MONEY BY BUYING COOPERATIVELY

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 8.—Approximately \$10,000 was saved to the farmers of Walla Walla county during the past year through the cooperative system of buying farm supplies. Charles Baker, secretary of the farm bureau, reported at the annual meeting today.

Harry A. Reynolds, former member of the legislature, was elected president of the bureau for the ensuing year.

ALASKAN TEMPLE DEDICATED

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Dec. 8.—(AP.)—Ketchikan's Masonic temple, the cornerstone of which was laid by the late President Harding during his visit to Alaska in July, 1923, was dedicated last night.

LINEN MILL PROSPECTS IDEAL EXPERT DECLARES

INSPECTION OF PROPOSED SITES WILL BE MADE

Difference Between Long and Short Flax Unimportant for Mill

Selection of a site for the proposed new Salem Linen Mill, arrangement of the budget and final financing of the operation, are expected to develop rapidly, following the arrival, yesterday, of J. H. Black, linen expert from the east, whose expert advice will facilitate the final arrangements.

Thoroughly trained in the linen mill business, having been born in Scotland, and passed through every phase of linen production, Mr. Black will spend the next few days looking into possible locations for the new plant and aiding directors of the organization in their important work.

"My inspections here so far have convinced me that this country is ideally situated, considering climate, soil and other factors, for the development of the linen business," he stated when interviewed.

His comments before the board of directors of the new Oregon Mills, Inc., yesterday, were equally optimistic. He was born in Scotland. "It might almost be said I have played with a bobbin from the cradle up. I have gone through all ends of the linen business and I still like it.

"My visit to the penitentiary where I saw the operations and

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KLAMATH COUNTY IS HIT

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION SAYS WORD NOT KEPT

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Klamath county was held up to the public at the meeting of the state highway commission today as the only county in the state which has failed to live up to its contracts with the federal government and the state. Charles H. Purcell, of the United States bureau of public roads declared that he was not inclined to recommend spending another dollar in Klamath county until the county kept its agreements. Chairman Doby of the highway commission announced that the county would have to keep faith with the state just as private contractors have to do.

A long list of complaints were lodged against Klamath county by Mr. Purcell, the highway department and the United States forest service. Among other things, it cost the federal government \$20,000 to clear away debris on a contract which the court had handled. Government bills against Klamath county for cooperation on road work are unpaid; it was said.

ORGANIZE FARMERS. IS PLEA OF CAPPER

American Farm Operators Must Band Together for Self Protection, Said

UNIFIED PLAY IS NEEDED

Speaker Declares Little Aid Can Be Expected of Government; Special Privileges Not Wanted

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The American farmers' first need is a fair profit for his products, and to obtain it, the agriculturist must first follow the example of other industries in organizing for self protection, Arthur Capper, United States senator from Kansas, said tonight at the annual banquet of the American Farm Bureau federation.

"The farmer is fully justified in asking of congress that the economic rewards of agriculture shall be on a parity with those accorded to industry," said Senator Capper. "He is not demanding special privileges; equality of opportunity is all that he desires.

"The tariff helps the manufacturer; immigration restriction helps labor; the Esch-Cummins act helps the railroad and the federal reserve act helps the banks and the farmer pays a good part of the cost without receiving his fair share of the benefits of much of this legislation.

"The farmer needs all the help that can possibly be given him at Washington, but I sometimes fear he will be disappointed if he waits for congress to bring him prosperity."

The senator said the farmer's dollar is worth now only 85 per cent of its pre-war value and that the farmer earns a net income of less than 4 per cent annually on his net investment.

Taxes bring another inequality to the farmer. Last year in most farming states taxes absorbed one third of his income compared with less than one tenth in 1913.

"All other business passes its increased tax on to the consumer, but it is impossible for the farmer to do this.

"I am anxious to see this government put through an aggressive policy for advancement of the interests of agriculture. I must admit, however, that after six years at Washington I am convinced that the best the government can do for the farmers is of little importance compared with what by carefully thought out and loyal cooperation, they can do for themselves."

The senator was rather optimistic over the new congress "judging from what little I have seen of it," and believed the farmer, if presenting a reasonably unified plan would get more consideration than at any past session.

Looking ahead five years, Senator Capper saw an excellent home market with, however, a pessimistic outlook for sales overseas.

"Equality for agriculture is an issue that will not die down and which must be placed squarely under our protective system. Our

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COAST TO BE EXPLOITED

COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING IS TO BE CARRIED OUT

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Cooperative advertising by all Pacific coast cities, urging tourists to "visit all of the Pacific coast" was agreed upon by representatives of all the main cities of the district meeting here, it was announced today.

National advertising appropriations of cities, transportation companies and pleasure resorts, totaling more than \$1,000,000, are expected to tell of the advantages of the whole coast, as a result of the meeting.

An all-Pacific coast advertising committee will be formed immediately in San Francisco to ordinate all national advertising done by western communities as well as by the pleasure resorts of the territory. Representatives of each organization doing national advertising will be on the board.

All communities joining the organization agree to devote not less than 15 per cent of the total national fund to pointing out the advantages of "seeing all of the Pacific coast."

A headline slogan or trade mark to be used in advertising the Pacific coast will be selected. The committee is to prevent duplication of advertising in national publications and will see that each issue carries something about the attractions of the Pacific coast.

All cities from Vancouver, B. C. to San Diego carrying a sustained advertising campaign will be invited to join.

TAX BURDEN \$69,666 HEAVIER IS FORECAST

TENTATIVE BUDGET APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

Increase in Total Valuation of County Property May Reduce Figure

Tentatively drawn for the coming year, the Marion county budget was formally approved without change at the annual budget meeting at the court house yesterday.

An increase of \$69,666.37 must be faced by the taxpayers of the county unless the budget committee can in the future force the present estimate down to last year's figures, as shown by the tentative budget which was considered yesterday by the budget committee composed of the county court and T. B. Jones, J. A. Baker and J. W. Mayo of Stayton.

Individual taxpayers will probably have no more to pay than they faced last year, inasmuch as there has been an increase of \$1,057,158 in the total valuation of the county over last year, the former valuation being \$3,724,719 as compared with \$4,781,877 for the present year. Thus the increased valuation will about offset the millage, making total taxes little, if any, higher.

Probable increase in the state tax, is included in the increase, though figures given for state tax are only tentative, being based on a flat 6 per cent increase over last year. The actual figures will probably not be released from the state capitol until next week. The state increase, thus figured, totals \$19,929.24, the increase in the market road fund is \$5,000. This is caused by the fact that the state allotted a \$5,000 increase in the market road fund to this county, and the county was called upon to match the increase to secure this state aid. To get this money the market road program must be pushed.

Another feature in the increase in the county tax is that shown in connection with market road bonds, an increase of \$35,063 being shown, which is to be levied to pay interest on bonds under the first bonding program. It was not necessary to levy that amount last year for interest, but it is an obligation that cannot be dodged.

County schools show an increase of \$12,333.70, which includes increases in the tuition fund, the per capita assessments and levy generally.

Another increase is for elections and repairs to county buildings, the election increase being necessitated by the fact that an election will be held next year, while none was held this year, and it is another unavoidable expense. Repairs are for general necessary work on county buildings.

Increases in taxes shown in mills as prepared for the budget

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COAL STRIKE DISCUSSED

CONGRESS GIVES ATTENTION TO MINE SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The coal situation came in for prompt attention today in congress. President Coolidge, in his message, recommended that his office and the commerce and labor departments be given wider powers in dealing with such developments and Representative Griffen, democrat, New York, introduced a joint resolution that would authorize the executive to take temporary control of coal mines and control distribution of the fuel in time of emergency. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

Representative Victor Berger, socialist, Wisconsin, also announced he had sent Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania a telegram suggesting that the state executive seize the anthracite coal mines if the operators "who have refused to consider terms" for ending the suspension, continue in their course. He cited as a precedent the action of President Roosevelt in 1903, when he threatened to seize the mines.

MALADY HITS ANTELOPE

WILD ANIMALS ARE DYING BY HUNDREDS NEAR LAKEVIEW

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Some strange malady is killing off antelope by the hundreds in the desert country above Lakeview, according to a report brought here today by Pat Casey, well known stockman of that section. Mr. Casey said he had seen scores of carcasses of stricken antelope lying on the open ground.

FARMERS TO HOLD OUT

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 8.—A resolution suggesting that farmers hold their corn until they are able to secure \$1.15 a bushel for it on the Chicago market was unanimously passed at the opening session of the National Corn Growers association here today.

COOLIDGE POLICIES AGAIN PRESENTED

Message to Congress, Submitted in Writing, Is Longest Read in Years

TAX REDUCTION IS URGED

General Approval Is Given by Chief Executive to Revenue Producing Measure as Drafted by House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—A wide range of legislative recommendations, some new, others a reiteration of policies he has advocated for the past two years, was contained in President Coolidge's annual message, transmitted today to the house and senate.

Abandoning his custom and that of Presidents Wilson and Harding of addressing the new congress in joint session, Mr. Coolidge submitted his message in writing. One of the longest presidential messages in years, aggregating 10,000 words and touching on 46 subjects, it was read by clerks in each house.

The executive urged further tax reduction, giving general approval of the bill drafted by the house ways and means committee; recommended action to strengthen aviation along lines proposed by his air board; renewed his advocacy of power to deal with labor disputes in the coal industry, as proposed two years ago by the coal commission; advised a curtailment of the shipping board's powers and control of the merchant fleet by one executive, and touched again on the need for encouragement to cooperative marketing as an aid to agriculture.

He also appealed for observance of the prohibition law by the public, and vigorous enforcement with the cooperation of the states. He renewed his advocacy of railroad consolidation, governmental reorganization and increased state and local cooperation in reclamation projects; opposed return for the present of property seized from aliens during the World war, and recommended sale of Muscle Shoals to the highest bidder.

In a lengthy discussion of foreign affairs, Mr. Coolidge appealed for favorable senate action on the proposal for American adherence to the world court; voiced gratification over the Locarno security agreement, and expressed willingness for the United States to take a lead in any feasible plan for further reduction of land and sea armaments.

In the preface of his message the president set forth the view that the country "does not appear to require radical departures from the policies already adopted so much as it needs further extension of these policies and the improvement of details."

He also stressed anew the necessity for government economy, insisting that it is the pathway to further lightening the tax burden.

HOMECOMING TONIGHT

JUDGE BURNETT TO WELCOME IOOF MEMBERS

Judge George H. Burnett, past grand master of the state of Oregon, will give the address of welcome at the annual homecoming of IOOF in the IOOF temple this evening.

Past Grand Master J. A. Mills also will speak. Musical program and banquet will follow.

SANTA CLAUS



Will He Read This?

"Dear Santa Claus: I have no daddy to get me toys for Christmas, so I will write and ask for an electric train with two switches and a crossing."

(Signature Withheld) Help Santa Claus answer letters like these by giving now to The Statesman Associated Charities "Christmas Cheer Fund." All contributions of food and money will be turned over immediately to the Associated Charities. Only 13 more shopping days till Christmas. Give to the Christmas Cheer Fund now.