

At the Theatres Today

Oregon—Esther Ralston, Warner Baxter, Kathlyn Williams in "The Best People" by Avery Hopwood.

Heilig—"Thunder Mountain," a tale of love in the hills of hate.

Bligh—Aileen Pringle in "Wildfire," a drama of the race track.

CHRISTMAS CHEER WORK NOW PUSHED

Silverton Committee Composed of Members From 49 Organizations

SILVERTON, Dec. 8.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The Christmas Cheer committee met last Friday evening for the purpose of organization and drawing plans for the committee's work. The meeting was called together by the Lutheran Brotherhood unit of Silverton which is sponsoring the

Christmas cheer work at Silverton for 1925. At the Friday night meeting Alf O. Nelson, president of the brotherhood, was elected chairman of the Christmas Cheer committee. Other officers were Mrs. J. Morely, vice president; Walter Fry, secretary; and Clifford Rue treasurer. The committee is made up of the 49 different social, fraternal and religious organizations at Silverton. It was agreed that financial support should be had by asking each organization for a contribution, the amount being voluntarily decided upon by the organization. Officers of the committee were instructed to bring the matter before the various organizations. A. A. Grinde was elected to place contribution boxes in the three Silverton drug stores, in the Palm and the Cozy confectioneries, and in the pool halls. The collection and distribution of clothing and other Christmas packages will be done by the boy and girl Scouts of Silverton. Officers of the committee were also instructed to issue a call for needy families within the city and community. A committee to investigate the cases was appointed, this committee consisting of Mrs. Frank Morely, Miss Ida Tweston, Mrs. Fannie Drake and Chris Neheim.

The general committee which consists of a representative of each Silverton organization will meet again on December 18 for the purpose of completing plans. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown at the Friday night meeting and a splendid spirit of cooperation, with determination to put the Christmas work over big was very noticeable.

Aspirin Gargle in Sore Throat or Tonsillitis

Prepare a harmless and effective gargle by dissolving two "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" in four tablespoonfuls of water. Gargle throat thoroughly. Repeat in two hours if necessary.

Be sure you use only the genuine Bayer Aspirin, marked with the Bayer Cross, which can be had in tin boxes of twelve tablets for few cents.—Adv.

GIRL GETS FORTUNE

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—Violette Matthews, 16 year old school girl, was named sole heir to an estate valued at about \$150,000 when her father's will was filed in probate court here today. The girl's aunt, Miss Jean Matthews was made administratrix.

BYBERG, 23, TO GIVE LIFE TO INVENTION

Writes for Magazines, Plays Pipe Organ and Studies at the OAC

SILVERTON, Dec. 8.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Jones Byberg, 23, has decided to devote his life to inventing. At present, working on his own inventions, writing for magazines, playing a pipe organ, and attending Oregon Agricultural college are a few of the things he does. Each week he earns a round trip ticket from Corvallis to Silverton, where his home is, by playing a pipe organ at St. John's church on Sunday. He comes to Silverton each Thursday evening and on Friday and Saturday he devotes his time to working in his shop which is located on his father's farm, a mile south of Silverton. The shop contains forges and various power machines for

metal work, and appliances for every kind of wood work. Of his inventions the pipe and walnut washers are in the biggest demand. These machines are simple in construction, but have a capacity for a large amount of work. The prune washer will run 100 bushels of prunes through two waters and spread them on trays in one hour, while the walnut washer will scrub a ton of walnuts in an hour. Those who have used the machines report that they do the work very well. Mr. Byberg also helps pay for his expenses by writing for science and mechanical magazines. He is now registered as a special at the Oregon Agricultural college.

LICENSE FEE TEST CASE GETS HEARING

Validity of Law Raising Vehicle Tax 50 Per Cent Is Attacked

The state supreme court yesterday heard arguments in the mandamus proceedings filed by Clyde Evans of Portland to test the constitutionality of the law enacted at the last session of the legislature demanding an increase of 50 per cent in license fees for commercial vehicles which operate five miles beyond the boundaries of any incorporated towns or cities in the state. Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, was named defendant in the action. Mr. Evans demanded, among other things, that the secretary of state be compelled to issue a license for the operation of his commercial vehicle at a cost not in excess of that in effect prior to the

STATE TAX VALUE FOR 1926 RELEASED

(Continued from page 1.) value of taxable property in each county as assessed by the county assessor and equalized by the county board of equalization. The second column of figures shows the value of utility property assessed and equalized by the state tax commission and apportioned according to county ratios. The third column of figures shows the total value of property in each county, including that equalized by the county boards of equalization and the utility properties equalized and apportioned by the state tax

	Taxable Property	Utility Property	Total
Baker	20,092,295.00	6,963,122.42	27,055,417.42
Benton	12,070,575.00	1,464,385.35	13,534,960.35
Clackamas	26,216,475.00	7,100,392.56	33,316,867.56
Clatsop	35,056,152.00	3,551,877.81	38,608,029.81
Columbia	18,014,135.00	3,414,512.69	21,428,647.69
Coos	24,262,238.00	2,117,730.36	26,379,968.36
Crook	5,506,255.00	100,507.62	5,606,762.62
Curry	5,817,500.00	33,732.00	5,851,232.00
Deschutes	8,961,465.00	810,269.78	9,771,734.78
Douglas	26,549,890.00	7,467,945.69	34,017,835.69
Gilliam	11,183,526.20	4,014,571.12	15,198,097.32
Grant	8,456,838.00	595,959.80	9,052,797.80
Harney	8,657,775.00	852,501.51	9,510,276.51
Hood River	8,332,880.00	2,643,651.30	10,976,531.30
Jackson	25,456,630.00	4,875,255.23	30,331,885.23
Jefferson	5,412,839.00	1,094,360.28	6,507,199.28
Josephine	6,517,268.00	2,448,785.21	8,966,053.21
Klamath	22,542,784.00	3,749,382.71	26,292,166.71
Lake	11,854,811.00	1,58,922.20	13,443,733.20
Lane	37,064,820.00	5,391,473.79	42,456,293.79
Lincoln	11,439,907.00	1,217,987.95	12,657,894.95
Linn	25,976,949.00	3,802,311.00	29,779,260.00
Malheur	11,175,165.00	2,865,009.32	14,040,174.32
Marion	38,981,780.00	5,800,097.57	44,781,877.57
Morrow	10,768,247.00	3,083,636.53	13,851,883.53
Multnomah	308,882,320.00	43,222,383.25	352,104,703.25
Polk	12,566,280.00	1,640,072.59	14,206,352.59
Sherman	10,918,400.00	3,434,433.05	14,352,833.05
Tillamook	28,300,770.00	1,815,759.12	30,116,529.12
Umatilla	43,664,204.00	11,057,160.56	54,721,364.56
Union	19,465,100.00	5,846,297.40	25,311,397.40
Wallowa	12,791,237.00	1,381,051.45	14,172,288.45
Wasco	15,882,344.00	6,382,667.78	22,265,011.78
Washington	24,194,410.00	2,798,476.84	26,992,886.84
Wheeler	6,253,045.00	15,319.20	6,268,364.20
Yamhill	20,095,300.00	1,401,064.67	21,496,364.67
Totals	\$929,483,911.20	\$155,056,707.71	\$1,084,540,618.91

enactment of the law under attack. Arguments in a suit brought by the state demanding that unclaimed funds in the defunct State Bank of Portland escheat to the common school fund also were heard by the supreme court yesterday. Miss Grace Smith, assistant attorney general, represented the state and appeared before the supreme court for the first time today.

WOULD LIMIT BAG

BEND, Ore., Dec. 9.—Unanimous recommendation that the bag limit on mule deer be cut to one each season was made by the Deschutes rod and gun club at a meeting here tonight. The limit now is two. Mule deer are faced with extinction if no change is made, the club declared.

ODD FELLOWS MEET FOR ANNUAL FEAST

Three Have Been Members for 45 Years, 17 for 30, and 13 for 25 Years

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows held their annual Homecoming last night at the Odd Fellows hall. Judge Burnett gave the address of welcome. Past Grand Master J. A. Mills gave the response. State Grand Master Young was

present. As many of the old-time members were present as were able to attend. Nicholas Vier has been a member for 55 years. Three have been members for 45 years, 17 for 30 years, and 13 for 25 years. Feature of the homecoming was a banquet. Music and talks marked the remainder of the program.

General Vaccination at Grant Grade School

General vaccination was held at the Grant grade school yesterday as result of the school's having been exposed to small pox. Those pupils not wishing to submit to vaccination were extended the option of remaining away from

school three weeks. Englewood, Garfield, and the Washington portables are the only schools where vaccination has not taken place since the opening of school this year. Portland Man Arrested—Harold Ohling of Portland was arrested here last night by Warren Edwards, city traffic officer, on failure to dim his lights when driving on wet pavement. He was cited to appear in the city police court today. Held for Investigation—Archie Walker Gaskins was arrested here last night by Officer Olson after he is said to have caused a disturbance in a local rooming house. He is being held for investigation.

CLOSING OUT MILLINERY DEP'T

EVERY HAT MUST BE SOLD REGARDLESS OF VALUE!

Beginning Tomorrow, December 11th

Entire Stock Slashed for Immediate Disposal



Having decided to close out my millinery stock at once, I will place on sale my entire stock of high grade hats at prices that will bring about their quick disposal. Everything must go! Positively none held in reserve. To women who need winter hats this sale will be of vast importance, for they are priced sensationally low! At these prices there will be no exchanges, refunds, no C.O.D.'s, no charges—it's going to be strictly a closing out proposition. Early shopping is advised for best choice. Read the bargains listed below! (Signed) Eleanor Swindells

\$1 00

—This lot at one dollar consists of various odds in millinery. It will pay you to look at these early while we have quite a stock of them, yet the values offered will make them very attractive.

\$1 95

—Our regular stock of Hats, values up to \$8.50. This lot consists of women's felts, etc., also children's hats. A fine selection from which to choose a fall and winter chapeaux.

\$3 95

—Our regular stock of Pattern Hats in this lot. Values to \$15.00. A superb choice at this low price. Be among the first to choose.

\$5 95 SATIN AND METALLICS \$5 95

—In this lot we place our most expensive satin and Metallic styles received by us less than two weeks ago. Save half or more by attending this closing out sale!

All Trimmings, Feathers, Flowers, Etc. Will Be Closed Out At Astounding Price Reductions

A SALE OF— GIFT ROBES TODAY

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