

## \$313,891 STATE TAX LISTED FOR MARION

Polk County Must Pay Commonwealth \$126,734, Commissioner Says

## OREGON LIST \$7,200,830

State Expenses for 1926, Minus Special Levies, Estimated at \$5,194,198.08, Deficit Forecast

Taxpayers of Marion county will be compelled to contribute \$313,891.41, and taxpayers of Polk county \$126,734.62, for state purposes during the year 1926, according to announcement made here last night by the state tax commissioner.

The special taxes for 1926, as included in the levy follow:

Agricultural college, \$743,682.94.

State university, \$557,762.20.

Normal schools, \$95,072.26.

Elementary school fund, \$2,169,074.24.

Market roads, \$1,084,537.62.

Soldiers bonus, \$542,268.81.

Taxpayers of the state of Oregon will provide a total of \$7,200,830.79 for state purposes during the year 1926.

Approximately \$2,038,431.72 of this amount comes within the six per cent tax limitation amendment, and was levied by the state tax commission. The remaining \$5,162,399.07 represents special tax levies made mandatory by law. The 1926 levy is \$292,000 less than that for the year 1925.

A summary prepared by the state tax commission last night showed that the tax for the year 1926 within the six per cent limitation is approximately \$115,483 in excess of that in 1925. The special levies show a decrease of approximately \$400,000, when compared with these levies for 1925. This decrease was made possible, it was said, because of the action of the last legislature in reducing the levy for the soldiers bonus fund by one-half mill.

The resultant reduction in this tax for 1926 is \$542,268 when compared with that for 1925.

Despite the levy authorized by the state tax commission there will be a deficit of \$480,000 to meet the actual needs of the state in 1926.

This deficit will result from restrictions imposed by the six per cent limitation amendment.

Necessities of the state for all governmental functions during the year 1926, other than those covered by special millage levies, were estimated at \$5,194,198.08. This amount is partly offset by an item of \$575,267.76 which represents surplus funds on hand. This reduces the amount to be raised to \$4,618,930.32. Fees to be received by the state from various sources, together with the unexpended balances, was estimated at \$2,099,635.95.

Of the balance of \$2,519,294.97 only \$2,038,431.72 can be raised under the six per cent limitation amendment. The actual deficit, as estimate by the state tax commissioner, will be \$280,863.26.

The amount apportioned for collection in the several counties follow:

Baker, \$151,714.30; Benton, \$106,255.46; Clackamas, \$326,939.32; Clatsop, \$194,285.62; Columbia, \$118,468.07; Coos, \$173,230.39; Crook, \$37,941.18; Curry, \$28,709.71; Deschutes, \$33,855.62; Douglas, \$205,425.30; Gilliam, \$66,283.65; Grant, \$50,045.77; Harney, \$59,255.64; Hood River, \$67,320.57; Jackson, \$195,178.52; Jefferson, \$35,975.35; Josephine, \$52,530.06; Klamath, \$156,366.04; Lake, \$63,343.08; Lane, \$306,849.00; Lincoln, \$58,449.14; Linn, \$220,547.05; Malheur, \$92,

## HURT, LIES 18 HOURS

MISS BESSIE MAY FOUND LYING IN BED WEAK

After lying in bed for eighteen hours, unable to move because of an injury to her knee, Miss Bessie May, a dressmaker, was found in her room in the Bryman building at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. Miss May was discovered by one of her customers who called the Golden ambulance and had the woman taken to a hospital where she is resting comfortably.

Miss May fell and injured her knee Thursday afternoon, although she did not think it was serious. She went to her room to rest and found she was unable to rise. No one was near to hear her cries for help and she gradually weakened.

At the hospital last night she was said to be resting easily.

## CONSUL WILL BARE HUGE OPIUM SMUGGLING RING

TRANSACTIONS TOTALING MILLIONS ARE DESCRIBED

Opium Graft Declared to Be at Bottom of Present Chinese Conflict

HONOLULU, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Opium smuggling transactions totaling millions of dollars will be described to the state department at Washington when George G. Fuller, American consul at Teheran, Persia, reaches Washington, he disclosed here in an interview while the liner President Cleveland, on which he is a passenger was in port a few hours.

Mr. Fuller said he would report the arrest in Bushire, Persian seaport, of A. M. T. Woodward, an American citizen, and seizure of a suitcase of Woodward's papers revealing how an international ring was smuggling high grade Persian opium into China aboard Chinese warships; how crates of opium, part of which ultimately was smuggled into the United States and other countries were guarded by soldiers of the Chinese army; how graft derived from the trade by Chinese officials is a present cause of conflict between opposing leaders in Chekiang province on the east coast of China; and how the smuggling ring dickered to secure the favor of each new Chinese regime. Among other things, Mr. Fuller told of three huge shipments of opium into China shortly before the arrest of Woodward last October. The shipments were conservatively valued he said, at \$10,000,000. The consular officer declared every trans-Pacific liner had opium aboard despite the dogged searches made by the United States customs officials.

Mr. Fuller's home is in Rochester, N. Y. He succeeded the late Major Robert Imbrie at Teheran, after the latter had been slain there by religious fanatics.

## CRASH VICTIM RESTING

TWO HURT WHEN CAR HITS AUTO TOWING LINE

Playing Good Samaritan resulted in serious injuries to Theodore Reuss and nearly fatal injuries to W. E. Smiggs Thursday evening at Brunk's corner. They were endeavoring to tie a tow rope on a stalled car containing two Willamette university women when George Eberling of Dallas crashed into them.

Smiggs sustained serious head injuries. Reuss sustained an injured knee and leg. Eberling was traveling east, and did not see the men or the machines until it was too late.

The girls had stopped for gas, but were unable to start again. Smiggs and Reuss, salesmen from Portland, offered to tow them to Rickreall. The tow rope was attached, but broke. The men were hitching it up again when the accident took place.

They were rushed to a Salem hospital. Smiggs' condition was found to be serious enough to make it necessary for him to stay at the hospital. His condition is reported to be fair, and he is not considered to be in any immediate danger.

## FIRE DESTROYS ELKO

FERNIE, B. C., Dec. 11.—Two hotels, two general stores, a pool room, a cafe, a second hand store and a tailor shop were burned at Elko, 20 miles east of here today. Loss was put at \$50,000.

## MINE TOLL 51

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—With miner from Overton mine No. 2 the recovery of the last negro of the Alabama Fuel & Iron company tonight, the number of identified dead in Thursday's explosion reached 51.

## INHERITANCE TAX COMES UNDER FIRE

Provision of Revenue Reduction Bill Is Debated for Five Hours

## SPOKESMEN NOT LACKING

Representatives From Both Parties Rally to Support of Measure; Republicans Lead Attack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—The inheritance tax provision of the revenue reduction bill came under fire in the house again today but the five hours of debate, as on previous days, brought considerable support for the measure from spokesmen of both parties. Representatives Ramseyer of Iowa and Simmons of Nebraska, republicans, carried on the attack opened yesterday by Representative Frear, republican, Wisconsin, against the 50 per cent cut in the maximum inheritance rate, and also opposed the provisions to give a 30 per cent credit in settlement of the federal inheritance levy on account of the amount paid on a similar state tax.

Chairman Green of the ways and means committee which had framed the \$325,000,000 tax reduction measure, replied that the committee had concluded that the states needed revenue from this tax, but with several not imposing any such levy it was felt that the federal government should retain control over it and allow the 80 per cent credit.

"For every dollar the taxpayers of Nebraska will benefit by this," Mr. Simmons said, "those in New York benefit \$8. We men who risk the agricultural states cannot support this provision of the bill."

Mr. Ramseyer, who sponsored

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## HUSKY ELEVEN TO PLAY

WASHINGTON TO TAKE PART IN PASADENA CONTEST

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Alabama's crimson tide and Washington's purple tornado will vie for football supremacy January 1 at the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Cal.

The University of Washington, champion of the Pacific coast intercollegiate conference, which concluded Sunday that it could not participate in the Atlantic-Pacific contest at Pasadena, and then decided, on an appeal by the conference to reconsider the matter, today accepted here in the annual meeting of the conference.

The University of Alabama which had already signed a contract to play in the game, was formally invited, and a formal acceptance was rendered.

## IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES MADE IN SAHARA DESERT

RESULTS OF THE EXPEDITION ELATE ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Tomb Believed to be That of Legendary Ancestress of Tuaregs' Kings

PARIS, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—The discoveries made in the Hoggar country of the Central Sahara by Count Byron Kun de Prorok and his De Prorok-Belot college expedition, came before the academy of inscriptions of the French institute today and aroused more interest among members of that body than the scheduled election of a new member of the academy.

Professor Stephane Gsell of the College of France, an authority on North African archaeology, read his report on the discovery of the tomb which Count de Prorok believes is that of Tin Hanan, the legendary ancestress of the Kings of the Tuaregs, the strange white race of the Central Sahara.

The discussion showed a division of opinion among the scientists as to the antiquity of Tin Hanan's tomb although all agreed on its importance to archaeology. Salomon Reinach, conservator of the national museum of St. Germain, called it the "greatest discovery and richest tomb ever found in North Africa outside Egypt." He placed the date of the tomb about 500 B. C. The Abbe Chabot, noted Orientalist, however, said it dated from about the time of Christ.

M. Gsell, who said he had been misquoted by French and American newspapers, asserted the tomb could not have been made earlier than 1,000 B. C. because of the iron objects found in it, but said he thought it more likely that it dated from the ninth or tenth century of the Christian era. (Dispatches from Paris quoted M. Gsell as saying that Tin Hanan lived in the fifteenth or sixteenth century of our era.)

His report referred to the "rich harvest of archaeological and linguistic documents brought back" by the expedition.

The so-called "Libyan Venus" which Count de Prorok and his aides thought belonged to the Aurinaean epoch about 1,000 B. C., found near the tomb, has been set aside for study by the academy of inscriptions, which will make an official report within two or three weeks. Other materials from the tomb also will be gone over carefully by this learned body.

## CRITICISM BANNED

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Neither coaches nor officials of schools represented in the Pacific coast intercollegiate athletic conference will be permitted to criticize the work of referees in future games, it was decided at a meeting of the conference here tonight.

## FRENCH FINANCE HEAD FINDS SLEDDING HARD

M. LOUCHEUR'S PREDICTION ALREADY COMING TRUE

Statement That He Would Be "Most Unpopular Man in France," Verified

PARIS, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—M. Loucheur's prophecy when he assumed charge of the ministry of finance that his fiscal measures would make him the most unpopular man in France already is being realized. His financial bills are meeting with growing opposition in parliamentary quarters.

He spent virtually the entire afternoon explaining to his ministers and the finance committee of the chamber of deputies but apparently failed to convince the majority of the committee. Expert parliamentarians say the political fate of the finance minister may be greatly compromised when the bills reach the oratorical and voting stage in the open chamber.

The piecemeal introduction into the chamber of Loucheur's seven financial bills, five of them having been deposited with M. Herriot, president of the chamber, since Monday and the remaining two still being revised, has caused much criticism in the chamber, where the measures themselves are unpopular.

The bill introduced today deals with a method of security conversion of government bonds. By the terms the holders of the present 4, 5, and 6 per cent french international bonds would be permitted to convert them into a single 5 per cent security which would be accepted by the government in lieu of cash in the payment of inheritance taxes.

In addition to the opposition shown by the finance committee, the attitude of several important political groups does not augur well for the future of the legislation which the finance minister has prepared. He has made it known that his projects are subject to amendments and this concession has been seized upon avidly by the socialists.

They have prepared counter projects which, if accepted, would make M. Loucheur's original measures completely inoperative.

## LELAND CARL IS DEAD

HUBBARD YOUTH LOSES FIGHT FOR RECOVERY

Leland Carl, 16, died in Deaconess hospital last night from injuries received when his roadster left the highway and urred completely over a mile north of Horse shoe park on Wednesday.

Young Carl was rushed immediately to Salem, and was reported merely hovering between life and death until yesterday when slight improvement was noted. He was sinking later, and passed away last night.

## BRAMWELL BANKING POLICY UNDER FIRE

State Board Spends Day Hearing Charges, Denials, New Charges

## FULL FACTS ARE SOUGHT

W. B. Haines, Portland National Bank, Accuses State Superintendent; Hearing to Continue Thursday

Removal of Frank J. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, was demanded by W. B. Haines and other officials of the Portland National bank, at a special meeting of the state banking board held here Friday. Members of the banking board are Governor, Pierce, Secretary of State Kozer and State Treasurer Kay.

After a full day spent in hearing the charges preferred by Mr. Haines and his associates, denials and counter charges by Mr. Bramwell, and statements by a number of country bankers, it was decided to continue the investigations until next Thursday. At that time all witnesses will testify under oath and only testimony pertinent to the charges lodged against the state banking superintendent will be admitted.

The principal charges lodged against Mr. Bramwell were that he had discriminated against the Portland National bank through his refusal to permit the institution to act as a reserve agency for state banks, and that he had written a series of letters in which he sought to have one of his employees established as owner of an unidentified depository on terms to be dictated by the state superintendent of banks. These letters were said to have been sent to the board of directors of the unidentified institutions.

The original letters, over the signature of Mr. Bramwell, were submitted to members of the banking board but later were withdrawn with the understanding that copies of them would be prepared by the state superintendent of banks and introduced in evidence at the hearing here next week.

Although neither Mr. Haines nor his associates attempted to charge fraud on the part of Mr. Bramwell in connection with the letters, it was intimated by the complainants that if the proposal contained therein had been carried to a successful conclusion, there would have been ample opportunity for the state superintendent of banks and his friends to derive a substantial profit.

Mr. Bramwell, in defense of the intimations that the letters in question were written through selfish or fraudulent motives, declared that the proposal to dispose of the unidentified bank, was approved by its directors and was prepared at the request of its president. Mr. Bramwell was emphatic in his statement that the letters over his signature contained merely the terms of the purchase, as outlined by the prospective buyer. He denied that either he or any of his friends or associates had entertained the thought that they would profit by the transaction.

"It has been the policy of the state banking department to pro-

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## COMPANY M REUNITES

FORTY-FIVE VETERANS JOIN FOR ANNIVERSARY

Forty-five veterans of the World war were present at the reunion of company M held last night at the Gray Belle. This reunion included several visitors from other companies. Captain Roy Neer presided at the banquet. Commencing at 8 o'clock, the reunion lasted until 11 o'clock. The general program of the evening consisted of music and short responses to toasts.

Those called upon for speeches were Col. Carl Abrams of Company M, Bill Hines, quartermaster sergeant of company L, Captain Henry Miller of company A, Aubrey Jones of company M, Bob Perliev of company M and Aubrey Tussing of company M.

Aubrey Jones returned but two months ago from a trip to France. He recounted to the boys the current conditions of the county as compared to the conditions at the time when the boys were "over there."

It is expected that only 35 men would be on hand.

## WHEAT PRICES BREAK

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Wheat prices underwent a sharp break today as selling orders near the end of the board of trade session was dislocated a pause in demand. Prices went down three cents.

## DRUNK LIST CUT IN TWO

POLICE BLOTTER SHOWS DRY LAW CASES FALL 50 PER CENT IN MONTH

Traffic Violations Decrease 13 When Compared With October Sum

Reports for the month of October and the month of November, just made out by Frank Minto, chief of Salem police, reveal that crime in general is on the decrease. Total number of complaints and reports on the Police blotter for October were 219 as compared to 203 for November.

Drunkness is on the decrease, judging from the report. In October, 31 arrests on charges of intoxication were made, and only 15 in November. Thirteen men were arrested for possession of intoxicating liquor in October as compared to only 5 in November.

Traffic violations in October reached 53, while in November but 40 were reported. The complete reports of the two months follow:

October Report.

Number of complaints and reports on police blotter, 219. Total number of accidents reported, 150. Number of arrests on felony charges, 2. Number of arrests for being drunk, 31. Number of arrests for traffic violations, 53. Total number of arrests, 109.

Total number of days in jail sentenced, 120. Number of meals served the city prisoners, 258. Number of people given beds, 64. Number of burglaries, 1. Reports of larceny, 8. Total number of autos stolen, 4. Total number of autos recovered, 4. Total number of bicycles stolen, 6.

Total number of bicycles brought in, 1. Total number of officers' special reports, 43. Amount of fines imposed for traffic violations, \$320. Total amount of fines imposed by city Judge Poulsen, \$2390.

November Report.

Number of complaints and reports on the police blotter, 203. Total number of accidents reported, 184. Number of arrests on felony charges, 3. Number of arrests for intoxication, 15. Number of arrests for possession of intoxicating liquor, 5. Number of arrests for traffic violations, 40.

Total number of arrests, 84. Total number of days in jail sentenced, 30. Number of meals served to city prisoners, 191. Number of people given beds, 131. Total number of burglaries, 2. Reports of larceny, 9. Total number of autos stolen, 7.

Total number of autos recovered, 7. Number of autos recovered here reported stolen from other cities, 2. Total number of bicycles stolen, 8. Total number of bicycles brought in, 2. Total number of officers' special reports, 50. Amount of fines imposed for traffic violations, \$177.50. Total amount of fines imposed by city Judge Poulsen, \$487.50.

## NO! NO! JEFF STAY OUT

MRS. MUTT EXCLUDED FROM LADIES' AUXILIARY

Augustus Mutt, lanky creation of Bud Fisher, was taken officially into the Salem Longfellow club last night when the members met for a banquet at the Marion hotel.

Some one proposed that Jeff, illustrious pal of the long-nosed Lion Tamer, be taken in as honorary member and mascot of the Salem club. But immediate remonstrances were voiced, on the grounds that Jeff has had altogether too much fun already at Mutt's expense.

It was voted unanimously that Mrs. Mutt should not be given membership, even in the women's auxiliary, as she has been too long addicted to the use of the rolling pin.

W. W. Rosebraugh was toastmaster for the evening. Several of the members were called upon to propose toasts. Dr. Bates, responding to a toast, intimated that the toast, like the legs of the members, was too long on the toaster, and was slightly burned.

Shepherd and McGilchrist sang a few duet numbers. Manley Brass and Robert Newsome rendered solos. Miss Jean Hobson accompanied on the piano.

## BOYS ARE ENTERTAINED

The boys and officials of the state training school were entertained by the De Molay dramatic players in "A Pair of Sixes," presented at the industrial school last night. The play was greatly enjoyed by the boys. It will be presented at the Heiler theater here Wednesday, December 16.

## MURRAY CASE WILL GO TO HIGH COURT

22 Year Old Oregon Desperado Is Not to Face Gallows on December 18

## WRIT OF APPEAL SIGNED

Certificate of Probable Cause Issued By Supreme Court Justices; Alleged Errors Are Cited

Tom Murray, convict, who is under death sentence for the part he played in the break at the Oregon state penitentiary here on August 12, will not be executed on December 18 of this year as decreed by Judge Percy Kelly of the Marion county circuit court.

This was determined here yesterday when a certificate of probable cause for appeal of the Murray case to the state supreme court was signed by three members of the court. Members of the court who signed the certificate were Chief Justice McBride and Justices Bean and Stand. Request for the certificate of probable cause was filed by Will R. King of Portland, who represented Murray at the time of his trial. The certificate was opposed by District Attorney John H. Carson of Marion county.

In submitting his application for a certificate of probable cause Attorney King cited a number of alleged errors of law in the lower court and contended that Murray could not be hanged legally under the Oregon statutes and the constitution until he had served out his penitentiary sentence of 20 years for bank robbery committed in Lane county. Judge Kelly yesterday declined to sign a certificate of probable cause on the showing made by Judge King in his court.

Based on the time required in disposing of appeals in other murder cases in recent years it probably will be 18 months before the fate of the defendant is determined finally by the supreme court. The records show that out of eight appeals in murder cases during the past few years six of the defendants remained in prison for more than one year pending a decree of the higher court.

Murray was convicted in the Marion county circuit court here a few weeks ago of first degree murder in connection with the death of John Sweeney, guard, during the break at the prison. Two other convicts, Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, also are under death sentence for the part they played in the crime.

The three convicts also were indicted for the slaying of Milton R. Holman, another guard at the prison, but they were not tried on this charge.

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## SHOPPING?

Only 10 More Shopping Days 'Till Christmas!

Making out your shopping list, Santa? Don't forget some little folks just because their mothers and fathers—if they have any—are poor.

As you go to shop, put down as the first item a little gift for the unknown fellow who needs Christmas badly.

Make that first errand a little gift for the Statesman's Associated Charities Christmas Fund. That will add joy to your shopping.

- Gifts
- Salem Ad Club ..... \$10.00
  - Lane Morley ..... \$1.00
  - Unknown ..... \$1.00
  - Tom's Wash Rack ..... \$2.50
  - Anna S. Kantner ..... \$1.00
  - Cash ..... \$1.00
  - A Friend ..... \$1.00
  - A Friend ..... \$1.00
- Only 10 more shopping days 'till Christmas!

### BUY STAMPS

Christmas letters and Christmas cards bearing this seal carry true Christmas spirit.

Four downtown booths will open Monday at Kafury's, Stiff's, Miller's and Bank of Commerce.

Receipts through the mail to date are \$568.

Buy seals now.