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PRICE FIVE CENTS

TO PUT TEETH INTO TAX LAW

Assessments Carry From 40 to 90 Per Cent of True Value, Statement

COUNTY ASSESSORS HIT

Thomas B. Kay, Earl Fisher, L. H. Van Winkle Named to Draft Bill Putting Force Into Present Law

Pointing out that in some counties property assessments were as low as 40 per cent of the true valuations, while in other counties they were as high as 90 per cent, county assessors were scored yesterday at the all-day session of the state tax investigating committee created by the last legislature.

Thomas B. Kay and Earl Fisher, members of the state tax commission, and L. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, were appointed to draft the bill putting teeth in the present assessment law.

This committee also will prepare a bill limiting the amount of money that would be raised by millage levies in event the valuations are increased through a more uniform system of assessment. It was said that this action would be necessary in that a revised system of levying assessments would increase property valuations in the state more than \$500,000,000.

Mr. Kay declared that his investigations as a member of the state tax commission showed that many of the county assessors had been delinquent in their duties, and that the different classes of property had not been assessed on a basis of equality.

"What we need," said Mr. Kay, "is legislation making it possible for the state tax commission to remove or suspend from office county assessors who refuse to comply with the provisions of the assessment laws. At the present time many of the assessors make no pretense of following the law with the result that the state has been deprived of many thousands of dollars in taxes, which would have been raised had the valuations been uniform and fair."

Mr. Kay pointed out that in some counties the property assessments were as low as 40 per cent of the true valuations, while in other counties they were as high as 90 per cent. Variance of assessments on different classes of property also was pointed out by Mr. Kay. It was contended by Mr. Kay that the assessments should be as near uniform as possible and should not be less than 50 per cent of the true valuation of the different classes of property.

Special mention was made by Mr. Kay of the inequality that exists in connection with levying assessments on manufacturing plants and other lines of industrial activity. He pointed out one concern which he said owned property valued at more than \$2,000,000, with dividends exceeding 10 per cent annually. He said this company's property was assessed at \$400,000.

Through a uniform system of assessment, made possible by a

MOB KILLS AMERICAN

ATTACK BY JAPANESE SAID TO HAVE BEEN PROVOKED

TOKYO, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Dispatches to the Japanese newspapers from Hakodate report that an American, John Burnham, was attacked by a Japanese mob on Sunday and died yesterday from his injuries. It is said that Burnham, a stoker on the steamer West O'Rowe, which is undergoing repairs at Hakodate after having been disabled on her trip across the Pacific, quarreled with an interpreter, whom he struck. Thereupon a mob attacked the American with clubs.

SAFETY PARLEY ASKED

COOLIDGE WANTS FIVE MEN TO REPRESENT OREGON

President Coolidge has sent a letter to Governor Pierce requesting that a committee not to exceed five members be appointed to represent the state of Oregon at the national conference on street and highway safety to be held in Washington on March 23, 24 and 25.

The letter was referred by the governor to the state highway commission and public service commission with instructions to recommend members of the pro-

Rumrunners Hazard Cut By Insurance Protection

Unique California Organization Pays Fines and Bonus of \$20 a Day Spent in Jail for Bootleggers Who Pay Small Weekly Premium

MODERN PIRACY

Oh, what do I care (runs the bootlegger's lay) If the fines get too heavy, my insurance will pay. If the judge gets severe, because I sell beer, My cohorts will pay me some 10 bucks a day.

Tales of the roaring main, of bold pirates and storming buccaners become mere nursery rhymes in the light of the latest revelation, an insurance company for bootleggers and rumrunners.

OFFICER WOUNDS MAN DURING LIQUOR RAID

L. W. MONTGOMERY RECEIVES FLESH WOUND IN LEG

Work Ends in Taking 10 Gallons of Moonshine, Second Man in Jail

L. W. Montgomery, of Albany, Oregon, convicted on a liquor charge, received a flesh wound in the right leg last night when shot in a raid which, it is said, netted approximately 10 gallons of moonshine and landed another man who gave his name as Overton, in the county jail. Montgomery was taken to the Deaconess hospital, where the bullet was removed. The injury was said to be comparatively slight.

According to the story told by State Prohibition Agent R. E. Amy, it was known Montgomery would pass a point near Bellevue street. In company with State Prohibition Agents R. A. Young and C. W. Hill, a trap was laid in the belief that Montgomery would approach from the side near Amy.

"I was waiting," said Officer Amy in telling his story, "when I heard shots. I could not see, but I thought one of the officers had been fired upon. Then I heard the cry, 'stop him Amy.' I saw a man running, called out to him to stop. I warned him I would shoot. I shot once at the ground. He kept on. I then shot at his legs.

"He was still running. I took after him and he jumped down into a sort of ditch beside the road. I jumped out to him, and held him. When I returned to him, and I did not know yet that I had actually hit him. I found that a man who gave his name as Overton had been held by the other officers. They had approximately 10 gallons of moonshine."

The man who is said to have given his name as Overton was lodged in the county jail, while Montgomery was taken to the Deaconess hospital, where the bullet is said to have been removed. The patient was reported to be in no danger.

Montgomery was sentenced in justice court last fall on a liquor charge to six months and \$500 fine.

URGE SCUTCHING PLANT

FARMERS OUT TO MEET 500-ACRE QUOTA REQUIRED

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special to The Statesman)—Considerable enthusiasm was shown at the flax meeting at Silverton yesterday afternoon. Those present signed up for a number of acres. The New Jersey will go out as field men in the Silverton and Mt. Angel districts to get farmers to complete the quota of 500 acres, which amount will assure Silverton of a scutching plant and an additional payroll.

At the meeting yesterday a good representation was also present from Mt. Angel. Joe Bern, a Mt. Angel man, reported that he has grown flax for a number of years for the penitentiary.

Colonel Bartram was also present and spoke on the growing of flax.

MURDER IS CHARGED

WALLACE, Idaho, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Lee Foyte alias Morrison Hanson and Albert Thomas St. Joe river logger, were formally charged with murder today in connection with the death of James Montgomery, well to do St. Joe rancher, whose body was found concealed in a hollow stump near Herrick, Idaho, January 24.

SWINDLER IS SOUGHT

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—(AP.)—Seattle police were tonight searching for J. K. Fronk, declared by Los Angeles authorities to have swindled eight California banks out of \$387,000. Information was received here today that Fronk has been in Seattle.

SEEK RADIO LEAKS

SPOKANE, Jan. 25.—(AP.)—Employment of T. W. MacLean, an employee of the General Electric company and reputed a radio interference expert to make a survey of its system for "leaks" that hamper radio reception, was announced today by officials of the Washington Water Power company.

GRID PRACTICE SOON

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP.)—Monday February 1 is the date set for the opening of special ball grid practice at Oregon Agricultural college.

WORLD COURT ENTRY CERTAIN

Senate Votes 68 to 26 to Limit Debate; Will Vote Before Wednesday

BITTER FIGHT STAGED

Final Roll Call May Take Place Today; Opposition Strength Comes as Distinct Surprise

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Entry of the United States into the world court was made certain today by a senate vote of 68 to 26 to limit debate on the issue.

Leaders on both sides in the now bitter struggle predicted a final roll call probably tomorrow and certainly not later than Wednesday.

It was conceded generally that the vote for adoption of the much modified Swanson resolution of adhesion would be even more overwhelming than was that today to apply the drastic clause for the second time since its adoption in 1917.

Cloture came to the test after last minute efforts to hold the olive branch of an unanimous consent agreement to limit discussion had been swept brusquely aside.

Every senator except two was in his seat, the floor was crowded by members of the senate and the

ASK M'CAMANT HEARING

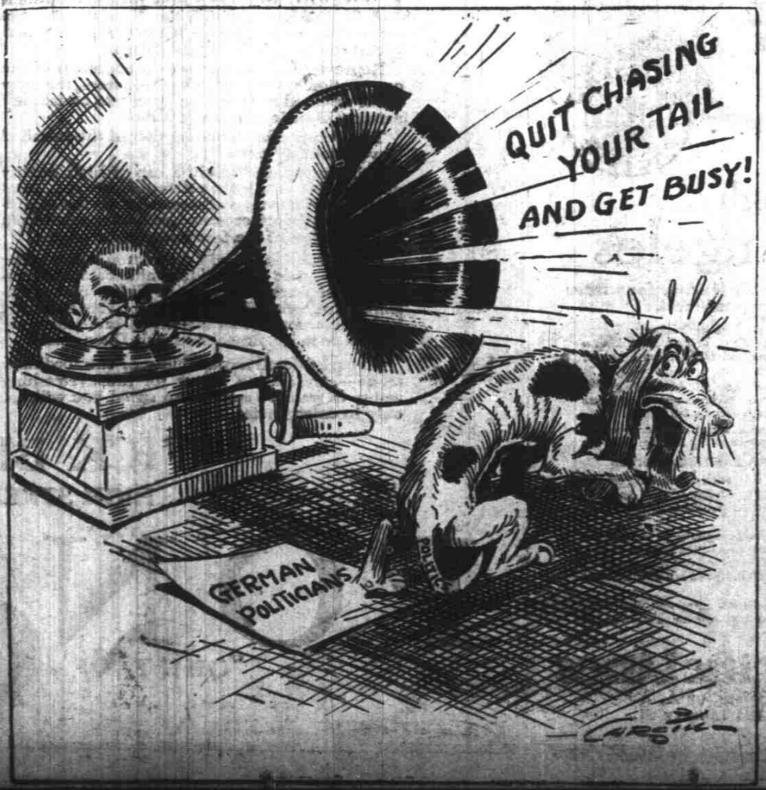
OREGON JUDGE HAS CONFERENCE WITH COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Wallace McCamant of Oregon, whose appointment to the ninth federal circuit court is opposed by Senator Johnson, republican California, arrived here today to appear personally before the senate judiciary committee. The judge's friends arranged for a public hearing for him for tomorrow, but after it developed that the senate would be voting tomorrow on reservations of the world court, the date for opening the hearing was postponed.

The committee probably will meet Thursday. Accompanied from Chicago by Senator Stanford republican, Oregon, Judge McCamant went to the White House soon after his arrival to confer with President Coolidge whom he nominated for the vice presidency at the 1920 republican national convention at Chicago.

Judge McCamant was given a recess appointment by President Coolidge last summer. His nomination was sent to the senate last month, after a hearing before a sub-committee it was ordered favorably reported to the senate.

HINDENBURG'S VOICE!



RARE COINS, VALUED AT \$6000, TAKEN BY THIEF

GOLD AND SILVER PIECES STOLEN FROM WAGNER HOME

Falls City Man Loses Collection Coinage Value Alone Over \$2000

FALLS CITY, Ore., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—A collection of rare and valuable gold and silver coins, valued at \$6000, was taken from the home of Henry Wagner Saturday evening while Mr. Wagner, who lives alone, was absent. Access to the house was gained by forcing two doors, one secured with a hasp and staples clinched through the wood, the second double locked. The marks indicate that a crow bar was used in breaking the locks. The collection was valued at \$6000 and was worth, in actual coinage value, approximately \$2000. Many rare pieces from foreign countries was included in the collection.

The robbers evidently knew just what they wanted and just where to find it as none of the other rooms were entered, the thieves going directly to the living room at the front of the house, where the hinges, of heavy brass and the lock, on a heavy walnut chest made by Mr. Wagner was forced, and from this a tray was removed, set aside without opening, and a case of walnut wood, with plate glass top, sides and ends, also made by Mr. Wagner, which contained the collection of coins, was lifted out. Attempts were made to open this case, but the locks were obdurate, and one end of the plate glass was broken out. The entire contents of the case were taken, a small cabinet inside this which contained the most valuable gold coins, being taken out to the sofa for emptying.

The gold coins in the collection numbered over fifty of United States mintage alone, and also included some from Austria, Germany, England, France, Switzerland and Mexico. In the silver coins was a "Pine Tree Shilling" with others from all over the world.

The living room of Mr. Wagner's house is a wonderful museum, containing rare and beautiful objects of many kinds. A writing desk and book-case with glassed doors which contained many rare objects was not disturbed. None of the objects upon the walls had been touched. Mr. Wagner's bed room, as well as the bed room occupied by his mother during her life time, were left undisturbed.

"BUNK," SAYS GOVERNOR

YAKIMA, Jan. 25.—Rumors to the effect that Governor Hartley would dismiss the board of regents of the University of Washington were declared unfounded here tonight by the governor. "That's all bunk," the governor shot back at a reporter. "I have never said a word about throwing them out."

GIRL'S SLAYER ADMITS CRIME

Philadelphia Chiropractor Says He Strangled Woman After Argument

MYSTERY NOW CLEARED

David L. Marshall Breaks Down Following Long Grilling by Police; Declares He "Was Crazy"

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—David L. Marshall, Philadelphia chiropractor, tonight confessed that he had strangled Miss Anna May Dietrich to death before dismembering her body in his office last Tuesday night.

Marshall said he had killed the woman after an argument which, he asserted, had followed an attempt to extort money from him. He made his second confession tonight in the office of District Attorney Fox after being under a severe grilling almost continuously since 6 o'clock last night.

Marshall broke down after an all night grilling at Media, Delaware county, and gave authorities the apparently complete details of Miss Dietrich's death.

Earlier he had said that she had taken poison while he had stepped out of his office for something to eat. Finding her lying on the floor, face upward upon his return, he had tried every means to revive her and then had become panic stricken.

He said he went home and upon reaching the office the next day, decided that he must dispose of the body.

"I used a hack saw and a knife, and Wednesday afternoon rode out to near the Rose Tree Inn where I left the body with her purse and all her clothes," Marshall said. "I must have been crazy. I was trying to protect my family."

Marshall said he discovered that he had overlooked the head, which he wrapped up and disposed of the following night, hiding it under a railroad trestle. In his confession at Media before it was repeated and taken down by a stenographer, Marshall said Miss Dietrich had been dejected over a love affair. She had mentioned to him a wealthy man named Nichols living in New York.

Miss Dietrich was 35 years old. She had gone to parties and dances with different male acquaintances and was not known to have any love affair. Friends said today that she had decided to "step out and be a modern girl."

Marshall said Miss Dietrich had tried to obtain money from him under threats of exposing his double life to his wife. He told how he had been out with her and later went to his suite of offices, where the quarrel started. His last confession, as given out by the police, said she repeated her demands for money in the woman's retiring room. Seizing her by the throat, he strangled her, he went on, until she dropped unconscious to the floor.

PLANES LOSE IN BLAZE

NINE SHIPS AND TWELVE ENGINE ARE DESTROYED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Fire at Bolling field, army aviation station here tonight destroyed nine airplanes, 12 unmounted Liberty motors, and the hangar housing them. First estimates by field officials placed the damage at \$350,000.

Four planes were relatively new; while the others were of obsolete types.

The fire was discovered by a sentry after it had made considerable headway in the hangar, in which grease and oil supplies were stored. Faulty electrical wiring was thought to have been the cause.

SAYS STATIC DEFEATED

INVENTION WILL ELIMINATE ALL DISTURBANCES, SAID

SPOKANE, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—R. A. Sturgis, a railroad switchman of this city announced today that he has accepted an offer of \$100,000 for an invention to eliminate static from a radio set.

Decides the cash payment, Sturgis announced his eastern attorney had informed him he will receive a royalty which they predicted would net him \$150,000 more. He said his invention was a simple one and could be manufactured for about \$10 each.

FIDDLERS TO COMPETE

EUGENE, Jan. 25.—Old-time fiddlers and "callers" will vie in an old-time dance to be given at the armory here late in February and the call was sounded statewide tonight for entries. "Violinists" are barred and "fiddlers" are expected to "do their darndest."

WILLIAMS TAKES PLACE IN CITY COUNCIL MEET

ATTORNEYSHIP ISSUE IS APPARENTLY FORGOTTEN

Committee Will Draw Bill for Inspection of House Wiring in Salem

Fred A. Williams, apparently, is now city attorney for Salem without dispute or question. At the informal meeting of the council last night he was present and Chris Kowitz was not.

First task assigned to Williams in a council meeting was the reading of the newly drawn-up electrical ordinance. The ordinance has to do with things electrical.

To fuse or to refuse seemed to be the issue at stake. After dissertation by various electricians of the city upon the matter of fusing, the matter of hiring an electrical inspector to be paid from \$150 to \$175 a month, for the city was brought up.

This matter was the cause of the principal discussion of the evening. Electrical men of the city had been invited to attend the meeting. There was a goodly representation of them there.

The plan was made by several of the electrical men that better work can be put out by them if there is an inspector. One of the greatest problems confronting the reliable dealer is the fly-by-night, or curb-stone electrician. He will come into the town, under bid the dealer, put out a poor job, and skip with the money.

Local dealers would have an electrical inspector. They would have the ordinance read that no juice could be thrown into a job before that job had been approved by the inspector.

The ordinance read by Williams provides for an inspector. But it provides that the inspecting shall be done by the sanitary and plumbing inspector.

One electrical man ventured the assertion that an electrical inspector might make a passable plumbing inspector, but a plumbing inspector would never do as an electrical inspector.

The discussion was finally ended when the council passed a motion that the chair appoint a committee of three councilmen to confer with a committee of three electrical men and state labor commissioner Gram. The object of the conference, to be held in Gram's office at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening to draw up a wiring code and plans for an inspector.

Councilmen appointed on the committee are L. J. Ineral, chairman, W. W. Rosebraugh, and W. H. Dancy. Electrical men appointed were A. Fleener, L. Johnson and P. Brownell.

Labor Commissioner Gram was present at the meeting last night, and explained the status of the state law. It is probable that the council will pass a law conforming with the state law. Mr. Gram ventured the prediction that in the course of two or three years the national law would conform with Oregon's state law, which is considered of a higher standard.

WILLS CONTINUES WINS

CANNES, FRANCE, Jan. 25.—Suzanne Lenglen remains between Helen Wills and the championship of France, as the California girl today, after strenuous battle in the finals of the French tourna-

ment, defeated Mile. Vlasto, who ranks No. 2 among the women tennis players of France by a score of 6-3, 7-5. On Saturday she defeated Mile. Costoavros, ranking No. 3. She now has no other opponent worthy of her request until she meets the mighty Suzanne.

SALEM GIRL ARRESTED

MILDRED WATT, 19, IS HELD IN MEDFORD JAIL

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Mildred Watt, 19, of Salem, is being held in the county jail for alleged complicity in burglaries committed at Garibaldi, Ore., with two men, who are said by local police to have been arrested in Bend. The girl was in Medford for several days before being arrested last night with stolen goods in her possession, the police say.

Statesman Prize Contest

Information for those joining The Oregon Statesman's Automobile Campaign

Inquiries are being received from all quarters at The Oregon Statesman Contest office as how to join this profit sharing campaign and how to win the Dodge Sedan, the Chevrolet Touring, the Ford Touring and the other prizes offered in connection with the competition.

The First Thing To Do
To enter The Oregon Statesman's Automobile Campaign, first clip out the nomination blank which will be found elsewhere in this paper. Fill in the blank with your name, address, etc. If you wish to nominate yourself or a friend be careful to write plainly so that there will be no possibility of an error being made. Only the first nomination received for each candidate will count for 50,000 votes credited thereon.

Second Thing To Do
Bring or send in the nomination blank to the Contest Editor of The Oregon Statesman, 215 South Commercial Street. The Contest Editor will credit you or the person whom you have nominated with the 50,000 votes which will be credited towards the prizes to be given and you will be mailed a receipt book with which to secure subscriptions. If there is anything you do not understand after reading over the contest advertisement, ask questions until everything is perfectly clear. It is better to ask questions now than to correct mistakes later.

Third Thing To Do
As soon as you are nominated, see all your friends, phone or write those whom you cannot personally call upon, get them to give you the subscriptions or renewals to the Daily and Sunday Oregon Statesman. If they are paid in advance the renewals they give you will be added to their account. If they are paid in advance to some other paper, the subscription they give you will be started at any date they may designate. Send or bring in all subscriptions together with remittance for the same to the Contest Editor, Oregon Statesman, office 215 South Commercial St. Bring in your returns every few days. In this way new subscriptions can be promptly taken care of.

Certificates for votes earned will be issued immediately upon receipt of your remittance which may be pulled in the Mail Box for publication or reserved until the close of the competition, as you wish.

TERRIFIC GALE HITS ATLANTIC

Most Powerful Trans-Atlantic Ships Are Tossed About by Huge Waves

LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED

British Freighter May Have Gone Down With Fifty on Board; Property Damage Declared High

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Taking toll of life and property, a powerful gale was sweeping trans-Atlantic shipping lanes tonight. The steamship Leviathan, greatest structure built by man to defy the might of an angry sea was barely able to make progress against the storm, inward bound.

The Aquitania, one of the fastest trans-Atlantic liners was battered almost to a standstill and blinding snow and fog were added to the perils of the gale.

While several liners limped into Halifax, at least 12 vessels carrying nearly six thousand passengers are reported in the grip of the raging gale and the Aquitania will be two or more days late.

News of one disaster, which it is feared, may have resulted in the loss of 40 lives was received by radio from the liner President Roosevelt. The steamship reported having picked up SOS signals from the British freighter Antiope, but after reaching her side last night in the fog and snow.

Critically, the message described the plight of the stricken vessel.

"Number three hatch stove in, all boats gone, water in the fire room and radio out of commission."

The Antiope carried wheat, a cargo drenched by every sea man. Marjorie point out that, with a hatch stove in, the cargo would undoubtedly get wet, then probably swell and burst open the ship. Further messages from the President Roosevelt said that although she was cruising about the area where the lost Antiope, no trace could be found.

Among other liners in the storm are the Caedonia, Columbia, Dulio Edison, France, Giuseppe Verdi, Lithuania, Montroyal, Regina, Transylvania and Zealand, due to in Halifax today, were held up by the rough weather off the Nova Scotia coast.

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