

Hurry, Candidates, Hurry! The First Vote Period is Almost Gone in the Statesman's Prize Contest

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PROPERTY TAX CUT DISCUSSED

Investigating Committee to Meet Here to Consider Outlines for Reduction

ASSESSORS CLOSE DOORS

County Assessors of State Gather to Formulate Plans for a Meeting With Investigators Today

Declaring a closed meeting and excluding other officials, the public and the press, the county assessors of the state of Oregon met in the county court house here yesterday with about 30 assessors present. The meeting was obviously called for the purpose of deciding upon a uniform statement to be issued when the body is questioned by the tax investigating committee today. At a previous meeting the tax investigating committee declared that the assessors in many cases had been amiss in declaring proper property valuation.

While no information was given by any one connected with the meeting, it is generally supposed that plans were formulated for presentation today. It is thought the assessors are seeking more power to go into the affairs of taxpayers with the aim in view of unsealing much property that is now being concealed from taxation.

How to reduce materially the property tax in the state of Oregon through the adoption of indirect levies, featured the discussions of members of the state tax investigating committee which had an all-day meeting in the executive offices here Tuesday.

Although the committee refused to outline any definite program of action at Tuesday's session, a number of measures looking to the return to the state of considerable revenue through indirect sources were considered and discussed. Governor Pierce urged that the committee give careful

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WOMAN CANDIDATE FIRST

MRS. BERTHA LANDES AND BROWN TO BE NOMINATED

SEATTLE, Feb. 23.—(By Associated Press)—Mrs. Bertha K. Landes, Seattle's first woman candidate for mayor, and Edwin J. Brown, incumbent, were nominated for mayor in municipal primaries here today, unofficial returns from all but four of 295 precincts indicated.

Mrs. Landes with 35,332 votes, led Mayor Brown by 810. Brown had 34,522. Thomas J. L. Kennedy, corporation counsel, was nosed out, coming in third with 19,819 votes. John E. Carroll had 628 votes, John B. Shedd 1741 and C. H. Clark 917.

Mrs. Landes, who is president of the city council and wife of a University of Washington professor, advocated adoption of a city manager plan. Mayor Brown, opposing change of the form of city government, ran on his record. The voters will ballot on a city manager plan March 9, when Mrs. Landes and Brown will fight it out for mayor. If the city manager plan is adopted, neither will serve.

DIES IN GRADE WRECK
YOUTH, 18, KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTOMOBILE

EATONVILLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—(By Associated Press)—Edwin Murphy, 18, of Kapuskis, was killed near here tonight when a train hit an automobile which he was driving. Witnesses said he tried to beat the train across a railroad crossing.

Who's Who

Salem Public Schools PRESENTING

Prof. U. S. Dotson
Prof. U. S. Dotson, principal of the Park grade school, in the Salem school system for 17 years. Has had 31 years teaching experience altogether. Two years studying in Old Portland university. Summer school at Willamette university. Has reputation of being friend of and remembered by every boy that ever studied under him.

Teachers' Pay Issue Goes Before Public March 22

School Board Unanimous in Decision to Call Special Election; Salary Schedule to Be Threshed Out at Meeting to Be Held on Friday

A special election will be held March 22 to put before the people the question of a readjustment of the salary schedule of Salem teachers and school employees. The chairman of the school board and the school clerk were instructed to call an election, by unanimous vote of the board.

Definite sum to be asked for has not yet been decided. The board adjourned to meet this Friday evening, at which time the definite amount to be asked will be decided upon.

Indications are that about \$40,000 will be asked. Of this sum \$28,168 would be for increase in salaries. The other \$12,000 would cover natural increases that appear to be unavoidable next year.

TOLEDO, O. SCHOOL WOULD BOOK CONTEST

If Accepted, Team Going East Would Stop Off to Face Ohio Squad

Following the launching of the ticket sale during the high school assembly period yesterday morning, comes a new development, as the result of an air mail letter received from Scott High of Toledo, Ohio, the school that three years ago sent its football team against Corvallis in Oregon.

The letter follows:

2624 Parkwood Ave.,
Toledo, Ohio.
Feb. 17, 1926.

The Principal,
Salem High School,
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have read with a great deal of interest, the article appearing in the February 13 number of the Literary Digest about Salem High School's debating team.

I attend Scott High School of this city, which has sent several football teams to the Pacific coast as well as to the Atlantic. Therefore we of Scott are interested in your debate with Salem, Mass. A naturally direct route from your city to Massachusetts passes through Toledo via the New York Central railway.

We also have a debating team which is meeting leading teams from all over the country. We should be glad to have your debating team stop off at Toledo, either on their way to or from the East.

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BEAUTY BATHES IS WINE

300 THEATER GUESTS WITNESS PARTY ON STAGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(By Associated Press)—The New York American describes today a party given at Earl Carroll's theater at which a show girl bathed in a tub of wine while the men present passed by in line and drank of the wine.

Among the 300 guests were Vera, Countess of Cathcart, Irvin S. Cobb and Harry Thaw.

Cobb remarked to Thaw: "That's pretty raw."

Before the show girl's bath, the tub had been used as a container for wine with a spigot attached where the plug is usually placed. Countess Cathcart has signed contracts with Earl Carroll for the production of her play "Ashes" with herself as leading lady. She will have a salary estimated at \$3,000 weekly with a \$5,000 advance royalty on her play.

The countess also has been besieged by offers from night clubs.

DEMOLAYS PLAN DANCE

"A PAIR OF SIXES" CAST WILL BE HONOR GUESTS

The order of DeMolay of Salem will sponsor a dinner dance at the Marion hotel this evening in honor of the girls in the cast of the DeMolay play, "A Pair of Sixes," presented here some time ago.

The affair will be the third annual dinner of the organization and it is expected that over forty will be in attendance. The DeMolay orchestra will play and Miss Edith Harn will be featured in an Oriental dance. Cecil Edwards is the chairman of the committee for the affair. The dinner will start at 6:30 o'clock.

COWBOY IS HELD INSANE

SENT TO PENITENTIARY FOR BLASTING MEAT PLANT

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 23.—(By Associated Press)—Frank Liffs, cowboy-miser, who tried to destroy the horse meat packing plant of Chappell Brothers and who started other fires at the plant, was found insane by a jury here tonight. He will be sent to Chester penitentiary for the criminal insane.

CHURCHES JOIN IN DRY APPEAL

HANEY QUILTS; COMING HOME

Dignitaries of Four Churches Unite in Statement on Prohibition Laws

RECENT SURVEY IS HIT

Oregon Democratic Member of Shipping Board Hands in Resignation

MAY RUN FOR SENATOR

No Apparent Change is Noted in Sentiment of People, Leaders in Religious World Declare

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(By Associated Press)—A militant denial that the churches have weakened in their support of prohibition was issued here tonight over the signatures of high officials of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist Episcopal church South, the Methodist Protestant church and the United Brethren church.

The joint statement characterized the recent prohibition survey of the research department of the federal council of churches as an "inexcusable betrayal of many church bodies," declared there had been no apparent change in the sentiment of the people as a whole, and appealed to church members to unite in support of the law.

This matter, however, is to be thoroughly settled at the meeting Friday evening. Mr. Hugh stated he will have a definite and concrete schedule to present to the board at that time.

A representation of the taxpayers in various districts was pres-

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PRISON JURY REPORTS

INQUEST IN CONVICT'S DEATH EXONERATES GUARDS

An inquest into the death of Albert Corley, negro convict who died of injuries received in the prison riot of Tuesday, February 16, was held here last night and resulted in the formal exoneration of prison officials. The coroner's jury reported that Corley came to his death "as a result of gun shots wounds received in a riot at the Oregon state prison," and that Corley had been taking part in the riot.

The testimony was short and prefunctory. Those called to the stand were J. W. Lillie, warden; Captain Golden, deputy warden; W. M. Miller, principal keeper and Doctor G. E. Prime and R. L. Edwards. John Carson, district attorney, and Lloyd Riggan, county coroner, conducted the investigation.

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COOLIDGE—BOY LOSES

PRESIDENT'S SON DEFEATED IN SQUARED CIRCLE

AMHERST, Mass., Feb. 23.—(By Associated Press)—John Coolidge, son of the president, fought three rounds in the annual boxing tournament at Amherst college tonight, having entered the contest in the 135 pound class. His opponent was A. Silverman of Waterbury who received the decision on points.

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SAN JOSE MAN HELD

BEND, Ore., Feb. 23.—C. O. Haynes, wanted in San Jose, Calif., for embezzlement was arrested here tonight by Sheriff H. E. Roberts.

TIME TO MIGRATE

YAKIMA, Feb. 23.—(By Associated Press)—Criticism of Governor Roland H. Hartley's timber policies were voiced in an interview here today by J. J. Donovan, Bellingham lumberman and president of the Washington State Chamber of Commerce. "The governor is crazy when he talks about state lumber steals," Donovan asserted.

"There is no whiter man in the state than Clark Savidge. The governor says that when state timber is put up for sale the number of feet on a tract should be published. It is impossible to tell just how much timber is on a piece of land. Even the best cruisers vary in their estimates.

"The state would be laying itself open to suits in publishing stumpage figures unless it included a strong proviso in its announcements to the effect that amounts were estimates merely, and not conclusive. Big timber concerns and railroad companies having timber for sale never list the stumpage, but place a minimum price figure on the timber, as does the state."

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GOVERNOR HARTLEY HIT

TIMBER POLICIES CRITICIZED

SAVIDGE UPHELD

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"Even the most casual observer of the vote list published in this issue will show this to any one. So why delay? Why don't you fill out the nomination blank and enter the race yourself? Might just

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JURY CLEARS McDUGAL

NEW CHARGE THREATENED BY CITY ATTORNEY

"Not guilty!" This was the verdict brought back by the jury in the trial of Walter McDugal on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

This verdict was returned after two ballots had been cast. First ballot resulted in one vote for guilty and four for not guilty. Not guilty was the unanimous vote the second ballot.

There were but five jurors instead of the customary six. A. T. Woolpert, the sixth juror, was

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Tuning for the Contest

JUNIOR SCHOOL SITES OFFERED

Board Will Call Meeting of South Salem Residents to Recommend

FEW ASK GRADE SCHOOL

Residents Want to do Away With Old Richmond School," Says George Hug; to Sound Sentiment

A meeting of residents of South Salem will be called some time this week by Dr. H. H. Olinger, chairman of the city school board, to discuss the matter of a site for the South Salem junior high school. This was decided upon at the meeting of the school board last night.

Date of the meeting is to be announced later. Since the board secured the option on the 10-acre tract in Tuxedo Park addition, several other sites have been offered, some at much less money.

Four lots, approximately eight acres, from South Winter to Davidson, and from Cross to Howard streets were offered by Becke & Hendricks for \$6,500. The Tuxedo tract price is \$15,000, although it was intimated that the purchase might be made \$12,000. There is also a tract near Bush's pasture that might be available.

Before the board acts on this matter it wishes to sound out the sentiment of the residents of South Salem. Members of the board seemed to consider the Tuxedo tract the best site yet available.

Director Frank Neer declared he had been asking some of the residents of the district what they thought about the matter, and the sentiment seems to be that they want a new elementary school rather than a new junior high school.

The residents want to do away with the old Richmond school," says George Hug, city superintendent of schools declared. "What they are after is a new elementary school building in that section."

Should the Tuxedo tract be purchased, it is probable that the lower part will be converted into a playground to be open all week.

That students in the ninth grade of Salem schools are capable of passing the entrance English examinations to colleges as well as the college entrants, is revealed in a report submitted by May Rauch, supervisor of English in the junior high schools.

There were 247 of the students in the ninth grade who took the test. Of this number, 76.6 passed. Nearly 10 per cent received grades of from 90 to 100. Average grade on scale of 100 per cent was 72.8 per cent. In college the average

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Tuesday In Washington

The house adopted the conference report on the tax reduction bill.

Bert E. Hane, democrat, Oregon resigned from the shipping board.

The annual agricultural department appropriation bill was reported to the house.

The president definitely decided to attend the Philadelphia sesquicentennial.

Investigation of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment was sought in the house.

The Cathcart case stumped subordinate officials at the labor department during absence of higher-ups.

Scores of group meetings held the attention of the National Education Association's department of superintendence.

Counsel for Albert R. Fall, Edward L. Doheny and Harry F. Sinclair, noted special appeals in the oil reserve indictments.

It was announced President Coolidge felt the present congress had established a record for expeditious legislation.

Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, attacked democratic proposal to employ special counsel to prosecute the aluminum company of America.

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