

The Oregon Statesman

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

TAX TOTAL UP \$2,314,700

Marion County Levy Placed at \$1,869,966, for Polk County \$565,114

TOTAL IS \$44,975,048

High School Tuition, Market Roads, Bond and Interest Redemption Items Included in Increase

Despite political promises of tax reduction and a statewide clamor for termination of government fees, a summary of the taxes levied in the state of Oregon for the year 1926 based on the tax rolls for 1925 showed a total of \$44,975,048.10 or approximately \$2,314,700 in excess of the amount levied in the year 1925 based on the tax rolls for 1925. The levy for 1925 was \$42,660,338.65.

The state tax for the year 1926 is approximately \$291,000 less than in the year 1925, while the county levy was reduced from \$3,836,298.26 in 1925 to \$3,540,596.15 in 1926. The state tax levied in 1925 was \$7,492,761.47 as against \$7,200,830.79 for the year 1926.

Total tax levy for Marion county for the year 1926 is \$1,869,966 and for Polk county, \$565,114.52. Comparisons of other tax levies for the years 1925 and 1926 follow:

- County school and school library—For 1925, \$3,015,585.82; for 1926, \$2,979,417.59.
- High school tuition—For 1925, \$793,18.62; for 1926, \$869,087,373.
- Public schools—For 1925, \$9,492,155; for 1926, \$10,692,832.8.
- General roads—For 1925, \$3,164,861.42; for 1926, \$3,090,330.18.
- Special roads—For 1925, \$1,286,542.18; for 1926, \$1,356,137.58.
- Market roads (county levy)—For 1925, \$1,161,598.47; for 1926, \$1,214,644.12.
- Bond interest and redemption—For 1925, \$1,851,237.28; for 1926, \$2,177,076.97.
- Special cities and towns—For 1925, \$7,713,371.09; for 1926, \$8,196,337.02.
- Irrigation and drainage—For (Continued on page 6.)

'OREGON BOOT' IS SHOWN

DAUGHTER OF ORIGINATOR HERE AFTER 37 YEARS

Mrs. R. H. Norton, nee Miss Minnie Leininger, whose father designed the famous Oregon boot, arrived here Wednesday from Los Angeles to visit with old-time friends after an absence of more than 37 years.

Wednesday in Washington

Additional testimony in the tariff commission investigation was heard by a senate committee.

Vanderbilt Split Looms; "Tab" Papers Imperiled

Break Impends Between Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., Head of Newspapers, and Family; Withdrawal of Support Said to Have Occurred

NEW YORK, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—A break between Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., controlling the Vanderbilt newspapers, Inc., and the Vanderbilt family was made known today when Dudley Field Malone announced he had been retained by Cornelius to take care of his interest. The Vanderbilt newspapers include publications in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Miami, Fla.

Mr. Malone said that the Vanderbilt family had withdrawn its support after putting more than a million dollars into the newspaper properties, although Mr. Malone asserted that this money potentially belonged to Cornelius by right of inheritance.

DEBATERS SENT EAST AFTER DEMONSTRATION

ROTARIANS MAKE UP PURSE FOR SPENDING MONEY

1100 Students Present as Squad Leaves on Journey to Atlantic Coast

Eleven hundred students gathered at the Oregon Electric depot at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon to bid a last farewell to the group of four who are journeying to Salem, Mass., to meet the high school team of that city in the first high school cross-continent interscholastic debate ever held.

As the train's bell gave the warning to clear the way, students gave last rousing cheers to the four who stood on the observation platform.

Handkerchiefs were waved, last words of advice, serious and humorous, were shouted, and the debaters responded to the cheers and the waving of the handkerchiefs until the train screamed past the Salem high school and rolled over the Mill creek bridge and out of sight.

At last, before most of the city was hardly assured that the debate would materialize, the debaters were off. Margaret Prp, Gaynelle Beckett and Homer Richards, the debaters, smiled wondrously as if not fully realizing the trip before them. By their side stood Hazel Brown, instructor of English at the high school, who is accompanying them as chaperone.

When the train had disappeared, (Continued on page 2.)

OREGON JEWELERS ELECT

A. A. KEENE OF SALEM AGAIN PLACED IN OFFICE

LONGVIEW, Wash., April 28.—(A.P.)—Officers were chosen here today by the Oregon retail jewelers association which has been in joint session here with the Washington jewelers association. The Oregon officers are: President, W. H. Saxton, Portland; first vice president, W. F. Bertrand, Marshfield; second vice president, R. D. Warren, Corvallis; third vice president, Miss Georgia Eckstrom, Astoria; secretary treasurer A. A. Keene, Salem. Members of executive committee who with officers will serve are: F. A. C. Kemper, Portland, and F. M. French, Albany. Miss Eckstrom is the first woman to be elected as an officer of the association. The joint meeting went on record in favor of establishment of an horological school at Oregon Agricultural college. Each state will have a separate convention next year, the interstate conventions to take place only every two or three years.

LOUIS J. WOLFARD DIES

LOSES FIGHT AGAINST PNEUMONIA; ILL FEW DAYS

SILVERTON, April 28.—Louis J. Wolfard, one of the most influential of this city's businessmen, died tonight of pneumonia, following illness lasting since Friday.

He was a member of Elks, the chamber of commerce, Silverton Rod & Gun club, and manager of the J. Wolfard & Co. department store. He is survived by his wife, Maud; his father, John; three sisters, Mrs. M. J. Van Valkenburg of Silverton, Mrs. Roy Clarke of Portland, Mrs. L. Aldrich of Salem, and one brother, Archie, of Portland.

He was one of the most highly esteemed of the younger business men and was born here 41 years ago.

STRAW HATS IN VOGUE

PORTLANDERS TO HOLD ANNUAL PARADE ON FRIDAY

PORTLAND, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Friday has been officially designated as straw hat day in Portland. A parade through the downtown section will be the feature of the occasion. Mayor George L. Baker and Chief of Police Jenkins will be "crowded" with new straw hats.

SILENCE MEETS DEATH QUERIES

Chicago Police Get no Information in Quest of Assassination Data

CHICAGO, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The same wall of silence which has foiled efforts of 6,000 peace officers in Chicago to solve 87 gang and rum slayings during the last three years, tonight nullified a day of investigation into the assassination last night of Assistant State's Attorney William H. McSwiggen, 26, the "hanging prosecutor." James J. Doherty, a beer boss, and Thomas Duffy, a saloon keeper.

WALL OF SILENCE LOOMS

Query Into Killing of Young State's Attorney Is Yet Murkier; Machine Gun Pumps Fatal Fire

McSwiggen, with a record of seven death penalty verdicts in eleven months, and his strangely assorted companions were riding in an automobile past a saloon in Cicero, a suburb when from an automobile driven alongside a machine gun belched its fatal fire. At least one, and probably two other men, accompanied them, but they were not found today. Neither could the motive for the attack be isolated from a crowd of suppositions. Two tablecloths, similar to those used in a saloon in front of which the men were shot, and five fedora hats, abandoned in the car of the slain men not far from the scene of the shooting provided (Continued on page 2.)

CLUBMAN DIES BY GAS

SMOTHERED IN HOPELESS DEBT, TAKES OWN LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Baldwin Wood, attorney and clubman, sidestepped the backfire of a host of poor investments totaling approximately \$600,000 by asphyxiating himself in a humble lodging house in San Jose, south of here, his body being found today after the police broke down the door of his room.

FOUR KILLED IN CRASH

ANOTHER MAY DIE, RESULT OF TRAIN-AUTO WRECK

WILMINGTON, Del., April 28.—(Associated Press.)—Four members of one family were killed and a fifth probably fatally injured when their automobile was crushed by a train on the Delaware division of the Pennsylvania railroad at Felton tonight.

ANOTHER CIRCE WHO CHANGES MEN INTO SWINE



KILLERS PRESS APPEAL MAY 25

State Supreme Court to Hear Appeal of Tom Murray, Kelley and Willos

Another chapter will be written in the case of Tom Murray, Ellisworth Kelley and James Willos, convicted under sentence of death for the part they played in the prison break of August 12, 1925, when arguments on their appeal to the supreme court of Oregon will be heard on May 25. The date was set yesterday. The three men are now in solitary confinement in specially guarded cells in the state penitentiary.

PEN ESCAPE REVIEWED

Final Determination of Fate of Three Convicts Is to Be Placed in Hands of Court May 25

Tom Murray, 22-year-old desperado, together with Willos and Kelley and Bert Oregon Jones, shot their way out of the prison, killing two guards, Josh Sweeney and Milton Holman. Lute Savage, another guard, was seriously wounded. Jones was killed by a shot from a guard's rifle as he was leaping over the wall to freedom.

FUEL PORTAGE NEEDED

DETROITER SAID UNABLE TO CARRY GREAT QUANTITY

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—It was authoritatively stated here today that the Detroit, a three-engined airplane of an Arctic expedition led by Capt. George H. Wilkins, has to date been unable to carry a fuel load sufficient to fly to and from Point Barrow, 620 miles due north of Fairbanks. The plane, Monday started for its northern supply base but turned back when one of its motors failed.

FOREST FIRE IS CHECKED

TEN ACRES OF PINE SWEEPED OVER IN BEND DISTRICT

BEND, Or., April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Central Oregon's first real forest fire of this season, which swept through ten acres of yellow pine near Pringle Falls were reported under control today. It is thought to have been started by a careless fisherman.

TIMBER SALE SETS MARK

YELLOW PINE BID FOR AT \$7.29 PER THOUSAND

KLAMATH FALLS, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—All previous marks were beaten today when W. P. Robinson of Grants Pass bid \$7.29 per thousand for 62 million feet of yellow pine in the Modoc Point unit, Klamath Indian reservation.

LAD IS KILLED BY AUTO

PORTLAND BOY, 5, DIES; DRIVER O'FCAR IS HELD

PORTLAND, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Bobby Wadsworth, aged five, was fatally injured today when struck by an automobile driven by Max Benston, automobile salesman, while playing in front of his home.

IRVING BERLIN 'HAPPY'

COMPOSER AND WIFE WILL REMAIN ABROAD LONGER

NEW YORK, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Irving Berlin and his wife, the former Elin Mackay, do not plan to return to the United States this fall, according to George Gershwin, composer, who returned today on the Homeric.

17 in Family, All Held State Institution Wards

Equivalent to Famous "Jukes" and "Nim" Heredity Cases Seen in Oregon Illustration With Mother, Father and 15 Children Confined

A baby was born in the state hospital (asylum) yesterday, to an inmate mother in that institution. The mother has been an inmate for three months. The father was an inmate of that institution; sent over from the penitentiary. He died there recently. That makes two members of that family.

This is the fifteenth child. That makes 17 in the family. All the children are in institutions. They are in the asylum, the Oregon penitentiary, Oregon state training school, Oregon girls' industrial school, the Oregon state institution for the feeble minded. The balance of the 15 are in state institutions in Washington and Idaho.

But this story is not going to be repeated, or it is not going down to future generations in geometric increase, as far as the members of that family are concerned in Oregon. In the case of the mother, with six years of child bearing age (she is 42), the state board of eugenics has taken action. Her children will remain 15. She may call the baby of yesterday Omega. And, before they shall go out into society, the board of eugenics will have taken action as to the balance of the family in Oregon institutions.

So will end that family; unless Washington and Idaho, which states are not as far advanced as Oregon in this field, may permit new starts for other families of 17, with geometric progression for future years.

The name of the Oregon family is not given. It would not be fair to relatives, if there are any. The matter of relatives is being investigated. There may be a chance to invoke the law of Mendel. This Oregon case may go down in history, like "the famous 'Jukes' family of rural New York. Or the Nam family in New York and Minnesota, or the 'Tribe of Ishael' of central Indiana, or the Edwards family, with its two branches; one producing thousands of incompetents and derelicts, the other producing some of the greatest men and women in the history of the United States.

Students of civic sociology will be given all the facts that can be gathered about the Oregon case of a family of 17 all born into a state of incompetency. Every state in the Union, and every civilized country, is looking to Oregon in respect to her experiments in stamping out the breed (Continued on page 3.)

DICK WICK HALL IS DEAD

WELL KNOWN HUMORIST WAS AUTHOR OF "SALOME SUN"

LOS ANGELES, April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Dick Wick Hall of Salome, Ariz., well known humorist, died in a hospital here today after an illness of two weeks. He had been newspaperman, mining man and real estate dealer in Arizona for 26 years. He became known nationally about three years ago with the publication of his humorous column, the "Salome Sun," which had been started by him two years previously as a small mimeograph sheet to advertise a new Arizona highway.

His first Arizona venture was the publication of the "Arizona Graphic" at Phoenix and later he went to Wickenburg, Ariz., where he published a newspaper and first obtained the name "Dick Wick," his given name originally being Deforest. Later he made Dick Wick Hall his legal name.

QUADRUPLETS ARRIVE

NELLIE, POLICE CAT, BACK ON SERGEANT'S DESK

Police officers at the local station are rejoicing over the arrival of quadruplets to Nellie, the cat who meowed her way into the station about a month ago, and has made her home there ever since.

TWENTY DIE IN MONTH

FATALITIES SET RECORD EXCEPT FOR JUNE, 1925

Twenty persons subject to protection under the workmen's compensation act were killed during the present month, according to reports received at the office of the state industrial accident commission. This is the largest number of fatalities reported to the commission in any single month since June, 1925.

APRIL RECORD SET FOR HEAT

Official Temperature in Salem Bureau Is Placed at 93 Degrees

ALL MARKS SHATTERED

Protracted Continuation of Abnormal Heat Would Work Hardship on Farmers, Is Belief

All existing heat records for April, in the history of the Salem weather bureau, were broken here Wednesday when the mercury on the official station thermometer reached 93 degrees, two points higher than was registered Tuesday. Downtown thermometers registered higher temperatures than the official reading, some of them reaching 96 degrees. The standard readings taken by the weather bureau in Salem are measured on a thermometer located on the banks of the Willamette, with the result that higher readings are taken in the downtown section. The minimum temperature for Wednesday was 61 degrees.

Little prospect of relief in the immediate future is seen. All points in Oregon are reporting record-breaking temperatures. Grants Pass reported the highest reading of the state, with a temperature of 98 degrees. Corvallis experienced a heat of 91 degrees. That a protracted continuation of the abnormally severe temperatures will work a great hardship on farmers was pointed out yesterday by agriculturists. Considerable anxiety is felt for the crops if rain does not fall within the week. The quality of small fruit will be greatly impaired, farmers declare, if the hot weather continues.

PORTLAND, April 28.—With an official maximum temperature of 91 degrees at 5 o'clock this afternoon, Portland sweated through the second hottest April day in weather bureau records. The record of 93 was registered yesterday. The hottest point in the state today was Grants Pass where a reading of 98 was reported.

No immediate prospect of relief (Continued on page 5.)

MITCHELL VISITS OREGON

GRANTS PASS CAVEMEN TO FETE FORMER AIR CHIEF

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Col. William A. Mitchell, formerly of the American air service, will be feted at a luncheon in this city Saturday noon. The invitation was extended by the Cavemen, a local booster organization, and the American Legion.

The Mitchell party will be taken from a train at Hornbrook, Oaj., and brought over the Sixkilys to this city, where an initiation ceremonial will be staged by the Cavemen, making the former army officer an honorary member of the Cavemen. The Mitchell party will be put back on the train at Roseburg. This will be Mitchell's only stop between San Francisco and Portland.

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For days and weeks Nellie made the police desk her personal rest room. Then she disappeared.

Tuesday night a proud meow informed officers that a new joy had entered her life. Officers tracked up some old cats in a closet adjoining the room next to the city recorder's office. Nellie proceeded below, and appeared soon with a kitten in her mouth. She repeated the proceedings until her entire family was cuddling together.

Nellie had only time to offer when the officers made their review of the youngsters. Nellie, by the way, lives busily on portions of sandwiches, cookies and puddings allotted her from the officers' lunches.