

COMMISSION IN FAVOR OF LEVY UPON INCOMES

Official Action is Taken Saturday by Special Legislative Group

Tax Relief Body Will Recommend Enactment of Statute, It States

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—The property tax relief commission, authorized by the legislature to investigate the tax situation in Oregon and to make recommendations to the legislature, decided today that an income tax is the solution to the state tax puzzle.

By a majority of five votes, the commission today adopted a resolution recommending "enactment by the legislature of an income tax on individual incomes at rates and property tax offsets which will produce approximately \$1,000,000 in net revenue, to the end that taxation on tangible property may be reduced."

The recommendation was adopted over strenuous opposition by representatives of the state grange and the greater Oregon association.

Chairman Carlin Does Not Cast Vote

Those voting to have the legislature enact an income tax with offset were Lawrence H. T. Harris, H. D. Norton, C. E. Ingalls, E. E. Brodie, Sam Thompson, A. C. Spencer, J. B. Coleman and J. H. Booth.

Voting against the resolution were A. R. Shumway, L. E. Smith and C. C. Chapman. John H. Carlin did not vote.

In the role of conciliator, Carlin, chairman of the commission, sought to bring about harmony and a unity of opinion in the way of a compromise. He pointed out the danger of going to the legislature with the commission divided into sentiment, an attitude which might wreck all of the taxation program which the committee has been laboring on for two years.

STATE'S TAX LEVY TOTAL INCREASED

The tax levy for the year 1929, including the elementary school tax of \$2,444,644.36 is \$7,893,247, as against \$7,710,104.30 for the year 1928, according to an announcement made by the state tax commission here Saturday.

The increase of the tax levy for the year 1929, as compared with that for the year 1928, is \$183,142.86.

The total amount of revenue to be raised for state purposes for the year 1929 within the six per cent limitation amendment is \$2,427,844.77. The amount to be raised for state purposes by millage taxes outside of the six per cent limitation amendment is \$3,220,777.87. Virtually all of the money raised outside of the six per cent limitation is required for the operation of the institutions of higher learning. The elementary public school tax of two mills, which is fixed by law and is outside of the six per cent limitation amendment, will raise \$2,244,644.36.

Total requirements for the year 1929, within the six per cent limitation amendment, are \$4,836,712.92, while the requirements outside of the six per cent limitation amendment are \$3,220,777.87. The deficit at the end of the year 1928 was estimated at \$2,536,277.78. Available revenue from all sources for 1929, within the six per cent limitation, was estimated at \$4,595,532.73, with a deficit at the end of the year 1929 estimated at \$2,438,966.92.

Cattle Rustlers Equipped With Trucks and Derricks Show Improved Technique

BEND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Operating with trucks equipped with miniature derricks, cattle rustlers are inflicting heavy losses on central Oregon stockmen. Information obtained here from widely scattered districts of the mid-state group of counties, indicate the thieves are particularly active this winter.

The rustlers, using modern methods of transportation in penetrating to the center of cattle range lands, are said to be especially active in Lake county.

On the Chewaucan range, one of the large cattle raising communities of the northwest, stockmen have been forced to put on extra riders to guard against the rustlers. These guards are using horses and automobiles in protecting the big herds.

Marry? No!



Gilda Gray, Polish immigrant girl, who rose to Broadway heights as "Queen of Shimmy," vigorously denies she is to wed her manager, C. D. Krepps, Gilda is suing her husband, Gil Bong, for divorce, and he, in turn, has named Krepps in his reply. The dancer declares she will not marry soon because she is "devoted to her art."

PROSECUTORS SEEK CHANGE IN STATUTE

Request Less Stringent Rules Against Subjects Discussed at Trial

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—District attorneys of Oregon, in annual meeting here today adopted a resolution to the effect that, when the defendant in a criminal action refuses to testify in trial of the case in court, the district attorney should be permitted to comment upon that action.

In resolutions the prosecutors also adopted the plan of the Oregon Bar association, asking the governor to act upon suggestions from the bar association when it is necessary to make appointments to fill vacancies in the supreme or circuit courts.

The prosecutors also favored the establishment of an intermediate penal institution, and favored more stringent laws in prosecuting "bad check" cases, asking that justices of the peace be given jurisdiction in such cases.

Another resolution asked that the federal prohibition commissioner discontinue the practice of issuing permits for the sale of "wine tonics."

The sheriffs of Oregon concluded their annual session today, endorsing the resolutions of the district attorneys, and assuring the county prosecutors of cooperation in law enforcement.

Proprietor Shot By Official Who Seeks Convicts

WIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—(AP)—George Helmer, rooming house proprietor here, was shot to death tonight by John Northcutt, a special Texas ranger, when Northcutt started to search Helmer's place for four men who had escaped the city jail.

Officer T. O. Henderson said Northcutt shot Helmer when Helmer resisted the special ranger's attempt to search the house. The men fled the jail after having cut a hole in its roof.

HOOVER FETTERED ELABORATELY BY BRAZILIANS

President of Nation Suggests "Friend of Humanity" as His Title

U. S. Good Will Delegate Asks to Dispense With Police Protection

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Showered with additional manifestations of friendship by Brazilians for the United States, Herbert Hoover today had the most strenuous morning, afternoon and evening of his whole South American tour. He seemed to enjoy every minute of the round of official and unofficial receptions and greetings.

The most impressive scenes of the day were furnished when he appeared at a special joint session of congress and at an allied meeting of the supreme court in mid-afternoon. To these events an elaborate state dinner in the banquet room of the presidential palace tonight furnished a climax with another scene of splendor.

Between times Mr. Hoover took a ride of sixty miles in an automobile along the seashore and through mountains and valleys. He also attended a luncheon at his temporary home in Guanabara palace and held a reception for the American colony at the American embassy.

At the start of the automobile ride, the president-elect made a magnificent gesture by dismissing the secret service guard with a declaration that he needed no protection from Brazilians. Everywhere that he was scheduled to appear, huge crowds waited patiently to see and cheer him and he answered every salutation with warm bows and smiles.

The Hoovers late in the evening went to the presidential palace (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

STEVENS' CAREER TOLD BY OFFICER

PARIS, Ill., Dec. 22.—(AP)—A negro who officers said gave the same name and answered the description of the man sought in Carmi, Ill., in connection with the slaying of Miss Anna Preher, 47, a school teacher of Carmi, was arrested here late today.

The negro, who gave his name as William Hoyt McMurray, was arrested as he stepped from a neighborhood train here. Conductor J. E. Sanderson had notified police that the man had boarded the train at a station near Carmi.

Officers were on their way here tonight from Carmi to identify the prisoner.

The negro said he was from Terre Haute, Ind., and that he had \$37 and a pint of alcohol in his possession when arrested.

Father Arrested For Chastising Child Too Much

BOISE, Ida., Dec. 22.—(AP)—A neighborhood row, apparently precipitated by a series of whippings received by two year old Dorothy Clawson, today resulted in George E. Clawson, father of the child, being arrested, and the child being held in the children's home.

When arrested on a warrant charging him with beating and burning the child, Clawson admitted he had whipped Dorothy as a corrective measure but denied he had burned her. The burns on her face were received when she fell against a stove, he declared.

3 Bandits Meet Death Trying to Rob Poker Game

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Sunday (AP)—Three of five men who attempted to hold up a card game in a private home near Prospect Park, Brooklyn, were shot to death today by one of the players. Another of the players was killed when he jumped from a second story window.

The fourth man was wounded in the arm and captured; the fifth man escaped.

New Wave Of Flu With More Deadly Effect Is Feared

Possibility of Second Epidemic Foreseen on Basis of Past Figures

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The possibility of a second and more severe wave of influenza following the present outbreak, was discussed today by public health officials who began considering plans for studying the situation at first hand with a view of preventing such an occurrence.

While their program for this was not completed, federal authorities indicated they would seek to add to their knowledge of the disease through both laboratory and field studies. These studies would be carried on by public health officers in several representative areas in various parts of the country.

"The percentage of cases in the United States for the week ending December 15," it was said, "was as great as it was at the peak of the epidemic of 1926."

At the same time they noted that the most severe epidemic of recent years, that of 1918, came in two waves, the first mild and the second one of severe cases. While they saw no reason for public alarm they said the second wave was "always to be considered."

MURDER SUSPECT IS TAKEN BY OFFICERS

William Hoyt McMurray Arrested Attempting to Flee Scene of Crime

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TWO KIDNAPERS ARE CONVICTED BY JURY

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Angelo Pettiti and Andrew Cappellano were convicted by a jury early this morning of kidnaping Billy Ranieri several weeks ago for ransom. Tony Cappellano, Andrew's son, was acquitted. The jury fixed the punishment of Pettiti and Cappellano at 25 years each in the state penitentiary.

The jury returned its verdict at 2:28 a. m., after deliberating since 10 p. m. It decided soon after it was locked up to acquit the younger Cappellano, but the others were convicted without much balloting, reports being that Cappellano was found guilty on the first ballot.

Thief of Lights Ruins Display at Pen Head's Home

Thieves sometime Saturday took a double dose when they cut out two strings of colored electric lights on the beautifully illuminated holiday tree in the dooryard of the home of Henry W. Meyers, state prison superintendent, at 249 N. Summer street. The theft ruined the display, which was inspired by the Salem Ad club's Christmas outdoor illumination project.

Mr. Meyers has offered a reward of \$50 for information leading to the arrest of the thieves.

CAMERA TAKES TINY PICTURES IN MAN'S BODY

Latest Marvel of Science Floods Stomach With Brilliant Light

Eight Photographs Combined Equal Size of Ordinary Postage Stamp

OSSENING, N. Y., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Demonstration of a "gastro-camera" which takes pictures of the stomach from the inside was made before 100 physicians and surgeons at Sing Sing prison tonight with a convict at the laboratory.

One of the doctors who arranged the demonstration said that the invention was expected to be of great aid in the study and treatment of cancer and stomach disorders.

The camera is the invention of Franz Gerard of Vienna, Austria. Dr. Lawrence Cremin, a specialist of Ossening, was in charge of the demonstration. Alexander Volter, a 40-year-old prisoner from Brooklyn serving a sentence of 20 years to life swallowed the camera. He was selected because he recently had been operated on for a gastric ulcer and the doctors wished to see how the wounds had healed.

Tiny Camera Is Flashed Within Tube

The apparatus used consists of a rubber tube about 25 inches long and about five-eighths of an inch in diameter. About two inches from the end of the hollow tube, which is shoved down the throat, is a small cylinder-shaped camera, two inches long and about half an inch in diameter, equipped with tiny lens and tiny films. Just above the camera a short section of the tube is perforated and through it at this point inclosed in quartz glass, runs a fine wire.

This wire, when the camera is operated, lights up like the wire in an ordinary electric lamp but more brilliantly.

Just above the perforated part of the rubber tube, is another camera of the same type and size as the bottom one. When the plunger is pressed the wire flares, a flood light illuminates the stomach and the pictures are snapped. The tube is then withdrawn through the throat.

There are eight films in each camera which, combined, would not be larger than a postage stamp. With the one "shot" 16 different sections of the stomach are photographed on the sectional films. The films are enlarged many fold for inspection.

The cameras are so constructed, it was said, that if they ever got loose, which was considered unlikely, they would pass through the body without difficulty.

On the occasion the doctor said, is only a little more difficult than swallowing a stomach pump; and it was believed would have no ill effect on the patient.

Captain Williams and his workers are overjoyed at the splendid response Salem has made to the Salvation Army's appeal through the Statesman. With the complete success of the Christmas fund assured these good folk are setting about final preparations for a great Christmas in the home where Christmas will be most needed.

"We hope to get started sending out the boxes by 10 o'clock Monday," the captain said, "as several of them go far into the country."

Each box will contain potatoes, apples, meat, canned milk, sugar, fruit, canned tomatoes, corn, macaroni, butter or a substitute, corn flakes, oatmeal, flour, coffee, peas, onions, candy, bread, fruit cake, celery and similar items.

"The supplies will not only be sufficient for a Christmas dinner but will last for several days after."

Captain Williams states that his corps of helpers has been giving itself unreservedly to this extra load of work for the last three weeks and feels that all are tired and should be permitted to enjoy Christmas in his or her own home. So there will be no meetings and no work of any kind for members of the corps on Christmas day.

Al and Successor Confer



Governor-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, left, and Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, conferring over the details of the executive budget and other administrative duties at the Roosevelt home in New York City.

Do Your Bit Monday And Salvation Army Will Top Fund Quota

Good Will Fund Assured of Success; Workers Ready for Christmas

UST one more day for giving! And such a little way to go to complete the Salvation Army's good will Christmas fund that the complete success of the drive is virtually assured by Monday night.

Captain Earl M. Williams, corps commander of the Army in Salem, reported Saturday night a total collected to date of \$1432.02. The goal is \$1500.

There's going to be so much good, honest, whole-souled giving in Salem on Monday that the drive will go "over the top" with a bang. But there will be no casualties because the goal is exceeded. Every day new demands are appearing; new cases of want and privation are discovered. There will be vital need for every penny of the \$1500 and for as much more as may be available.

All previous dispatches had represented the staff of the British legation as safe and not especially anxious, which seemed to agree with the evacuation of British and Indian women by air from Kabul revived disquietude concerning the actual situation in the capital of Afghanistan.

While a dispatch from Peshawar today said that renewed fighting had occurred at Kabul again, it was said that the rebels had been repelled. The Delhi dispatch did not say that women and children actually were to leave the city tomorrow, but the inference is that they will do so because, although King Amanullah was said to have been victorious in the first encounters, it is known that the region between Dacca and Jalalabad is dominated by the rebels.

On Thursday evening the corps Christmas program will be held in the hall of E. Cooke Patton will entertain the children with his magic and sleight-of-hand as in previous years. A girl's chorus of 25 or 30 voices from the Girl Reserves will furnish several vocal numbers. Dr. B. F. Pound, chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board, will be chairman of the program. This affair is primarily for members of the corps and their families.

Engagement Ring May Be Retained

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Even though a marriage has been annulled, the engagement ring belongs to the bride, the Oakland police ruled today in ordering John Sherbourne, 19, to return a ring which he took from the erstwhile bride, Helen Sherbourne. The youth demanded the ring after the annulment. The girl told the police. Unless he produces the ring, valued at \$150, in three days, Sherbourne will face a charge of petty theft, police said.

Holiday Leniency Taboo at Prison

No Christmas pardons or paroles will be granted to convicts in the Oregon state penitentiary, it was indicated Saturday. Governor Patterson stated that he did not intend to follow out the custom which is prevalent in some states of granting wholesale leniency at Christmas time.

THIS STATE IS DRIEST OF ALL SAYS OFFICIAL

Oregon Prohibition Laws Praised by F. A. Hazeltine, Special Agent

Enforcement on Par With That Against Other Crimes, He Asserts

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—F. A. Hazeltine, special government operative in the prohibition department, is authority for the statement that the prohibition law is enforced in Oregon as well as the laws against gambling and other crimes.

This was his conclusion, expressed here today, after a tour of western and central Oregon counties. Hazeltine said Oregon has the best set of prohibition laws of any state in the union; that it ranks with Idaho and Kansas for the strength of the popular support given the law, and that enforcement here is "outstandingly effective."

Do Your Bit Monday

Hazeltine made the trip in connection with his special work of looking up convicted violators of the state prohibition law with a view to assessing against them severe penalties under old revenue statutes. In some cases, he said, fines as high as \$2,000 are being assessed for failure to pay dealer's taxes.

The character of local enforcement officials in the state is good, Hazeltine said. Only in three instances could sheriffs be suspected of neglect or lack of interest in the prohibition law.

"If bootleggers in Oregon are making any money," Hazeltine said, "the investigation of their financial standing with a view to collecting these revenue penalties does not show it."

Idaho, Kansas Only Possible Exceptions

"The people of this state," he continued, "are for prohibition enforcement to a greater degree than any state I have visited unless it be Idaho and Kansas. Oregon has the best set of prohibition laws of any state in the union."

"Especially effective in the law providing for state prohibition agents designed to do undercover work are local officers are too well known to get evidence. I trust that the coming legislature will increase the appropriation (\$20,000) to \$75,000 so as to permit of a greater number of agents, who in turn will produce more revenue for enforcement and at the same time relieve the handful of federal prohibition agents of the necessity of giving any aid to local officers in ordinary bootlegging cases, and leave them free to do the work for which they are intended. This work is to handle the larger cases of conspiracy, abettors, diversion of industrial alcohol, smuggling and manufacture."

Yankee Custom Of Community Tree Imitated

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Christmas are will find the American custom of setting up a community tree adopted in many German cities and towns for the first time.

This is especially true of Bavaria. The city of Munich will put up a decorated community tree on Lenbach place in the heart of the artists' colony. Other Bavarian localities embarking on the experiment of a community tree include Mittenwald, center of the German violin industry; Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Berchtesgaden, which attract the winter sports and Salsbach.

In many towns illuminated trees will be placed at railroad stations to cheer passengers compelled by duty to travel on a night regarded in Germany as the most sacred.

Christmas Observance in Salem Churches Provides Many Elaborate Programs

The Yuletide and the true Christmas spirit will be fittingly observed in Salem churches in a series of programs, plays and concerts, most of which will be given today, but several of which will be given Christmas eve, the Natal day itself, or even later in the week.

Among the churches which have planned more elaborate programs for the happiness of members and "friends"—and at the holiday time "friends" includes the whole world—are the First Presbyterian church with its concert; the Knight Memorial congregational, where a Christmas play will be given in the evening and a Christmas cantata presented in the morning; the First Methodist Episcopal, which has planned a Christmas pageant; the First Evangelical with a cantata; St. Joseph's Catholic with several programs of song; St. Vincent de Paul with hourly mass climaxed, in the midnight mass; the First Baptist church with special music and sermon.