

ADD NO TAXES, CUT DOWN OLD ONES, ADVISED

Reduction League Opposed
To Sales Levy; Lists
Recommendations

Cut all State Salaries to
\$5000 or Less, Build
No new Highways

SALIENT LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MARION COUNTY TAX LEAGUE

- No property tax; no sales tax.
- Low flat auto license fee; no more gas tax.
- No more state highway construction.
- No state salaries above \$5000.
- Only one tax commissioner at \$3600 year.
- Cut higher education, state institutions 25 per cent.
- Make 4 cents maximum mileage allowance private cars in state service.
- Reduce state police force.
- Repeat high school bus law; put \$80 maximum on tuition; oppose county unit plan.
- Let committee on committees organize legislature.
- Make state tax payment in ratio of county payment.

Twenty-one resolutions having to do with state government and centering on the matter of economy were adopted here Wednesday by the Marion County Tax Reduction and Equalization League, Henry Zorn, president, presiding.

The league's determinations ranged from a protest against any additional taxes, including a sales tax, to a demand for economy in the organization of the legislature.

Senator Brown is consulted, report. Members of the committee which drew up the league's resolutions included E. G. Wiesner, chairman, Frank Saffold, G. W. Potts, Ronald Jones, C. A. Ratcliff. The committee reported that it had two private sessions, at one of which Senator Sam Brown of this county and Senator W. E. Burke of Yamhill county were present as well as A. A. Geer of Macleay.

The league meeting, attended by 100 taxpayers, extended from mid-morning until late afternoon. Discussion throughout the meeting centered on the idea that "the way to cut taxes is to cut expenses."

Frequent criticisms were made of high-salaried state officials including Henry Hansen, state budget director, and William Elzins, state purchasing agent.

League members were urged not to consider the resolutions as final actions and were ordered to stand ready to appear at the legislature to see that the requested reductions were effected.

Oppose Continuing Fund for Education

The league's recommendations for economy included abolishing of the continuing appropriations for higher education and a reduction by the legislature of 25% per cent of the mileage allowances for higher education.

The resolutions, in full, follow: "Positive opposition be taken to any kind of additional tax, that what the taxpayer needs is not some new form of tax but a reduction in governmental expenses in order that present taxes may be reduced."

"That we are opposed to the sales tax."

"We are opposed to the reinstatement of penalties or increased interest on delinquent taxes."

"We favor the flat fee system for auto licenses to be made as low as possible, and in case of absolute necessity a value tax to be levied as per value of cars as shown in the official automobile blue book, said value tax to be collected by the secretary of state at the time of issuing licenses."

"We oppose any further addition to the present gas tax."

No New Highway

Work at This Time

"That the state highway department undertake no new construction during the present depression, and that the work of the department be limited to maintenance of the present highways and that the office forces and general overhead be scaled down accordingly—county roads to be provided for from licenses and gas tax."

"That the state salary list be scaled down to the extent that no one shall receive a salary in excess of \$5,000 per year."

"That the state tax commission be reduced from three members at \$4,800 per year to one commissioner at not more than \$3,600."

"That the institutions of higher education receive no appropriations from the legislature and that the so called continuing appropriations be discontinued. That the present mileage tax be reduced by 25 per cent."

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Looks Through Porthole Again To Prove He's Not Man Wanted



Here is William J. "Curly" Guy, formally charged with the murder of Walter Wandervell December 5, cheerfully looking through the porthole on the yacht Carma through which members of the crew claim they saw him on the night of the crime. The crime was committed off Long Beach. Several members of the crew claim they identify Guy, seaman formerly in Wandervell's employ and who admits he had a quarrel with the globe-trotter, as the man who inquired for Wandervell just before the shooting.

W. C. T. U. DEPLORES ROOSEVELT SPEECH

Local Group Adds Protest
On Suggestion Girls
Learn to Drink

The Salem Women's Christian Temperance union through its officers, yesterday added its protest to those expressed Tuesday by a group of Topeka, Kans., women to the reputed assertion of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt that "the average girl of today faces the problem of learning very young how much she can drink of such things as whiskey and gin and being steeled to the proper quantity."

Incented at the attitude reported to have been taken by the next "first lady" of the nation toward youth and liquor, the local women addressed a letter to Mrs. Roosevelt declaring that "we do not feel that this astonishing (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

PRUNE MEETING IS SLATED FOR TODAY

Further discussion toward working out a state-wide organization to place Oregon prunes on a firmer basis, will be carried on at a meeting called for 10 o'clock this forenoon at the chamber of commerce here.

George Neuner of Portland, United States attorney, is chairman, and Charles Cole of the state department of agriculture, secretary.

Frank White, one of the North Pacific Prune association, and Fred Goof, chairman of the state grape agriculture committee, are expected to be in attendance, as well as all members of the state-wide committee appointed following a series of prune meetings here last summer and early fall.

This is the second meeting of the state committee to work out plans for an organization to stabilize the prune industry.

The governor's cup was given for the best five birds, one in each class, shown by one exhibitor. Final figures showed 873 entries in the live and dressed divisions of the show, which closed tonight.

MARKET VICTIMIZED PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—

(AP)—Two men held up the Virginia market here, tonight, held ten persons at bay, scooped \$50 from the cash register and escaped in a light coupe parked near the scene of the holdup.

David Sordman, manager of the market, said one of the gunmen was the same man who held up the market October 31.

ACT FOLLOWS CRASH

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Milton J. Clark, 35, of Oakridge was found dead Tuesday with a bullet hole through his head. Police said he shot himself with his rifle.

Clark was in an automobile accident only ten minutes before he shot himself, police said. A truck he was driving hit a telephone pole after falling to make a sharp turn on the highway. Ansel Lee of Oakridge, riding with him, received only minor scratches, and it was thought that Clark was not seriously hurt.

REPORT 1800 SAVED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Federal game protectors had succeeded today in saving about 1800 ducks and geese from the ice of Upper Klamath lake, and the work of mercy among birds was carried into the Tule lake country.

Hundreds of wounded geese were nearly dead there from the bitter cold. Federal Game Protector Hugh Worcester said.

When the rescued birds have sufficiently recovered in the government pens they will be banded and released.

TURKEYS ALL SHIPPED

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Turkeys of this territory for the Christmas holiday market were practically cleaned up Tuesday night when 1100 of the birds were shipped from Albany to California markets.

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'I AM FUGITIVE' AUTHOR MAY GO BACK TO CHAINS

Robert E. Burns is Caught
At Newark; his Career
Has ups and Downs

Sent Back First Time When
His Wife is Angered
By Divorce Plans

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Robert E. Burns, author of "I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang," was arrested tonight on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.

The arrest was made at the request of authorities of La Grange, Troup county, Ga., where he twice escaped. He was fingerprinted and questioned.

Burns had been living in East Orange. He will be arraigned on the fugitive charge tomorrow.

A native of Brooklyn, Burns was a world war veteran and saw service in France. He wandered about aimlessly when he was discharged and in Atlanta, Ga., in 1921 took part in a holdup of a grocery with two other men. The three were captured and Burns was sentenced to from six to ten years.

He escaped in 1922 and went first to Chicago where he became a successful magazine publisher.

A woman found a letter mentioning his chain gang days. She threatened to tell police unless he married her. They were married.

The same woman, however, brought about his return to Georgia when he asked for a separation to marry another. Burns was arrested in 1929 and after a legal battle was taken back to the southern state. Many influential people had taken an interest in his case and his brother, Rev. Vincent Burns, of Pittsfield, Mass., and their mother, sought to obtain a pardon.

There was a hearing in July, 1929, before the Georgia prison commission, but no word came from that body until the news that Burns had again escaped.

Story Best Seller, Success in Movies

He made his way north and since then has had a series of jobs in New Jersey. He was reporter on a Newark newspaper for a short time but the newspaper "halted" publication. Then he became a dynamiter in a copper refinery in Chome, N. J. Finally he decided to write his experiences and sold the result, which became a best seller.

The book also was made into a motion picture.

The film version of Burns' story was shown at the Elsinore theatre here recently.

CONVICTS ESCAPE IN WARDEN'S CAR

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Disregarding the fact one of them had barely two months to serve and the other perhaps little more, two trusted prisoners escaped from the Idaho penitentiary here tonight and drove away in the warden's automobile.

They were Lonney Walling, 23, of Jerome, serving a one-year term for burglary, and R. E. Mounce, 26, of Gooding, serving a one to 14 year term for forgery.

Both were trustees, working and sleeping outside the prison walls, one having had access to the automobile for several months as chauffeur.

They escaped about 6:30 p. m., and their absence was discovered less than an hour later by Warden R. E. Thomas who noticed his automobile was not in front of prison office when he returned there from his residence, a short distance away. Guards said the men filled the large cans with gasoline during the day and these were gone.

Light-Fingered Person Chilly; Overcoat Taken

A police angle to the cold weather developed yesterday when two motorists reported that a robe and overcoat had been stolen from the radiators of their automobiles, parked near the postoffice. Chilly, light-fingered persons last week appropriated similar articles but no reports were made to the police.

G. C. McKay, 1079 North 15th street, told police someone took a heavy army coat from his car and C. W. Brasher, 1908 North Summer street, said he found a wool blanket missing when he returned to his machine.

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Mexico Plans To Withdraw From League

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Mexico intends to withdraw from the League of Nations, it was learned tonight from a semi-official source.

The reason for the decision, it was explained, is the necessity for economy. An official declaration is expected from the foreign office tomorrow.

The cost of membership, ranging from \$50,000 to \$80,000 a year, is considered too heavy to be borne by Mexico which is now struggling to balance its budget, the unofficial source said.

Mexico entered the league a little more than a year ago. Recently the Mexican office in Geneva was closed for reasons of economy.

STEINER SUGGESTS JACKSON'S METHOD

Doesn't Urge Going to war
To Collect Debt but
Asks Firm Stand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The course followed by Andrew Jackson in collecting a debt from France was cited today by Senator Steiner, Oregon republican, as "the United States' light obligations."

Senator Steiner emphasized that he was not proposing the United States should go to war to collect the debt, as threatened by Jackson, but said he felt the dignity of the United States as a nation at that time was commendable.

"The attitude which our government then took was wholly in keeping with the sanctity of an international obligation," he said.

European powers now are treating "light obligations" as a national debt which at one time in history were treated as most binding.

Refreshing his memory with the aid of history books, the western senator vividly told the story of Jackson's successful battle to collect a debt from France.

Embassy attaches payment of indemnities for losses by American vessels during the Napoleonic wars.

"The French owed us money and wouldn't pay," he said. Jackson negotiated a treaty in which they agreed to pay \$5,000,000 in six annual installments. We agreed in exchange to reduce the duties on French wines.

"We reduced the duties, but the French did not pay much attention to the treaty," he said. "Livingstone, then secretary of state, was sent to the French court to collect the debt. The feeling between this country and France became serious and the people began to talk about war."

"Jackson said he was ready for the hazard of war. He said the honor of the nation was at stake. It went so far that Jackson prepared a declaration of war. That, however, was never employed."

"He insisted they keep their contract and stood his ground until they paid."

Steiner read from Jackson's messages to congress in connection with the dispute, in which "Old Hickory" used strong language to describe the French attitude. He said their position was "utterly untenable" and said they were refusing to keep obligations "held sacred" by the whole civilized world."

Mining Congress Will Meet Here In Mid-January

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Legislation looking toward establishment of a state school of mines, a state bureau of mines, federal road appropriations and reconstruction finance corporation loans for the construction of power mills, will be discussed at a meeting of the western Oregon mining congress to be held in Salem January 15. It was announced here today by George Jennings, president of the congress.

The meeting will be held at the Salem chamber of commerce in the afternoon and evening. The matter of a federal bonus for gold and the stabilization of silver will be discussed.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Abe Kaplan 214, Portland, defeated Charles Salton 111, Kirkville, Mo., two falls out of three in the main event of tonight's wrestling matches here.

Kaplan took the first fall in 15 minutes with a flying winglock. Salton evaded the count 14 minutes later, winning a fall with a spike. The deciding tumble went to Kaplan in five minutes with another winglock.

Casey Kazanjian, 205, San Francisco, and Oki Shikina, 210, Japan, wrestled five rounds to a draw.

Spike Ashley 144, Flint, Mich., took a fall from Tuffy Davis, 148, Portland, to win the opener.

POLAND LATEST TO DEFAULT ON DEBTS TO U. S.

"Unthinkable" to Refuse is
British Statement but
New Parley Sought

France Without Cabinet as
Herriot Informs U. S.
He's Disqualified

(By the Associated Press)

England, America's largest debtor, has decided to pay in gold the debt installment due today. Italy already has paid, France and Belgium decided not to pay and Poland has indicated she will default.

In London the chancellor of the exchequer told parliament default on this payment was unthinkable, that arrangements have been made with the federal reserve bank to meet it, but that this device was not to be interpreted as meaning a return to the debt system in operation before the Hoover moratorium.

France was without a cabinet, Premier Herriot having been overthrown by the chamber of deputies. He sent word to Washington that he can carry out only current affairs now and that it will be up to the next government to continue the debt negotiations.

Italy Has Paid Up

Is Announcement

A Rome official announced she had paid the \$1,245,437 interest installment she owed.

In Brussels a new government was in the process of formation by Count de Broqueville, who resigned as premier after the cabinet had decided unanimously to refuse payment of the \$2,125,000 installment.

The Polish embassy at Washington indicated Poland would default in a statement expressing regret that no solution of the question satisfactory to Poland and the United States had been reached.

Embassy attaches note that "unquestionably Poland cannot pay."

Meantime Germany is merely an onlooker. A government spokesman said that since it is impossible to return to the Young plan anyway, it matters little to Germany what happens as a consequence of the French refusal to pay.

There was no comment from the state department at Washington on the French refusal to pay, but members of congress expressed indignation.

SHERIFFS SUGGEST AUTO TAX SYSTEM

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—The Oregon State Sheriffs' association, opening their annual meeting here today, endorsed E. T. Mass of Oregon City, sheriff of Clackamas county, as a candidate for appointment as United States marshal. Harry L. Bowne of Eugene, sheriff of Lane county, was endorsed for deputy United States marshal.

The delegates adopted a resolution requesting that if the state legislature changes the automobile license fee to \$3 or \$5 and places automobiles on the personal tax roll, that provision be made for collecting the tax at the time the license is issued.

Martin T. Pratt, Multnomah county sheriff and president of the association, is presiding at the sessions. John Aschm, former sheriff of Tillamook county, is secretary and Oscar D. Bower of Salem, sheriff of Marion county, is vice-president.

MAY FREE ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The senate voted today to free the Philippines in eight years, but then became so involved in a parliamentary tangle that further action was postponed until tomorrow.

The slain man was unmarried.

Police Probe Lively Affair But Charges Largely Indefinite

Hunting License
Suggestion for
Christmas Gift

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Just another suggestion about what to buy "him" for Christmas:

A brand new hunting and fishing license.

Because several women throughout Oregon have asked the state game warden if they could buy 1933 licenses in time to present them to their husbands when the Christmas tree bears its merry fruit, the game commission ordered licenses for next year printed and made available immediately.

COLD NIGHTS HERE FOR WHILE LONGER

Yesterday Warmest in Week But Mercury Declines Rapidly at Night

Cold nights are here to stay for at least a few days more, according to the weather bureau forecast which is "fair weather, subnormal temperature."

Although reaching 39 degrees yesterday afternoon, the high point of a week past, the temperature showed a lower tendency toward night. The maximum, registered at 2 p. m., was quickly erased as the mercury dropped by sharp jumps to 20 degrees at 7 p. m. and 15 at 11 p. m. At midnight it jogged upward a notch, then back to 15 at 1 o'clock this morning.

The frost was driven deeper into the ground yesterday by an 11-degree minimum temperature, coming at 7 a. m., which was six degrees below Tuesday's minimum.

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Hartwell Handicapped When He's Limited To Bare Facts

Didn't see Gambling;
Says he has Been
Persecuted

Verbal clashes, embarrassing and unanswered questions provided entertainment for a gallery of citizens which at one time numbered 68 persons last night as the special city council committee conducted its investigation of the police department which resulted in James D. Hartwell, "star witness," being forced to back up on some of his charges and abandon others because City Attorney William H. Trindle ruled them out as "hearsay" and "gossip."

Hartwell, however, supplied the committee with names of business men and other citizens who will be requested to testify at further committee sessions in regard to Hartwell's charges of gambling receiving police protection, officers failing to redeem allegedly worthless checks, police shutting their eyes to bona fide parties and Police Chief Minto's asserted appropriating for himself county money paid for transportation of prisoners.

May Make Further Investigation in Case

The committee will study the transcript of the testimony taken, then investigate the charges further if they are deemed to merit it. Alderman O. A. Olson, chairman, announced after the hearing.

"What we want to know is what you know about the law being violated in the city and where it's being violated," Trindle explained after Hartwell was sworn in.

"It's gossip on the streets," said Hartwell.

"What I want is then," retorted Trindle.

Hartwell proceeded to assert that he had investigated one particular cigar store "gambling" place, which he named and said had a secret gambling chamber. But later he was forced to admit he had never seen gambling going on there or anywhere else and that he based his charges on having been invited to play poker at that place by a local man, whom he named. He received this invitation "the year before last," he testified.

The audience derived continued merriment from Alderman Watson Townsend's cross-questioning and continual interrupting Hartwell, especially when he repeatedly asked Hartwell, "Does every place the chief of police walk in front of the Royal court residence that it has police protection, yes or no?"

Finally Admits He Saw No Gambling

Hartwell kept evading the direct answer until Alderman David O'Hara, of the committee, asked point blank, "You never saw a game in operation there?"

Hartwell answered, "No."

Halted in saying he had heard that the chief of police had gambled with a young state employe, Hartwell switched his complaint to alleged persecution he had suffered at the hands of the police.

He mentioned finding his truck tagged for parking downtown several times and protested that other trucks were allowed to park on the sidewalk downtown, and that "in front of the Royal court apartments you'll see cars parked all night. When I do it, they tag me."

"Was your truck ever tagged" (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

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