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Increase In Tax Levy Carried Monday Election

The election Monday was a rather dead occasion. The election board was far sighted enough to think about bringing along some of their fancy work and as a result done considerable in the cause of Santa Clause while awaiting the arrival of the voters.

The polls opened at the city hall at 8:00 a. m. and remained open until 8:00 p. m. and at seven o'clock Monday evening there had been but 39 votes cast The last hour however showed a heavy flow and almost doubled that number. The final count showing 63 votes cast. of that number, 54 were cast for the measure and 9 against.

The question upon which the voters were asked to express themselves was as follows:

"Shall the City of Gold Hill, vote a tax to exceed 6% for the purpose of paying the City's necessary expenditures for the year of 1927, as approved by the committee and the city council at a meeting held September 9th 1926."

The election was held merely in order to uphold a point of law whereby it is necessary to call a popular election at any time that the city taxes are increased to exceed 6%. The budget committee in years past have failed to make the necessary increase in the tax levy whereby the city could pay all of their running accounts and as a result an enormous debt has accumulated.

With this fact in mind the budget committee this year prepared a list of the city's expenditures and made up the budget to conform to it. The result was that the increase was over the 6%. The citizens of the city having passed the budget at a mass meeting by a unanimous vote there was little doubt there be difficulity arise in the passage of the measure.

With this measure out of the way along most all other difficulties which has beset the path of the precil will take up the reigns of govsent council, perhaps the new councment the first of the year with less complication and a more contended populace with which to deal.

W. R. C. TO GIVE PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT

The local chapter of the W. R. C. will give an entertainment at the Beaver theatre Friday Dec. 17th. The purpose of this entertainment is to recoup the organization's treasury. The program will be for the most part musical and the women promise a very worthy entertainment. The management of the theatre has contributed the use of the show house and everything points to a successful evening.

ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH ESTABLISHES A NEW RECORD

There were 88 at Sunday School at the Community church last Sunday. Mrs Steiner, the Superintendent, says this is the largest attendance since she has been in office.

One very crediable fact is the faithful attendace of all the officers and teachers. This fact is a record which any School might well desire to equal.

The attendance at church was the largest of any time since Mr and Mrs. Patterson have been working here. The sermon, delivered by Mr. Patterson, received [illegible] attention of the large audience. A vocal duet, rendered [illegible] and Mrs. Sargent, entitled "Whispering Hope" was much appreciated by all.

There will be Sunday School at 10 o'clock next Sunday, and Church service at 11 o'clock.

Special music will be given by Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Sargent, Ross, and Thompson.

The sermon, on "What Shall I Do, Lord?" will be given by Josephine Patterson.

A cordial welcome is extended to every one.

STAG PARTY PLANNED FOR MEN OF THE CITY

As a meeting of getting the male elements of the city into closer accord and more interested in the work of the school a general smoker has been planned whereby the Supt. of the city schools, Mr. Chas. G. Bluett and Coach Chas. Orr have arranged for a basket ball game and boxing match at the high school gymnasium at 7:30 on the evening of December 17th and after the athletic meeting has been held the party will adjorn to the Gold Hill Hotel dining room where luncheon will be prepared

At the luncheon there will be several matters of very vital importance to the school, discussed and several out of town guests will be present. The men of the city are all urged to be in attendance at the feature of the evening entertainment at least. The basket ball game and boxing match will be gratis and only a small fee charged for the luncheon. Don't overlook this date.

FUNERAL OF ANCHOR RESIDENT HELD FRIDAY

Mrs. Sarah K. Green, a resident of Anchor, Oregon, passed away at her home, after a long illness at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 26 days. Her husband John K. Green died on May 22, 1926. Mrs. Green leaves one daughter and two sons, Ida Scott, Samuel and Harry Fenno, all of Maryland, by a former marriage. Don F. Scott, of Anchor Ore. W. H. Chapman are the grandchildren surviving. Mrs. Green was a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekah lodges. Interment took place in the Glendale cemetery, Friday, Glendale chapter of the Eastern Star officiating.

O. A. C. INVADES CALIFORNIA ON BARNSTORMING TRIPS

Two O. A. C. athletic teams will make barnstorming tours of California during the Christmas holidays as both the basketball and polo teams have lined up schedules that will make the trips entirely self supporting. The basketball team, coached for the fifth year by R. H. "Bob" Hager, will play nine games ence leading club and non-conferecne teams of the state, while the polo team will play eight games and probably 12 with six teams, from Stanford to University of Arizona.

Geo. Janes of Portland was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Jim Bowers was a caller in Gold Hill Wednesday.

Brief News Items Gleaned From Over the Nation

Now we get it that Chas. Chaplin and his young wife have quit. Charlie says her parties kept him awake. Lita (Grey) Chaplin says Charlie was cruel to her so now the battle will rage. They both insist on having the children.

The President's annual message to congress was read Tuesday to the joint assembly.

Kaer of U. S. C. was named as one of the members of the mythological all-American football team by the Colliers magazine. He was the only western man named.

Freight steamers on the Great Lakes have been frozen in for the winter and in some parts the lake shipping is entirely at a standstill.

It is estimated that 12,000 biils will be presented at the opennig of the short session of congress which opened Monday.

Heavy snowfall and the coldest weather of the season crippled the east and tied up the traffic as well as causing several deaths last week end. Who denies that its a pleasure to live in Southern Oregon.

CROPS MORE PLENTIFUL BUT OF POORER QUALITY THIS YEAR

Total of production this year is above the average in quanity but below the average in quality, says the Department of Agriculture in its December report on the agricultural situation released to-day.

The department's index of purchasing power of farm products is placed at 81 for October, a new low for the season, compared with a pre-war base of 100.

Total production of all crops, according to the report, is apparently about 3% larger than last year's, and in proportion to the Nation's population about 2.4% above the average per capital production of the last five years. The composite quality of 15 important crops, excluding cotton, fruit, winter wheat, and sweet potatoes, appears to be about 5% below the last 10-years average.

The drop in the purchasing power index to 81 for October is attributed in part to lowered cotton prices, "although the downward trend," says the department, is not explainable in terms of a single crop. Some products are showing good returns this year and some exceedingly poor. It is, perhaps, roughly accurated to say that the season has been favorable to livestock producers as a whole, but has brought discouragement to growers of such important cash crops as cotton, fruit, and spring wheat."

The Manzanita bushes are in full bloom. This is the first time in a long time, we are told that these shrubs have bloomed at this period of the year. The mistletoe berries are also very luxiurient this year.

SEIZE SUSPECT AS DE AUTREMONT, BANDIT KILLER

Accidental switching of traveling bags led to the arrest yesterday of Thomas Vaden in the belief he was Roy DeAutremont, one of three brothers,who dynamited a train at Siskiou, Ore., three years ago, killing three trainmen. A reward of $15,000 is offered for each of the DeAutremont brothers and Vaden had in his traveling bag a circular of the Post Office department containing the pictures of the brothers and information regarding their crime.

Vaden resembeled Roy DeAutremont and when a fellow passenger on the North Shore Electric line opened Vaden's bag by a mistake, he was sure Vaden was DeAutremont. The detective bureau was notified and Sergts. William Cussack and Thomas Gallery arrested Vaden at the Sherman hotel.

In seeking to prove himself, Vaden, the suspect, revealed that he was wanted by the police of Milwaukee and other cities as a bogus check passer. —Chicago Tribune.

AT THE THEATRE

Saturday—"The Runaway Express.

Sunday—"Son of his Father" Harold Bell Wrights.

Tuesday—"There you are" Latest Comedy Scream.

Thursday—"Tumbleweeds" Wm. S. Hart. and "Pacemaker" Comedy.

SPECIAL PROGRAM PREPARED FOR P. T. A. MEETING MONDAY

At a meeting of the Parent teachers association Monday night Prof. Geo. A. Briscoe will be the principal speaker. Mr. Briscoe is the Superintendent of the city schools of Ashland and a very capable man. His lecture will no doubt be well worthy of any body's time. The same evening Miss Mellinger will present a one-act play entitled The Rummage Sale. An educational film will also be shown. These are the high lights in the Monday meeting and they should draw heavily from the parents of the city both from educational and entertainment standpoint.

ANOTHER ANGLE LEAVES SUNNY SOUTH FOR OREGON

The sunny southland has no more appeal to this one gentleman, Mr. H. Coombs. Mr. Coombs has recently been in this vicinity and while here purchased a piece of the Chas. E. Gray farm west of the city on the Pacific highway. The tract purchased by Mr Coombs contains ten acres of good rich Oregon soil and some of the best land lays out doors. The new owner expects to return from Los Angeles about the first of February and start improvements upon this place.

The sale of this piece of land was handled by the local realty firm of Reed and Guy.

These real estate brokers have enjoyed a very good business the past few weeks and have handled several important deals. There are several more in the brewing and we will no doubt be able to chronicle them to our readers in the very near future.

MANY O. A. C. STUDENTS CLAIMED SELF SUPPORTING

That 80% of the 3420 students registered this term are wholly or partly self supporting is shown in a report just made by the registrar This includes both men and women. Slightly more than 50% of the men reported themselves entirely self supporting and 20% of the women are independent of outside help. Only 6.85% of the men and 48.41% of the women are entirely dependent. Slightly more than two thirds of the students are men, the ratio being 2290 to 1130.

Reed and Guy are having the upstairs rooms in the post office bldg. remodelled so that they can get an extra office room. A doorway will be cut thru the petition in order to join the two ofices on the west side of he building.

Sams Valley Post Office is Discontinued

The Sams Valley Post office has again discontinued. This is the word which reached here last week and which takes immediate effect.

The Sams Valley post office has been in charge of R. H. Burton and has been conducted in Sams Valley store. The reason given for the action on the part of the postal authorities was not given but no doubt was due to the shortage of business, thereby making that office a burden instead of an assett, to the department.

As a result of the change the mail will now be handled from the local post office. The local distribution of the mail will place a heavier burden upon the local office force but incidentally it will add to the receipts of this office which in return will make a better showing for the Gold Hill Office.

The loss of the post office to Sams Valley will not cause a great deal of inconvenience for the people in that vicinity for now the mail will be distributed and sorted in this city and deliver by stage to the customers in the valley. The sale of stampe etc will be credited here. Last year the local office showed a very good increase over the preceeding years and with the addition of the Sams Valley patronage will no doubt add considerably to the receipts in their next years report.

MANY PEOPLE USE NATIOAL FORESTS FOR RECREATION

A total of 3,634,686 people used the twenty-two national forest of Oregon and Washington for recreation during 1926, an increase of 541, 976 over 1925 figures. This estimate is based on reports just recieved from field officers of the U. S. Forest Service, and covers only the national forests in the two states.

Detailed estimates are made annually covering different classes of receational use, such as members of campers, hikers, picnicers, transient motorists, hotel and resort guests, summer home permittees and guests. The reports show how these visitors traveled, whether by private automobile, by stage, railroad, wagon, afoot, or horseback.

Out of the eight national forests in Washington, six show a smaller number of visitors in 1926 than in 1925. This, forest officers believe, was undoubtedly due to the very unusual number of lighning-set forest fires in the northern part of the state during the past summer and the closing to the public of large forests as a fire prevention measure. The Snoqualmie and Rainier national forests show a much larger recreational use by the public than ever before.

Forest officers says that there would be no need of closing national forests if the outdoor-using public were 100% careful; but over 70% of the total number of forest fires are man-caused, according to official reports. By far the large majority do use care; it is the careless and thoughtless minority who are responsible for the forest closures.

Of the fourteen national forests in Ore., only four show a decreased number of recreationists in 1926; the other eight show a larger number, especially the Mount Hood forest, which shows over 500,000 more visitors in 1926 than in 1925, for the most transient motorists.

RANDALL R. LIVELY DIES AT OHIO HOME

Randall R. Lively, brother of J. W. Lively of this city passed away at his home in Jackson Ohio. Mr. Lively has been in failing health for several years past and consequently not very active. He is an attorney by profession having been a practitioner since 1893. J. M. Lively of this city is a brother of the deceased and he was in the east at the time of the demise.

Do your Christmas mailing early.