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\$7,000,000 People Pay Income in United States

Bank Deposits in Country Amount to \$164 Per Capita—Sale of Life Insurance Increases during 1926.

Crowded stores during the Christmas holidays and data on retail trade collected by the Federal Reserve board seem to indicate that in 1926 the purchasing power of the American people was the highest in history. Yet at the same time, more than 7,000,000 persons responded to the federal Government's income tax call and, in addition, increased their savings deposits in the nation's banks. Such deposits in all banks reporting to the Comptroller of the Currency averaged \$164 per capita. Wages advanced during 1926 and hours decreased in length as the banks of the country increased their total resources. Wages, according to the U. S. Commerce Department, showed an advance of 33 per cent in comparison with the pre war period while the hours of labor were reduced by seven per cent. Total bank resources were \$64,893,000,000 in 1926 compared with \$62,057,000,000 a year previous, according to the annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The nation's railroads during the year handled the heaviest volume of freight traffic in their history and most of the lines will be able to announce the best earnings in several years, it is indicated. According to one preliminary computation, the principal lines as a class will have a return of 5 1/2 per cent on their investment. The actual rate of return of 5 1/2 per cent on their investment. The actual rate of return will not be known until early in February for the lines as a class.

Agriculture, although far behind other lines of business, had the best year since 1920, according to a calculation of the U. S. Agricultural Department. On the basis of the department's figures, the average net income per farm was \$879 compared with \$854 in the preceding year. The farm's best year was in 1920 when net income averaged \$1,246, the department reports. Net income, as estimated by the department, represents the difference between estimated receipts of all farms in the United States and cost of operation. The farmer is finding his situation somewhat improved but the improvement is not as rapid as that of operators in other lines of business, according to the view of the economists in the Agriculture Department.

Preliminary returns indicate that the people of the United States bought more life insurance in 1926 than in any other year. Not only were a larger number of new policies written by principal companies, but the average policy was larger. The average policy was reported as \$3,009 compared with \$2,877 in 1925 and with \$2,704 in 1924. Life insurance is regarded as a barometer of the financial condition of the majority of individuals.

The making of steel is reported as roughly five per cent greater than the previous year. Early all other lines of metals experienced a substantial amount of business. The year closed with the railroads planning to place more or less out-of-season orders for cars and rails in anticipation of heavier traffic during 1927.

Industrial corporations generally are credited with unusual activity which resulted in generous dividends.

Building volume was unusually high and, on account, predictions are numerous that a slowing down must take place within the next few months. Building mechanics wages advanced to the highest point in history, according to an investigation by the United States Department of Labor.

Commodity prices throughout 1926 maintained levels somewhat below those of the preceding year.

Government officials lay emphasis on Secretary Mellon's annual report which was optimistic in tone as regards business activity during the coming months.

OREGON HAS NEW GOVERNOR



Governor I. L. Patterson, the 18th executive to take office since this state was admitted to the union, delivered his inaugural address to the state legislature following a farewell speech by Ex-Governor Pierce. Monday. The governor said, that his election and the election of the members of the legislature entailed a definite mandate from the people for economy and efficiency. His recommendations were framed with the purpose of carrying out that idea. "To my mind," he said, "the legislative assembly now convening should concern itself primarily with strengthening, stabilizing and improving the body of laws now in existence in Oregon, adding to them only such statutes as prove themselves to be of urgent present need and permanent worth."

NEW EFFICIENCY RECORDS ESTABLISHED BY S. P.

The greatest volume of freight ever offered for shipment in one year was loaded on Southern Pacific's Lines during 1926, handled without car shortage, and a number of new records of operating efficiency were established in handling the heavy traffic, according to J. H. Dyer, general manager for the company.

Figures for the first eleven months of 1926 show that a total of 1,277,736 freight cars loaded, representing a gain of 3.5 percent over loadings in a like period of 1925. In spite of the fact that gross tons per freight train, exclusive of locomotive and tender, advanced from 1,790 tons in 1925 to 1,846 tons in 1926, average freight train speed advanced from 11.5 miles per hour to 12 miles per hour, this time of course, allowing for all stops and other delays attendant upon operating trains. For every hour of operation each freight train performed work equivalent to moving 8,339 tons of freight one mile as compared with 8,131 tons for the preceding year, or a gain of 208 net ton-miles per train hour.

One factor in assuring an adequate supply of freight cars was the increased daily mileage traveled by the average car during the eleven months covered by these statistics. From 37.1 miles per day in 1925 the average mounted to 39 miles in 1926, an average covering not only time the cars were actually enroute, but the time required for loading, unloading and passing through terminals.

COUPLE IN 80s MARRY

John W. Craig of Brownville, 82, and Mrs. Sarah Walker of Corvallis, 80, beat the Benton county young folks to the first marriage license issued here in 1927 and were married last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis, a granddaughter of the bride. Four generations attended the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Clarence Reynolds of the Christian church.

Mrs. Craig was born in Hartford, Conn., and came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dennison, to Oregon around the horn in 1849, settling at Brownville. Mr. Craig, who is a Christian minister, crossed the plains with his parents in 1852 and has occupied various pulpits in Oregon, residing at Brownville since 1910. Both have been married before, Mrs. Craig being the mother of 13 children, 11 of whom are still living.

Eriel News Items Cleaned From Over the Nation

The notorious Yellow ticket perpetrators are being tried this week at Portland.

Senator Brookhart is scheduled for an investigation, charged with having been a paid lobbyist.

President Coolidge delivered a special message to Congress in which he stated his policy in Nicaragua, the first of the week.

Chinese and British have been having difficulties in the Orient. The Coolidge hatred for the Englishman is the cause of the difficulty.

A newly formed organization has started in Georgia under the name of the Knights of the Supreme Kingdom. The organizer was one of the originators of the Ku Klux Klan. He will deliver sixty lectures for which he will receive \$30,000 from the organization. The society taxes exception to the teaching of Evolution in the public schools.

Frank W. Savin, wealthy banker has married for the fourth time. This time his wife was chosen from

among his household servants. A chambermaid in his home, a daughter of a European immigrant is now Mrs. Savin. The banker is 76 and the wife in her 40s.

Ministers of Tennessee drew the fire of Judge Ben Lindsey, famous juvenile judge of Colorado when they opposed his appearance in that state on the grounds that he is supposed by them to be an advocate of free love.

Earl Carroll, theatre man of New York was convicted of perjury resulting from testimony he gave concerning his notorious bath tub party must serve a year and a day in the Atlanta penitentiary.

Seventy-five children were victims of a theatre fire at Montreal, Quebec, Saturday.

About 500 marines, consisting of both officers and enlisted men are being mustered at San Diego and will proceed to Nicaragua to protect the interests of this nation in that little Republic. The United States is also expected to take a hand in the Chinese disturbance.

SAVING ACCOUNTS OVER STATES INCREASE IN 1926

According to a report put out by the United States Government. Saving accounts in banks are increasing in most sections of the United States.

Such accounts amount to \$164 per capita, taking United States as a whole together with its dependencies, according to data collected by the Comptroller of the Currency from reports of 28,146 banks.

Massachusetts, with deposits averaging \$525 capita, leads all other states and New England leads all other sections.

Deposits in the Southern states average \$39 per capita and \$126 in the middle western states. On the Pacific coast the average is \$525.

Saving deposits for continental United States total \$20,990,000,000. Other states of deposits total \$27,696,000,000. Savings in banks represent only a portion of the total savings of the nation.

California is far in the lead of any western state their per capita savings being \$401. Oregon stands second in states west of the Mississippi and 16th in the nation, with \$107. Washington and Utah come close with \$106. New Mexico is the lowest in the country with \$8.

ASK PRESIDENT TO VISIT WEST

A group of members of congress from the west coast descended upon the White House in a body, headed by Senator Dill and Jones of Washington and McNary of Oregon, to picture to Pres. Coolidge the advantage of their section as a place for him to spend his summer vacation.

This move by coast spokesmen is one of many which have recently been made to have the president go west of the Mississippi for a summer White House.

Mr. Coolidge has indicated no decision in the matter.

BODY FOUND IN UMPQUA

The body of an unidentified man was found Saturday morning on the banks of South Umpqua river, about four miles below Roseburg. The man had evidently been dead for some time and was washed up into the bushes beside the river during the high waters and left there as the river level dropped. No papers or marks of identification were found. There were no evidences of foul play. Coroner Ritter took charge of the body.

The man was apparently about 60 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, weight about 165 pounds. He was very bald and white whiskers. The features were unrecognizable.

Rainier—"Review" newspaper plant moves into fine new specially-built office home.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL

The regular semi-annual installation of the officers of the Odd Fellows Lodge was held last Saturday evening, January 8th, at the I. O. O. F. hall.

The installation was concluded by Alfred T. Norris, District Deputy Grand master of this district, who installed the new officers in their respective positions. The officers installed were, Noble Grand, Wm Ferguson; Vice Grand, Fred Kelson; and secretary, Warren Coppock. Many people from other I. O. O. F. lodges visited the local lodge for the installation. The installation was followed by refreshments, served to both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

\$96 AVERAGE INCOME PAYMENT IN UNITED STATES

Ninety-six dollars is the average income tax payments to the federal government, according to the newest official analysis of returns to be made by the U. S. Treasury Department. The average takes into consideration the amounts paid by all classes of tax payers from millionaires to persons in moderate means. It covers, in round numbers the payments or returns of 7,370,000 persons.

New York holds the record for the highest average tax which is \$195. Rhode Island ranks second. The average payment in that state is \$138. Delaware is third with \$128 and Florida fourth with an average of \$112. In close order follow Pennsylvania \$109, Massachusetts \$108, New Jersey \$107, Illinois \$102. These are the only states in which the average payment is more than \$100. Although New England is called the home of thrift because it leads the country in per capita savings bank deposits, Massachusetts is the only state of that section which ranks "among the leaders" in income tax payments.

California leads all states west of the Mississippi River with payments averaging \$74 per tax payer. Oregon ranked 9th among all states west of the Mississippi. California, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Colorado and Arkansas leading this state.

GOVERNMENT EXPENSE IS \$27.84 PER CAPITA

The United States Government will spend about \$27.94 on behalf of each resident of the country during the next fiscal year if congress approves the budget submitted to that body by President Coolidge calling for appropriations totaling \$3,257,000,000, exclusive of the Post office.

Congress has begun consideration of the budget proposal and is weighing it largely in connection with what effect it may have, if any, upon business conditions during the next few months. The budget question is attached to the tax reduction question in the Congressional mind. Tax reduction is proposed especially for corporations which get the budget question right into the matter of business conditions.

While business was enjoying almost uniformly prosperous circumstances during 1926, the Government was paying off the National Debt at the rate of approximately \$2,300,000 a day. About \$11.27 will be devoted to the debt service, principal and interest, during the next fiscal year if the budget proposals prevail.

130 TO SWIM FOR GUM KING'S MONEY PRIZE

One hundred and thirty swimmers, representatives of 13 states and Canada, have entered for the Wrigley Marathon channel swim, scheduled for January 15, at the end of which dies a "pot of gold" and glory for the first to officially swim the icy and turbulent passage lying between Santa Catalina Island and this California mainland. This was revealed in the official entry list which closed at midnight Thursday and way announced Friday by official in charge of the forthcoming event.

Creswell—Ladies' Civic Improvement Club buys Baptist Church for community center.

Parent-Teachers Enjoy Splendid Session, Sunday

Standing Committees Appointed—Splendid Health Program Carried Out by Participants in the Evenings Program.

A program tending to depict the type of health training being given in the Gold Hill school was presented at the regular monthly meeting of the Parent Teacher's Association in the school Auditorium Monday evening. The school orchestra under the tutelage of Mrs. M. Sargent gave three selections. "The Soldier's Farewell," "Grand Opera Selections," and Americanization. They were well received.

The program for the evening was related to the Health work of the school, by Mr. Bluet. He also presented the results of the recent health examination in the school and emphasized its importance.

An interesting bit of fun was a short skit presented by the Domestic Science class in illustration of the rules of diet taught in the department. Various combinations of food were depicted by students wearing signs. The unfortunate boy who ate the wrong combination had the secrets of his esophagus displayed to the audience in pantomime. Gastric juice conquered at first but mince pie was the last straw and all the food went thru the esophagus the wrong way.

In the second part the results of the correct combination of food were pleasing. Those who took part were: Vivian McDermott, Warren Kelso, Loren Flemming, Lyle Childers, Violet Hinkleman, and Woodrow Shaver.

Many of the parents expressed a desire to be subjected to the corrective discipline of Mr. Orr after he had illustrated his lecture by the muscular aid of Bob Kenaston. "The arms and legs have muscles to draw them back in place once they have been bent, but the muscles of the back and shoulders adjust themselves to a stooped position and must be readjusted by correct posture," said Mr. Orr.

The subject of the preparation of leather was well taught by means of a film entitled Foundations of Health. The title was misleading, but the film was enjoyable nevertheless.

Miss Jacobson conducted the business session in the absence of Mrs. Kellogg who could not be present. The new constitution was adopted and new members were solicited. The committee members were read by Mrs. Zimmerman, Secretary of the organization. They are as follows:

Membership—Miss N. Jacobs, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. J. U. Smith, Mrs. L. S. Scott, Mrs. Lloyd Miller, Mrs. R. W. Walker, Mrs. Frank Childers.

Social—Mrs. James Lively, Mrs. Bud Force, Mrs. W. W. Hittle, Mrs. Chas. Grey, Mrs. Maude Robinson, and Mrs. Perry Wait.

Publicity—Mrs. C. J. Shorb, Program—Mrs. Walter Zimmerman and C. G. Bluet.

REMODELING BUILDING

J. W. Clark and R. F. Swan are busy this week remodeling the building on the highway purchased by Mr. Clark last week. A new front has been added and an addition will be put on the side bringing the present lean-to addition out to the sidewalk. Mr. Clark contemplates moving his business from the Hammersly building on Fourth street to this new location about the first of February if repairs are completed in time.

DESCHUTES HAS RECORD SALES

Value of timber cut in Deschutes national forest holdings and sold to lumber companies in 1926 is greater than ever before recorded and \$85,066 greater than that of the previous year, data in the periodic report of the forest service show. Value of the timber cut from Deschutes national forest in 1926 was placed at \$147,924.79.

Oregon Receives Over Million For Forest Roads

Over a million dollars have been apportioned to Oregon for the Forest Highway and Forest Road Development funds for the fiscal year 1928, beginning July 1, 1927, according to information just received by District Forester C. M. Granger, Portland.

Of this amount \$537,103 is in the Forest Road Development fund and \$579,801 in the Forest Highway fund, making a total of \$1,116,904. The District Forester emphasized that these amounts are merely legal apportionments and further legislation by Congress is necessary before any of this money is actually available.

According to the District Forester, these two funds were first made available in the Federal Highway Act of 1921. The forest development fund is to be expended in the construction and maintenance of roads and trails of primary importance for the protection and administration of the national forests. The forest highway fund is used in the construction and maintenance of these apporportionments, Oregon's total under these two funds their establishment amounts to \$6,917,451. Of this \$3,805,734 is under the forest highway fund and \$3,111,717 is from the forest road development fund.

It is pointed out that these directly appropriated funds are in addition to the so-called ten and twenty-five per cent funds, which are based on the annual receipts by the forest service for the use of forest resources.

REBEKAHS INSTALL OFFICERS

The Amatest Rebekah lodge of this city held their regular installation at the Odd Fellows hall Saturday evening at which time the following officers were installed:

P. G., Elinor Force.
N. G., Pearl Ferguson.
V. G., Della Whitsett.
R. S. N. G., Alice Cook.
L. S. N. G., Icie Walker.
R. S. V. G., Mabel Hittle.
L. S. V. G., Katherine Ross.
Secretary, Mrs. Katherine Kellogg.
Treasurer, Lucy Mee.
Outside Guardian, Myrtle Kelo.
I. G., Edith Bryan.
Chaplin, Carrie Puhl.

The Odd Fellows installed officers the same evening after which a delicious luncheon was served. Several out of town members were present.