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THE STATE TAX

The announcement of the state tax
to be paid by Deschutes county in
1921 is a staggering blow. For all
county purposes the levy is 12.55
mills and the levy for the state,
11.34, or almost as much. In the
present year the state tax was \$44-
703; for 1921 it is \$99,278.90, or
more than double this year's figures.

The chief reason for the higher
state tax is, of course, the millage
levies voted by the people at the spe-
cial election last May. Chief among
these were the extra appropriations
for the state educational institutions.
The Bulletin urged their passage and
will not now crawlfish when the bill
is presented. Indeed, until the new
tax is analyzed and it is shown just
how the total is arrived at, and com-
parison with this year's state tax
made, one is only jumping at con-
clusions when he says that the edu-
cational tax is largely responsible for
the big increase.

Such analysis should be made,
however, not so much to place the
blame for the high state tax as to
discover just how it is made up, and
to see how expenses can be reduced
to make it lower another year. The
people will vote high taxes for neces-
sary expenses; they will ask now
more carefully than before to be
shown why an expense is necessary.
That is as it should be.

COMMUNICATIONS.

SCHOOL NEED TOLD

To the Editor: Why a new 36-
room high school building is needed
in Bend:

First. The present building is lo-
cated on a site that has been demon-
strated to be the proper site for a
ward school. The building is not
suitable for high school work, but is
suitable, and would comfortably
house the present Central ward
school, eliminating shacks.

Second. We are at present using
19 rooms for high school work. We
are seriously handicapped for room
at the present time and, in order to
do the work properly as a standard
school; 17 rooms are now required, as
follows: The commercial depart-
ment occupies two rooms, three are
required; the manual training de-
partment is using two rooms, four
are required; the household arts de-
partment is using one room, three
are required, with dining and fitting
room facilities also; the science de-
partment is using one room, four are



Another Vow

For long, long months we've run amuck, with
spendthrifts we have trotted, and eagerly blew in
the buck, and all sane counsels swatted. And now
approaches New Year's Day, whereon we make
new pledges, and call down murrains (what are
they?) on anyone who hedges. Until the Christmas
season drifts, amuck we'll still be running, for we
must blow ourselves for gifts, for doodads cute and
cunning. But when the New Year's Day arrives,
this folly let's be ending, let's renovate our wasted
lives, and cut out foolish spending. It's time we
were in training now, for future self-denial, for
framing up a solemn vow that we'll give thrift a
trial. The old year, shaken, bent and white, goes
out by easy stages; the New Year's coming—start
it right, and pickle half your wages! The vows
we made in other years would do for idle friskers;
we swore we'd cut out cards and beers and cigars
and whiskers. But we are facing sterner times;
retrenchment is the motto; the watchword now is,
"Salt the dimes," and you'll agree we'd ought to.
The old year, in its going, tells a tale of money-
burning; the New Year's coming, wearing bells—
then new leaves let's be turning!

required. There is no provision for
music and art or printing; one room
each should be provided for these de-
partments. A printing department
would pay for itself, print a high
school paper, and return dividends
on the investment in five years. At
least one room more is imperative
for the second semester, five more
should be provided for future
growth.

Third. The size and standing of
the school, together with the grow-
ing library, require suitable library
facilities, a gymnasium is essential
and lunch rooms have been sug-
gested.

In short, we are curtailing work
and courses on account of lack of
rooms and facilities, and continuing
under such crowded conditions that
only mediocre work may be reason-
ably expected. S. W. MOORE,
City School Superintendent.

The turkey shoot starts at
11 o'clock Sunday morning,
Trapshooting club grounds.
Bring your shotgun or rifle.

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BLACKSMITHS
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Our New Price List for
HORSE SHOEING

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No. 7 and 8\$4.00
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The Story of The Christmas Tree



Year after year sees the story repeated—
The pines, cut on the snow-clad hills, felled by
ringing axes, hauled merrily home to the music
of Yuletide sleighbells, soon to blossom out
with shining candles and dazzling tinsel—and
then, after a few days, stripped of their holi-
day fruit and tossed aside.

So with many—too many—of the gifts they
bear—flimsy knickknacks, carelessly chosen, to
perish with the forgotten tree. Such Christ-
mas gifts are not worthy of the name.

In selecting pictures of gifts to illustrate
this pictorial story of the Christmas tree, we
have chosen carefully from the most popular
and beautiful models of these worthy, enduring
gifts—Watches, Diamonds set in Rings, Bar
Pins, Brooches, Gentlemen's Scarf Pins, Ladies'
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healthy place for home-wreckers.
Justice of the Peace J. A. Eastes did
not ask the names when a party of
three composing the "eternal trian-
gle" appeared before him early yester-
day evening, but after hearing the
story of the man who had vainly
sought to induce the wife of a friend
to desert husband and babies, the
judge gave orders for an immediate
exodus.

WARNING!
The law provides for a fine of not
over \$1000, or imprisonment of not
more than three years, or both, for
the willful injury to, or tearing down
of, any letter box or receptacle used
for the receipt or delivery of mail.
L. A. W. NIXON,
Chief of Police.

Very Strange.
"So you're still carrying a mortgage
on your house, are you?" "Yes, and,
strange to say, I'm carrying it because
I cannot lift it."—Boston Transcript.

Put it in The Bulletin.

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YOU'LL pay me—for every
gown, every ribbon, every
button! There is always a way—
in Paris. You butter-fly wives in-
cense me—always flitting in the
radiance of a husband's success—
which never comes. You'll settle
every sou, or I'll have your reputa-
tion scourged with the whiplashes
of every slanderous tongue in
France!—That's the Paris this
American wife found in "The
Devil's Pass Key." Don't miss
this wonder picture.

BOOKS

"A blessed companion is a book,—a book
that is fitly chosen is a life-long friend."
—Douglas Jerrold.

Will You Send Fiction?
"A Poor Wise Man".....Mary Roberts Rinehart
"Harriet and The Piper".....Kathleen Norris
"In Chancery".....John Galsworthy
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"Arcadian Adventures with the Idle Rich".....
Stephen Leacock
"The Eye of Zeitoon".....Talbot Mundy

Biography?
"Abraham Lincoln".....John Drinkwater
"Theodore Roosevelt".....Thayer
"Mark Twain".....Paine

Or some other real good Book such as:
Kipling's works; O. Henry; Mark Twain's works; Edgar
Lee Master's "Toward the Gulf"; Poems of: Whittier,
Browning, Guest, Service.

The Odd Shop
"BOOKS AND THINGS"
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