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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 special 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 comparison with this year's state tax made, one is only jumping at conclusions when he says that the educational 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 necessary 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 located on a site that has been demonstrated 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 department occupies two rooms, three are required; the manual training department is using two rooms, four are required; the household arts department is using one room, three are required, with dining and fitting room facilities also; the science department 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 cigarets 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 departments. 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 growing library, require suitable library facilities, a gymnasium is essential and lunch rooms have been suggested.

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 reasonably 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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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 holiday 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 Christmas 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' La Vallieres, Sheffield Silver, Clocks of all kinds, and numerous other useful gifts,—Gifts that last!

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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 triangle" appeared before him early yesterday 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.

GRAND---Monday and Tuesday Matinee Both Days

"The DEVIL'S PASSKEY"

Von Stroheim's
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 Wonder Picture



YOU'LL pay me—for every gown, every ribbon, every button! There is always a way—in Paris. You butter-fly wives incense me—always flitting in the radiance of a husband's success—which never comes. You'll settle every sou, or I'll have your reputation 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.



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