

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Tonight and Friday rain, moderate southwesterly winds. Local—Minimum, 34; maximum 51...

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Agreement Ending Ruhr Valley Trouble Reached

Suit Started to Halt Levy More Taxes

Declaring that the county court, the county commissioners and various county officers are in error in levying of certain taxes for the 1919 tax roll suit was filed Wednesday by a representative taxpayer of Marion county, who seeks an injunction to prevent the levying of taxes in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

-Ed A. Jory in the complaint as filed through the law offices of Smith & Shields, names Marion County, a municipal corporation, W. I. Needham, sheriff; W. M. Smith, county school superintendent; D. G. Drager as county treasurer; W. M. Bushey as county judge; J. T. Hunt and W. H. Goulet, county commissioners, as defendants in the action.

Because the county court authorized an extra levy of \$48,633.25, which sum was in excess of the six percent limitation fixed by chapter 235, General Laws of Oregon, 1915; Mr. Jory claims that this portion of the assessment is illegal and asks that the excess assessment be nullified and that the sheriff of the county be restrained from collecting this excess.

Suit Tests Acts legal authorities and the county court regard the suit as an attack upon certain legislative acts upon which the increased assessments were based. These acts as specifically indicated are chapter 271, 1919; chapter 272, also approved by the 1919 legislature; chapter 84, Oregon laws of 1917 and chapter 64, approved in 1917; chapter 156, approved in 1919. These sections of Oregon law are all amendments and sub-amendments to chapter 235, of the General Laws of Oregon, 1915, and to section 4042 of Lord's Oregon Laws.

When final summary for the 1919 budget was made, the county court found itself between two fires as imposed by these legislative acts, and in order to avoid interference with necessary road program, school schedules and the functioning of county government, the extra sum was embodied in an extra and special levy, according to the court. The budget and order as made was then published, and after 20 days was approved by the county court, no protest being made within the time provided by law.

The extra sum includes the following items: \$25,479.08 for common school purposes, in excess of the limitation; \$12,801.22 for a high school tuition fund for use in those districts not having high schools; \$10,000 for purposes authorized by chapter 235, as amended by chapter 271, according to the construction placed upon these legislative acts by those favoring these bills. Chapter 272 is also referred to as authorizing the building of the silverton armory; thereby making the sum of \$10,000 necessarily included in the extra levy.

"Student Soviet" Myth Investigation Reveals Prof's Dignity Injured

Hays, Kan., Mar. 25.—The "student soviet" reported to be in existence at the Port Hays normal school was never in reality a soviet, but was called so by a professor who was the victim of a student's prank when he with one other professor and one student were thrown into a lake because of their refusal to help other students build a running track, it was announced by college officials today.

Premier Asked To State Policy Of France Vs. Huns

Paris, Mar. 25.—Premier Millerand will be asked in the chamber of deputies today by Jean Barthou to make a definite statement concerning the policy of France as to Germany, Central Europe, the Turkish and Russian situations, resumption of diplomatic relations with the vatican and the situation created by the failure of the United States senate to ratify the treaty of Versailles.

Miners Ordered To Continue On Jobs by Officers

New York, Mar. 25.—Officers of the United Mine Workers were preparing notices today to be sent to local unions in the three districts comprising the anthracite coal region, notifying them to remain at work after April 1, pending the negotiation of a new wage agreement as the mine operators have agreed to make "any wage award retroactive to that date."

McCurt Seeks Nomination To Circuit Bench

John McCurt of Portland, today filed with the secretary of state's office his nomination petition as a candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge of department six of the circuit court of Multnomah county. McCurt was appointed by Governor Olcott to fill the vacancy on the Multnomah county circuit bench caused by the death of Judge C. U. Gantenbein.

Mrs. Stottler Is Disease Victim

Mrs. Nellie Stottler, 33, wife of Walter Stottler, 2339 North Fourth street, died at the family residence Wednesday afternoon, a victim of pneumonia. She had been ill but a short time. No children survive. Mrs. Stottler was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Inman, of this city. The funeral will be held at the chapel of the Rigdon & Son company at 11 a. m. Friday.

Princeton University lost 146 men in the world war.

Bauer Heads New Cabinet Of Germany

Berlin, Mar. 25.—The new German cabinet reconstructed as the result of yesterday's negotiations, will be headed by Gustav Bauer, the present premier, according to the Morning Post today. It gives the list of the remodelled ministry as follows: Premier, Gustav Bauer; Vice-chancellor and minister of justice, Dr. Schiffer.

Kidnapped Boy Still Captive; Ransom Assured

Lexington, Ky., Mar. 25.—Although E. H. Little, Lexington capitalist, had announced that the demanded ransom would be paid, Paul Little, his 11-year-old son, was still a captive today of the kidnaper who lured him away late yesterday. It was stated that the kidnaper demanded \$25,000 ransom. Little announced all demands would be met.

Salem Women's Club on Record To Support Tax People Willing To Have Filling Station Erected

The two mill tax measure for the support of elementary schools to be voted upon in May, has the hearty support of the Salem Women's club, according to a resolution just adopted by the club which declares: That the club of representative women goes on record as endorsing the two mill tax for the elementary schools and pledges its support for this measure before election and at the polls on May 21.

Scout Council to Be Given Medals by Boys Tonight

The Salem Council, Boy Scouts of America, composing 30 of Salem's choice representative business men, are to receive their distinguished service medals tonight at the armory, where they are to be entertained and instructed by the entire assemblage of Salem's Boy Scouts.

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Daniels Charged With Delay Thru Procrastination

Washington, Mar. 25.—"Procrastination on the part of Secretary Daniels was responsible for a serious shortage of personnel which proved the initial handicap in the navy in the war," Captain Leigh Palmer testified today before the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war. The secretary, Captain Palmer declared, was unable to appreciate the necessity for obtaining and training men in advance of an actual declaration of war.

Republicans of Maine In Favor Of Ratification

Bangor, Maine, Mar. 25.—Ratification with peace treaty with the reservations adopted by the senate was favored in resolution presented to the republican state convention today. A resolution disapproving government ownership of railroads and steamships also was offered.

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Notwithstanding the fact that the city council passed an ordinance at its last meeting prohibiting the erection of filling stations outside of the fire limits without first acceding to certain restrictions, the Standard Oil company today filed an affidavit with the city recorder, bearing the names of persons residing within a five-block radius of Cottage and State streets, consenting to the erection of the station, and will begin work upon it at once.

Deported Sinn Feiners Put In Belfast Prison

Belfast, Ireland, Mar. 25.—Sixty-five Sinn Fein prisoners who sailed from Queenstown yesterday aboard a British steamer, arrived here this morning. The Sinn Feiners were removed from the ship under a strong guard and taken to the city jail, which had been cleared of ordinary prisoners. The jail has been fitted with barbed wire protection and the prisoners will be guarded by troops.

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Child Struck by Auto Reported on Road to Recovery

Little Orville Eskman, between three and four years old, was struck by an auto late Wednesday afternoon and rendered unconscious, was reported at the Salem Hospital as improving this morning. The child spent a quiet and restful night, it was reported.

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Owners and Friends of Dogs to Meet Tonight

Dog owners and the friends of animals are invited to attend a meeting this evening at the Commercial club auditorium at 8 o'clock and hear a talk on the part the dogs took with the armies in France by Rev. James Elvin, who went there with the expeditionary forces in the Y. M. C. A. service. He will also tell of the famous dog cemetery in the heart of the city of Paris, and all who know Dr. Kibbe realize that he will give a most interesting address.

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LATE BULLETINS

Washington, Mar. 25.—President Wilson is asked in a resolution adopted today by the house to inform congress of the exact status and scope of duty of the American forces in Germany. The resolution also seeks the authority of Marshal Poch over the American forces and in what manner they are governed without the direction of the president.