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TOTAL DEBT OF OREGON \$60,246,830

Bonded Liabilities Are Offset by Assets of \$18,977,421.

STATE ON CASH BASIS Highway Obligations Top List With \$38,395,250 and Bonus Bill in Second Place

SALEM, Jan. 21.—The total bonded indebtedness of the state of Oregon on December 31, 1923, was \$60,246,830, according to the annual report of O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, completed here Saturday.

Highway bonds top the list with obligations aggregating \$38,395,250. World war veterans' state aid bonds total \$20,000,000, district interest bonds \$1,401,580, and rural credit bonds \$450,000.

Classified as offsets against the aggregate bonded indebtedness of \$60,246,830, are assets totaling \$18,977,421.88.

These assets include the following items: Rural credit farm mortgages \$450,000.00 Irrigation district certificates of indebtedness 1,401,580.00 World war veterans' state aid sinking fund 1,666,587.18 World war veterans' state aid first mortgages 12,385,800.00 Cash to be converted into mortgages 3,073,464.70

\$18,977,421.88 This leaves a net debt of \$41,269,408.12 for the redemption of which ample revenue is already provided and there will be no need to resort to general taxation except in the case of default of an irrigation district for whose benefit the state has issued district interest bonds. There is no floating or warrant debt in addition to the bonded debt, as the state is on a cash basis.

1917 Bonds Unpaid The first bonds issued by the state and now outstanding was an issue of \$450,000 of rural credit bonds issued in 1917 under authority of the state constitution. The proceeds of the sale of these bonds, which bear interest at 4 per cent and mature in 1937, were upon farm lands at an interest rate of 5 per cent and the bonds are offset by a corresponding amount of real estate mortgages.

Through the constitutional amendment provides that such bonds may be issued up to 2 per cent of the assessed value of the taxable property of the state, no more have ever been issued and as federal agencies have been created which better meet the purpose intended, it is unlikely that more will be issued. The next bonds issued by the state were the early issues of highway bonds. The constitutional amendment under which this indebtedness was created authorized a debt not exceeding 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property of the state, to be incurred in the construction of state highways. The present assessed valuation of the state is \$1,042,410,618 which imposes a constitutional limit of \$41,696,424.72 on indebtedness for highway purposes.

Interest 4 to 6 Per Cent Highway bonds now outstanding amount to \$38,395,250, so that this debt cannot be greatly increased. The bonds bear interest at various rates ranging from 4 per cent to 6 per cent, and all except \$3,000,000 are 5 to 25-year serials, the last maturity being in 1948. The \$3,000,000 issues matures in 1925 and were issued as short-term bonds because of the high interest rates prevailing at the date of their issue. While no permanent sinking fund is provided for the retirement of these bonds, certain revenue is set apart for the state highway fund from which the interest payments and maturing obligations are met. This revenue consists of 75 percent of the moneys received from motor vehicle licenses, which in 1923 amounted to \$4,069,609.40 and the highway fund's proportion to \$3,052,207.05; a tax of 3 cents a gallon on sales of gasoline and distillate, which in 1923 yielded approximately \$2,078,741.55, and a revenue of 1/4 of a mill from the state tax, which revenue amounted in 1923 to \$252,374.79. Thus the total revenue of this fund for 1923 was

Salem—\$200,000 junior high school to be built on North Capitol.

TEAPOT DOME LEASE IS SOURCE OF SENSATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A sensation was created today when Archie Roosevelt appeared before the Senate public lands committee and announced he had resigned a vice-president of the Union Petroleum company, because of certain suspicions he had of Harry F. Sinclair's dealing in connection with the lease of Teapot Dome oil reserves from Ex-Secretary Fall. Union Petroleum is a Sinclair subsidiary. Roosevelt has been an official of the company for several years.

BUILDING GAS CELLS FOR CHINESE PAIR

Plans Going Forward For Execution By Asphyxiation in Nevada.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Jan. 21.—Construction of the lethal gas chamber to be used in the execution of Hughie Sing and Gee Jon, Chinese murderers, February 8th, is proceeding at the state prison. Two death-cells, each seven feet long, seven feet high and five feet wide, are under construction in an old stone building in the prison yard. Warden Denver S. Dickerson states plans for the execution have not been definitely completed, but that hydrocyanic gas will probably be poured into the cells as soon as the two criminals are locked within the compartments. The hour of execution will probably not be fixed until the night before the carrying out of the death sentence.

To Use Five Tanks. Five tanks will be connected with the death-rooms. Three tanks will contain the deadly gas, with the other two either empty or filled with compressed air. At the signal for the execution, five men will turn on the vents of the tanks, and in this way it will not be known which of the men actually turned on the fatal vapor. Chemists of Nevada have advised Warden Dickerson that hydrocyanic gas acts directly on the heart and causes painless death in a few seconds. One deep breath is said sufficient to cause instant death.

SIX ARE FINED FOR HAVING DEER MEAT YREKA, Cal., Jan. 21.—Six men employed on the Klamath River highway and living at what is known as the "Free Camp," near Gortville, paid fines of \$25 each for having deer meat in their possession. Those arrested were W. Lovin, D. Moore, S. Stevens, C. Herman, G. M. Crager and G. Spence. The arrests were made by Sam White and Nim White, deputy fish and game commissioners. The men pleaded guilty before Justice P. N. Lange.

MEDFORD PAYS OFF INDEBTEDNESS IN 1923 MEDFORD, Jan. 21.—The city treasurer's annual report to the city council shows that Medford is in the best financial condition it has been for years, having redeemed a total of \$72,000 worth of bonds during 1923, and in addition paid off \$12,500 in warrants and warrants paid off of \$84,500, the largest amount that has ever been paid off by the city in a single year. In addition to the above funds were forwarded the first day of January to the New York depository to pay off \$27,000 more bonds. The total city debt, crediting the \$27,000, amounts to \$951,000.

FATHER THINKS SON IS STILL LIVING REDDING, Calif., Jan. 21.—Dr. Ernest Dozier returned home last evening from San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento, where he had spent most of the week hunting for his missing son, Tilford Dozier, who disappeared from home Friday afternoon of last week. While no positive trace of the missing youth was found, the father has come home with the settled conclusion in his own mind that Tilford is alive, that he simply ran away from home and has got a job some place. But Dr. Dozier nevertheless, has thrown out lines to look for his son.

U. S. ISSUES WARNING TO REBEL HEAD

Must Lay No Mines in Mexican Port; Remove Any That Are Laid.

BLOCKADE POSTPONED Mexican Regulars Execute Strategic Move in Going Thru El Paso.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The United States government, through the Department of State, has forwarded a note to Hureta, leader of the Mexican revolution, in which he is emphatically warned not to lay any mines in the entrances to Mexican ports, and if such mines are already laid to remove them at once.

Blockade "Postponed." WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—With the American fast cruiser Richmond already on the ground and seven more fighting ships en route to Mexican waters carrying 1,100 blue jackets to protect American interests and to insure the unrestricted flow of commerce, Mexican revolutionists have decided to "postpone" their announced blockade of the great oil port of Tampico. This information is carried in a cablegram received by the Navy Department from Read Admiral McGruder in charge of the naval detachment sent to Mexico.

Strategic Movement EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 21.—Under guard of United States troops and a detachment of police, 500 Mayo Indians, of the Mexican army of the state of Sonora, crossed the border here back into Mexico. The strategic movement by rail through Arizona and New Mexico was effected without mishap or disorder.

MELLON PLAN TO SAVE \$50,000,000 WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's annual income tax will be reduced \$50,000,000 if Congress adopts his tax revision plan, Senator Ashurst, democrat of Arizona, declared in an address before the senate.

PETTY THIEVES ARE WORKING IN CITY Drum of Gasoline Stolen From Jackson Hot Springs; Franklin Bakery Robbed.

Two small robberies were reported to the police this morning the first occurring at the J. C. Ottinger home at Jackson Hot Springs, while the other was reported by the Franklin Bakery. Mr. Ottinger states that some unknown party, or parties, made a clean get-away with a 50-gallon gasoline drum, which contained about 50 gallons of gas. The drum bore the number "83,202" and is one supplied by the Union Oil company. Mr. Ottinger is of the opinion that the thieves hauled the drum off to some secluded spot, sawed off the lock, appropriated the gas and abandoned the container. The public is requested to keep a lookout for a drum containing the foregoing number. At some hour last night entrance was gained to the Franklin Bakery and the Cash register robbed of a sum estimated at between \$5.00 and \$6.00. Nothing else was disturbed or missing, indicating that perpetrators wanted only cash.

Hood River—City to buy 37-acre tract at west edge of town to be used as automobile and municipal park and children's playground. THIRTY WEEK LUNCH PROVING ATTRACTIVE Although it was announced only 50 plates would be available for the Chamber of Commerce Thrift Week Luncheon tomorrow at the Plaza, approximately 70 have asked for reservations. The Plaza management announces that accommodations will be available for a greater number than originally announced, so that all will be cared for. The luncheon promises to be of unusual interest.

ADVERTISE ASHLAND CANNED PRODUCTS H. A. Stearns, proprietor of the Plaza Market, handles a complete line of the Ashland Cannery Products, and today has, in his regular Monday space an ad on the home products. Mr. Stearns is doing a commendable thing in starting the advertising of Ashland Canned Goods, to increase their sale in the cannery's home town, thereby assuring a steady market for growers' produce, increasing local labor and community growth.

Makes Plaster Cast of Actress' Face



Captain J. P. O'Brien, sculptor, is shown preparing to make a plaster cast model of the face of Miss Mable Taliaferro, the actress. The two glass tubes in her nostrils enable her to breathe. When the plaster cast of the face is completed, Miss Taliaferro's features are so clearly defined that Captain O'Brien is able perfectly to reproduce them on the sculptured bust he is making of her.

ASHLAND WINS FIRST BASKETBALL GAME

Second String Men Used at Close of Contest; Girl Team Defeats Alumni. The Ashland High basketball five emerged victorious in their first game with an out-of-town team Saturday night when they met the McCloud five on the local high school floor and took the visitors to camp by a score of 32-21. The game was fast and clean and after the first half, with the score well protected the second team of high school players was allowed to try their art. More personal fouls and rough playing were charged to the second team and one player is said to have forgotten himself and made line plunges and forward passes to the envy of the first class football team. The lineup was Chapman and Frulan guards; Loran Culbertson center; Marske and Wayne Ramsey, forwards and Leon Caldwell, sub; forward; R. C. Brown of Yreka, referred. The second team was made up of Robison center, Caldwell and Chester Wood, guards; Frank Stratton and Wilson forwards. The high school girls team was able to defeat the Alumni team with spurts of good playing and team work. With the lineup of Genieve Swedberg, center; Dorothy Paddock, side center; Rose and Gene Stratton, forwards; Velma Brown and Ruth Flackus guards; Gertrude Carlton and Keitha Brookmiller, Mildred Ferrin, subs, the alumni was unable to keep up with their rapid brand of ball displayed. Eunice Grubb, Lella Carlton, Kathryn Pratt, Faye Beebe, Carmen Rose and Dorothy Lamson were among the Alumni to defend last year's prestige.

MANY DEER DROWN IN CEMENT LINED DITCH

100 Head Have Perished in Ditch of Power Company in California County. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 21.—Surmounting nature's obstacles has been a comparatively easy matter for the fleet-footed deer which for centuries have roamed the fields and forests of California, but when it comes to the inventions of man, the deer goes down to defeat and is threatened with destruction in the onward march of civilization. A striking example of this is to be found up in El Dorado County, about thirty miles east of Placerville, where a concrete-lined ditch constructed by the Western States Gas and Electric Company for carrying water for miles through the Sierras has resulted in the destruction during the past few weeks of more than 100 deer. During the same period more than 400 deer have been rescued alive from the same canal. Efforts are now being made to solve the problem, which George Neale, executive officer of the state fish and game commission, says is without precedent in the history of California. On February 8th a meeting between the various parties directly interested in the matter, including representatives of the fish and game commission and the power company, will be held at Placerville in an attempt to solve the problem. Neale sees only one solution and that is through the fencing of the ditch.

OREGON PRUNE IS GAINING FAME ABROAD

PORTLAND, Jan. 21, 1924.—The fame of the Oregon prune is becoming known the world over. An order was received from Cleveland, Ohio, the other day by one of our prominent growers, for a twenty-five pound box of prunes to be sent to Rurki, a town in the interior of India. Six tons of prunes were sent to India last year and nine tons to the Straits Settlements. In all there were 2,713 tons of prunes sent out from Portland by water direct last year with many more tons going by rail to Eastern ports for delivery to steamer there.

IMPEACHED GOVERNOR LOSES ANOTHER POINT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Former Governor Walton, of Oklahoma, lost his petition for review by the supreme court of the United States in his impeachment removal from office by the Oklahoma house of representatives. The court gave no opinion in the case, the court's decision being only on that of appeals, which the deposed governor has pending. Other points were not decided.

7 FIREMEN FALL INTO BURNING OIL

Ladder Breaks, Precipitating Men Into Tank of Flaming Oil.

3 OTHERS ARE INJURED Immense Yard and Plant of Standard Oil Co. Burning in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 21.—Seven firemen are known to have perished and three others are probably fatally injured in one of the most appalling fires in the history of this city and which is destroying the immense plant and yards of the Standard Oil company. The tragedy to the firemen resulted when the ladder, on which they were fighting the terrific blaze collapsed, plunging them into a sea of burning oil. The blaze, starting with the explosion of a 10,000 barrel tank of oil, transferred the plant and yard into a sea of fire in which ten other tanks of like capacity are standing. The entire district within ten blocks is segregated. Persons in the vicinity have fled. The blaze was rapidly communicated to various buildings of the plant and yard.

Initial steps toward the organization of an O. A. C. Club were taken Thursday evening when thirteen former O. A. C. students and graduates met at the Practice House and elected officers and appointed various working committees. The officers are: Ralph Billings, president, Beatrice Weatherford, secretary. A constitution committee of Mrs. Homer Elhart, Mable Black and Oliver Anderson officers of the club to be elected with the foregoing were the first were the first officers of the club to be elected. No definite steps toward setting the dates for meeting were taken and no action will be taken until the constitution committee has been able to get material from O. A. C. that will organize the club constitutionally. Within a short time Ashland will have an O. A. C. club resembling the many others that are established and functioning in other cities in Oregon as well as clubs in out-of-state towns. Those who attended the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury, of Talent, Mrs. Homer Elhart, Faye Carver, Phila Hall, Beatrice Weatherford, Mable Black, C. E. Hedburg, Oliver Anderson, J. Q. Adams and M. Hanson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS TWO CALLS

Furnace Shed of Greenhouse Badly Damaged Saturday Night; One False Alarm.

The 24 hours ending Sunday noon proved quite eventful in the quiet life the fire department has been enjoying for several weeks. Three alarms were answered during the period, one of which was announced Saturday evening. The second alarm was sent in from the greenhouse of Chas. Delsman on Nevada street at 11:00 o'clock Saturday night, and was occasioned by a shed, which houses the heating plant, being on fire. The department promptly prevented the flames spreading to the greenhouse. The shed was badly damaged, however, and is all but a total loss. No insurance was carried. Mr. Delsman has another building under way and considers he is fortunate in that the fire did no damage to the greenhouses an contents. A cloud of smoke pouring from the front door of the Eagle meat market at noon yesterday was observed by number of people passing North Main street and an alarm was immediately turned in. The department responded to find that the excitement was occasioned by a basement stove smoking. Water was being heated for the purpose of cleaning the market and a piece of pitch was thrown into the stove to hasten the operation. The pipe was unable to carry the large volume of smoke, which escaped into the room and made its way up to the second floor and out the door. Farm House Burns. The farm dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rasor, situated about two miles east of Ashland, was destroyed, together with the contents, yesterday morning. The owners of the property are visiting in the state of Washington and G. E. Edginton was living on the place. Insurance was carried on the house and contents, the policy having been issued some time ago by the Billings Agency. Large new lumber camp being established on St. Helens road beyond Pittsburg, also five side camps near Vernonia under way.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT FOR TOMORROW NIGHT

The public, to which a cordial invitation has been extended, is assured of a splendid program and entertainment tomorrow night. The affair, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Lithians, is expected to fill the Armory to capacity. W. L. Finley, R. W. Price, and James A. Ormandy will deliver addresses and stereotypical views depicting scenes in Oregon, will be shown. Remember, all are invited. No admission.

TRADING MATES FAILS; HUSBAND GETS DIVORCE

RENO, Nev., Jan. 21.—After he had declined to consider an exchange of wives as proposed by a friend, his wife deserted him, Harry Charles Peltier testified in his suit for divorce from Mrs. Bessie C. Peltier. He said his wife strongly favored the trade, but that the proposition filled him with disgust. District Judge Moran held that Peltier had ample grounds for a divorce and granted the decree.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ORGANIZE O. A. C. CLUB

Members Are Graduates of Well Known College; Many Others Are Existent.

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SAYS DUNSMUIR HAS POPULATION OF 5,000

YREKA, Cal., Jan. 21.—Dunsmuir now has a population of more than 5,019 inhabitants. At any rate, that is what local Elks, who are petitioning for a charter for a lodge, claim. And their claims are backed up by a certification of the figures from County Clerk W. J. Nelson's office. Supervisor William Lee, identified with the movement to institute an Elks' lodge at Dunsmuir, says Elks of southern Siskiyou County are satisfied the charter will be granted.

HOT DOLLAR PICKED UP BY DEPUTY SHERIFF

SEATTLE, Jan. 21.—Deputy Sheriff Ajax complained that he burned his hand picking up a counterfeit dollar hot from a mold when a party of which he was one broke into a room here and arrested Robert Taylor and Dan Dearth, who were today turned over to federal secret service agents. The visit to the room resulted yesterday when a clerk in a cigar store told the police a man whom he afterward declared to be Taylor had come in and passed a counterfeit half dollar. The clerk followed the departing customer, observed where he entered and called up the sheriff's office.

NEW CITIZENS ARE ADMITTED BY COURT

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Thirty one aliens became American citizens yesterday as a result of the naturalization hearing held in the court of Federal Judge Wolverton. Among them was Helen Desmond, teacher of French in Lincoln high school. Two nuns were admitted, Ella M. Powers (Sister Mary Wilfrida) and Catherine D. Hunt (Sister Maria). Both were from Ireland. Five ex-service men were admitted on their record, Paul Sancy of Switzerland, Photias Andrea Papadopolus of Greece, Andreas F. Chilberg of Sweden, Milo Steve Beletch of Serbia and Domenico Ajm' of Italy. Eugene—Contracted timber in Cascade national forest during year 1923 totalled 689,957,690 feet, and there were 5,929,520 feet cut during year.

BOK TELLS U. S. SENATE TO HEAD IN

Promoter of \$100,000 Peace Plan Refuses to Reveal Money Spent.

PLAN SHOWN FAVOR 5,128 Votes Against Plan, While 38,529 Are Favorable; Many Voting.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Edward W. Bok, promoter of the widely heralded \$100,000 peace plan, flatly refused to reveal to the senatorial committee the amount of money he expended in promoting the undertaking. "This is my own business, not the public's nor the government's," he said. Bok's refusal to answer questions of this sort featured the opening of the senate's investigation of his plan, which enemies charge as "propaganda designed to lead the United States into the League of Nations." Several days ago a number of the so-called "treaty rippers" launched a campaign of criticism against the Bok plan, known as the American Peace Award. Representatives of both parties are included in the list of antagonists and succeeded in dragging the matter into the senate and asking for an investigation.

Peace Plan Favored NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—A report was made today on the first early returns in the "referendum" on the American Peace Award which began January 7th, and will last until approximately the middle of February. Although many thousands of copies of the plan and ballot, shipped in response to orders, have necessarily not yet reached their destination, a good deal of voting has already been done through the ballots in the daily press. At the end of the first five days of the "referendum" the vote stands 5,128 against the plan and 38,529 for the plan. This is a percentage of approximately 11 1/2 per cent against, and 88 1/2 per cent for. The votes are just beginning to come in from the far west. In some cases the votes will be delayed because the newspapers are receiving the ballots in their offices first, tabulating them, and then forwarding them to the office of the Award. A number of these, however, are sending in the daily grip as it comes. The coupons are clipped from papers of every kind—the metropolitan daily and the small town daily alike. Since the weeklies are just beginning to publish the ballot, ballots from this source will not arrive for some days yet.

CIGARETTES TABOOED IN GUARD CANTEENS

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—All national guard armories in the state have been cautioned to be extremely careful to sell no cigarettes or tobacco to minors from their canteens, according to an order which has just been received at the local armory from Adjutant General White. Following the receipt of the order here, Colonel Hiram U. Welch issued a command that under no circumstances should cigarettes or tobacco be sold to boys under age from the 162d infantry canteen, which is the largest military canteen in the state. "We of the national guard must set an example of good citizenship and law enforcement for other organizations to follow," declared Colonel Welch.

AUTOMOBILE THIEVES WILL FACE FORGERY

Another serious charge will be filed against John Ellis and Jerry Kent, who were arrested last week for stealing a Dodge car from F. F. Whittle. Since the two were lodged in the jail at Jacksonville the crime of forgery has been unearthed in the appearance of a check bearing the signature of W. H. Barron and which was cashed by the pair at the Eastern Outfitting company. The check was made out for \$12.00. Although it bore the name of W. H. Barron, which is a reversal of the initials of H. W. Barron, well known local resident, Ellis and Kent met no trouble in cashing the check. Police say that in obtaining and using the name of a well known resident they followed a game that is worked by many crooks.

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