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## TAX LEVY FOR 1925 DRAWN BY COUNTY COURT

Sheriff's Office Is Given Largest Item in Budget

ESTIMATE \$16,602.50

Levy Inside High School Districts to be Same as Last Year, Outside Slightly Higher

An order fixing the Jackson county tax for the coming year was signed by the county court Wednesday. Inside the high school districts the levy is 22.2 mills, the same as last year, and outside high school district, it is 24.2, 6 mills higher than last year. This is due to the increase in students in the high schools, and the new needs of the schools. In fixing the levy, the assessed valuation of the county is fixed at \$27,707,564.93.

The levies are as follows.

Fund	Levy
General	15.3 mills
Market roads	1.5 mills
Pacific Highway bond redemption	.9 mills
Pacific Highway interest fund	.7 mills
Crater Lake Highway interest fund	.9 mills
Schools	2.7 mills
Library fund	.2 mills
Outside high school districts	2.2 mills

Though for the past two years prohibition enforcement has been one of the heaviest items of expense, no levy is made for it. Heretofore, it has been drawn from the general fund.

The amounts allotted county offices and various activities for estimated expenses under the levy are as follows:

Circuit court	\$ 9,500.00
County court	5,200.00
Juvenile court	7,020.00
Justice courts	2,500.00
Advertising	5,000.00
County printing	1,500.00
Care of poor	14,150.00
Varmint bounties	2,000.00
Sheriff's office	16,602.50
Jail	4,200.00
Courthouse	4,750.00
Assessor's office	10,882.50
Clerk's office	12,951.00
Coroner's office	500.00
Fruit inspection	3,000.00
County agent	3,300.00
Demonstration agent	1,700.00
Club work	3,000.00
School Supt.	6,600.00
Weight inspector	400.00
Stock inspector	500.00
Water master	6,997.00
County treasurer	5,666.00
County health work	4,860.00
District attorney	4,300.00
Red Cross	600.00
Fire warden	450.00
Audit county books	600.00
County fair	2,750.00
Tax refunds	1,500.00

## PETERSON IS MADE SUPERINTENDENT OF KLAMATH F. SCHOOLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 29.—Fred Peterson, clerk of the county school district, has been elected district superintendent to succeed Mrs. Twyla Ferguson, effective January 1, it was announced Friday night by members of the county school board.

Selection of Mr. Peterson to succeed the present superintendent occurred at a meeting on December 12, but was not officially made public until last night.

**Office Now Appointive**  
Under the county unit system adopted some months ago, the elective office of county superintendent of schools automatically ceased and the naming of a superintendent was delegated to the county board as one of its powers. Mrs. Ferguson by virtue of her election to office by popular vote, continued to hold office until the expiration of her term, which ends this January 1.

The incoming superintendent has been connected with county schools for some years, having first been a teacher, then county school superintendent and again a teacher at a later date. He has been clerk of the board for the past few years and acted in the capacity of an assistant to the superintendent.

Astoria — Hoefler, candy maker, will build \$40,000 fireproof building.

## WE KILL 'EM FASTER THIS SIDE OF POND

CHICAGO, Dec. 29. — Englishmen in their daily lives run less than half the risk from accidents that Americans do, according to Richard E. Kropf, supreme regent of the Royal Arcanum, in an address here. In England and Wales the fatal accident rate in 1922 was 321 per million population, while in the United States the same year the proportion was 698 per million, he asserted.

"America loses by accidents 209 persons, of the population of a small village, every day of the year," declared Mr. Kropf. "Every week 1,462 persons, or the population of a fair sized town, make up the appalling accident death toll. In 1923 fatal accidents numbered 84,000, or the population of one of our medium-sized cities."

## INCREASE SHOWN IN FARMERS' REVENUE FOR CORN, WHEAT

Ranchers of State to Receive Total of \$10,500,000 More Than in Last Year

Oregon farmers realized \$10,500,000 more on their corn, wheat and oats this year than in 1923 according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, which reports that the national increase in grain values amount to \$550,000,000. Oats alone were responsible for a gain of 2 millions, while wheat brought farmers of this state an added 1-3 millions over last year, the report states.

While the Oregon corn crop for 1924 fell considerably below that of the preceding year, the better price this year brought the total income to approximately what it had been the year before. The 2 million bushel increase in the wheat crop this year brought the value up to \$31,500,000 as compared with \$23,000,000 of 1923. The oat crop of this state this year is up to 12 million bushels as compared to 10 1-2 million the year before with the result that farmers will have taken in 6 1-2 million dollars on this crop as compared with 4 1-2 millions the year before.

The yield per acre on corn in Oregon, the report states dropped to 27.8 bushels per acre as a result of unfavorable weather, but the profit per bushel to the farmer was 36 cents as compared with 29 the year before. The wet days, on the other hand, were a great help to the wheat and oats production, the former rising to 26.2 bushels per acre as compared with 24.1 the year before, and the latter to 44.4 from 39 in 1923. The profit per bushel of wheat this year was 34 cents where only 6 cents was taken last year and 6 cents profit in oats for the 10 cent loss of the preceding year.

The increased yield per acre of small grain and the increased price per bushel on all grains has aided materially in restoring the farmer to a better financial basis, the Foundation report concluded. The higher grain prices have resulted in higher live stock prices and this has brought a new vitality to agriculture.

## WIFE'S MOTHER AT GOLDEN WEDDING

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Dec. 29. — The novelty of having her mother present at her golden wedding came to Mrs. N. C. Harris of this city recently when she and her husband celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage in Rincon Valley, near this city. The bride's mother, Mrs. J. N. Locke, who is 88 years of age was one of the merriest gathered at the golden jubilee party. Three children and seven grandchildren were also present.

Mrs. Harris is the sister-in-law of C. A. Harris of this city, and the aunt of Mrs. T. R. Eggers, who resides in Ashland.

## WORLD FLIERS TO BE HONORED BY PROMOTION

Six Men Eligible to Awards of Distinguished Service Medals

ALL MAY RETIRE NOW

Recommendations Will Allow Them to Quit Army With Full Rank and Salary Now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The highest honors ever to be given an American army officer for activities during peace times will be awarded the six round the world fliers upon the recommendations made today to President Coolidge by Secretary of War Weeks.

The recommendations, which were drawn up by the general staff of the regular army, upon the request of President Coolidge, provide for the awarding of distinguished service medals to each of the six fliers, and adequate advancement in rank, the most radical increase ever given American fliers. The six distinguished service medals will be the largest number ever awarded during peace times, and also the largest number ever awarded for one exploit.

In addition to the awards and advancement, and acting upon the precedent set in the case of the officers who aided in the construction of the Panama Canal, all six flier officers will be eligible to retire at any time, at their own request, with their present full rank and pay. They may retire at any time they so desire.

One of the fliers is at present out of the service, retiring to active life soon after the squadron completed the round the world flight. He will be eligible to full promotion, to the rank to be given the remaining five men. Another of the six was reduced to the rank of sergeant, the rank he held before starting the flight. He also will be eligible to full promotion.

No announcement has been made as to the rank to be given the fliers, excepting that the statement of the recommendations includes the fact that the promotions will be the most radical ever given fliers in the American army. This means that the men will be raised at least to the rank of majors, since several other officers have been raised almost that high.

It was believed by many in close touch with army affairs that the recommendations would carry with them a proviso of a cash award to be made the men, but there was no provision for a bonus in the recommendation given President Coolidge.

## BOATS HELD BY ICE ARE FINALLY FREED

PORTLAND, Dec. 2. — The steamers, Rose City and Curacao proceeded to sea today, after being held up for several hours Sunday in the lower Columbia River by ice floes. A warm Chinook wind and rain are expected to break up the ice in the Columbia and Willamette Rivers shortly.

## ANOTHER TRAGEDY MARKS CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVITIES

WINNEMUCCA, Nevada, Dec. 29. — The tale of an heroic rescue and a Christmas Eve tragedy were brought to this city today from Andrews, a Southern Nevada trading post, 150 miles north of here by a stage driver carrying passengers between the two points. Felix Arizar, a rancher of the Andrews district, was attending a Christmas Eve dance in the city when a fire broke out in the Andrews hotel. Arizar's young son, four months of age, had been left in the hotel room while the parents were attending the dance. Dashing from the dance hall, and plunging into the smoke and fire, Arizar grabbed the child, and walked onto the porch roof at the second story. The flames ate away the posts supporting the roof, and the porch caved in, carrying Arizar and the baby down in a thirty foot fall. The baby was uninjured by the fall, but the father is not expected to live. Arizar's back was badly broken in the fall.

## HOMELESS MEN MARCH ON CHURCH



URBAN LEDOUX & "THE BOY" Driven by the intense cold to seek shelter, 300 homeless derelicts in New York, led by Urban Ledoux, known also, paradoxically, as "Mr. Zero," because of his seal in behalf of the unfortunate, marched upon and obtained permission to use the Camp Memorial Church as sleeping quarters. "Mr. Zero" is solving the question of food also, insofar as the limited resources of his little hoboes' retreat, "The Tub," enable him to do so. He has appealed to the authorities for aid of the thinny-dad and hungry throng.

## CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD BY ROADS ON TERMINAL PLAN

Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific to Meet on Klamath Project

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Plans for railroad development of central and southern Oregon and extensions into the Klamath region on a basis that will be "mutually agreeable" to all lines serving the state, will be discussed at a meeting to be held within a week at San Francisco. This became known tonight when eastern executives of transcontinental railroad lines advised local representatives to arrange for attendance at the meeting.

Included in those who will go to the southern meeting is Chas. H. Carey, representing the northern transcontinental roads. Inasmuch as the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Union Pacific desire most of all to enter the Klamath Falls territory, now controlled by the Southern Pacific, representatives of these lines are forced to visit San Francisco to confer with William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The representatives will discuss the answer to a tentative report on central Oregon rail construction, filed two months ago by C. I. Kephart, examiner for the interstate commerce commission. Railroads have been given until January 17 to file exceptions to this report.

At least two of the systems have expressed a desire to confer and work out some plan "mutually agreeable," at least for the extension of a line south from Bend to Klamath Falls. It was not known whether the Union Pacific had been invited to attend the conference although railroad officials have expressed the belief that the conference regarding central and southern Oregon railroad construction would be participated in by all parties.

## AMERICA TO PROTEST EMBARGO ON SPUDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The United States will protest to Great Britain against the embargo which has been placed on American potatoes, due to the activity of the potato bug in this country, it was learned at the State Department today. The Department of Agriculture informed Secretary of State Hughes that there is no legitimate basis for the embargo, as the potato bug is fully under control in this country.

## FOUR CHILDREN ARE BURNED IN BAD FIRE

HAXTUN, Colo., Dec. 29. — Trapped in an upper chamber, the four small children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stoffer were burned to death today when fire destroyed the Stoffer home near here. The parents sustained severe burns in rescuing two other children. There's a message in The Tidings Want Ads.

## OTHER EXPERT IS CALLED IN IN DEATH CASE

Health Commissioner Asked to Appear in Office of State's Attorney

SHEPHERD IS NOW DUE

Randson Asked to Explain Opportunity for Laymen to Obtain Cultures of Typhus Bacillus

CHICAGO, Dec. 29. — The investigation being carried on here into the death of the late William McClintock, "millionaire orphan" today took another ominous turn, when chief health commissioner Bundeson of Cook county was summoned to the office of District Attorney Crowe, in order to explain the possibility and chances of a layman obtaining typhoid fever germ cultures. The theory that the typhoid germs may have been administered to McClintock, either in his food or through hypodermic injections has already been advanced by the District Attorney's office, and the summoning of Bundeson is taken as an indication that this line of inquiry was being developed.

The first report of the expert physician and toxicologist, working on the exhumed body of the dead youth showed that the report of the attending physician, who was present at McClintock's death, which stated the youth had died of typhoid fever was correct. The experts are now working to determine whether the typhus germs were taken into the body naturally or whether they were injected or caused to be taken into the body of the dead youth by some outside cause.

William Shepherd, foster father of the boy, and biggest beneficiary in the will of the dead youth, should arrive in Chicago late this afternoon. Shepherd was in New Mexico when the investigation started, and immediately returned and aid in the investigation. Although it appears that the District Attorney is attempting to show that Shepherd had something to do with the death of the youth, Shepherd has given out much information which will aid in the investigation.

Shepherd has been highly incensed over the procedure so far, and in his statements given out on the train en route to Chicago, he has given vent to his feelings, calling the District Attorney a "fool" and a "numskull," and claiming that what he calls a "flimsy film of circumstantial evidence" is all that is being used to base the investigation upon.

## WHEAT AND LUMBER EXPORTS KEEP THIS STATE UP IN RACE

Oregon maintained its seventeenth place in the relative standing of the States of the Union in merchandise exports for the quarter ended September 30, 1924, when its trade in this direction amounted to \$13,186,084, a drop of \$277,882 from the figures of the previous quarter, according to statistics just released by the Department of Commerce.

Wheat topped the list of commodities exported with valuations of \$5,578,190. Plank boards and scantlings followed, valued at \$1,842,283, and then came timber shipments at \$1,150,470, and flour amounting to \$1,150,327.

The first ten states included in the tabulation, and the amounts of their foreign shipments, are: New York, with figures of \$175,909,180; Texas \$163,205,889; Pennsylvania \$71,834,632; Illinois \$70,755,613; California \$54,374,555; New Jersey \$49,852,174; Louisiana \$46,470,829; Michigan \$39,715,774; Ohio \$31,071,984; and Massachusetts with \$27,702,446. Indiana, runner-up to Oregon, had totals of \$12,875,619.

Grand totals for the first nine months of the year give Oregon export figures of \$46,923,080 and sixteenth place in the entire list of states. Though Minnesota secured eleventh place in relative standing of the states for the third quarter of the year, it ran behind in nine-month figures to the extent of \$1,295,637. Maryland, just topping Oregon for figures of the three quarters, attained trade to the amount of \$47,160,968.

## PRETTY GIRLS DO NOT WANT CONDUCTOR JOBS

TOKIO, Dec. 29. — Superintendent Sawa, of the City Electric Bureau, is bewailing the lack of pulchritude among the women of Japan.

The bureau recently decided to install a new motor bus service and conceived the scheme of "beautifying the buses" by hiring girl conductors. It advertised for comely maidens and Sawa picked himself as the beauty expert who would select the fairest from the applicants. More than 100 would-be conductorettes turned up. Sawa looked them over. "They were pretty, all right," he said. "Ah, yes, pretty poor. It was a procession of the homeliest faces I ever gazed upon. I am beginning to think that Japan has no pretty girls. If there are any they certainly are not looking for jobs as bus conductors."

## DAHACK FORFEITS \$750 BOND BY NOT SHOWING FOR CASE

Eagle Point Man, Charged With Bootlegging Fails to Make Appearance

Preliminary hearings of charges against alleged prohibition violators, arrested in a recent clean-up, headed by M. V. McMills, state prohibition enforcement officer, were started before County Judge George Gardner Friday at Jacksonville, and resulted in one acquittal, two dismissals, one plea of guilty, and one forfeiture of \$750 bonds. The remaining cases will be heard in February.

Eli Dahack of Eagle Point, failed to appear for trial when his name was called, and Judge Gardner, after a 15 minute wait, declared his \$750 bond forfeited. Dahack entered a plea of guilty to the second charge of selling liquor, and will enter a plea this afternoon to a third and similar charge. At the last session of the grand jury, Dahack was indicted on three counts, charging sale and the jury disagreed after 27 hours deliberation.

The charge of possession and manufacture of liquor against Edwin Taylor of the Applegate, was dismissed, and the trial of his brother, John started. The case against John was later also missed.

Jacob Spitzler of Talent was acquitted by a jury, after ten minutes deliberation Friday afternoon. Possession of liquor was the charge. It was brought out in the testimony that Spitzler had a revolver tied around his wooden leg. When he arose from a card game last Sunday, in response to the notification that he was under arrest, it was charged that Spitzler put his hand in his pants pocket. The arresting officers regarded this as a hostile maneuver. Spitzler lived with William Lacey, who entered a plea of guilty the first of the week to possession of liquor, and the defense contended that the three bottles of moonshine employed as evidence against him, belonged to Lacey.

## WANT LICENSE TO WED, CALL FIRE STATION

The boys who labor every now and then in quenching the fires which threaten to destroy homes in the city have received many queer telephone calls at the fire station, but last night the queerest of all was registered.

Shortly after ten o'clock, after things had been locked up and the boys were preparing to spend another uneventful night, the telephone tingled. Rather hoping that it meant some action, one of the members of the department hopped to the phone, only to hear a sweet feminine voice ask "can we get a marriage license there tonight." The brave fire laddie, who has faced the fiercest sort of blazes without a quiver's become so excited at this strange request that he stuttered and stammered, unable to answer. A fellow member of the department, braver than the rest took up the receiver and answered, "No lady, this is where the fire of love is quenched, not aided." A click at the other end of the line told him that another of youth's romances was ruined.

## FRENCH NOT TO PAY WAR DEBT ANNOUNCEMENT

Nation Considers Obligation Political Debt, Says Finance Minister

CREATES A SENSATION

After Long Negotiations, France Flatly Refuses to Pay Four Billions to America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. — A bold admission made today by the French Minister of Finance, and given to Secretary of State Hughes by the French ambassador, that France regards her four billion dollar indebtedness to the United States as simply a political debt, which she never expects to pay, created a sensation in political circles in this city this morning.

Secretary of State Hughes, immediately upon receiving the dispatch went into conference with Elliott Wadsworth, secretary of the American Debt Funding Commission, indicating that America intends to challenge the announced French policy.

The announcement by the French Minister of Finance comes as the final statement of the French nation in regards to their debt to this country. For the past several months the two nations have been attempting to agree upon the terms for settlement of the debt, and upon several occasions, it appeared as though a satisfactory agreement would be reached. But each time some unforeseen attack upon the terms ruined all negotiations.

The final chapter to the negotiations came a few weeks ago, when it was announced that special terms had been granted France, in order that the debt might be more easily cleared up. At that time, the French ministers claimed that the French nation was unable to meet the terms of the original agreement, and all indications pointed toward a flat refusal of payment if the terms were not modified. Immediately following the announcement that the terms of the French payment had been made easier, the English Prime Minister announced that should France be given special terms, the British would demand the same terms from the United States. Immediately following this announcement, there came another by the British, stating that if France should start payment to America, the British would expect her to commence to liquidate the British loans made during the war. These two announcements practically killed all chance for a modification of the terms to France, but no such announcement as was made today was expected in the United States.

It is likely that a conference between the financial ministers of the two nations will be called for the near future in order to make a definite settlement.

## FORUM LUNCHEON TO HAVE PARK LEADER AS SPEAKER OF DAY

A very interesting program has been arranged for the Chamber of Commerce Forum luncheon to be held tomorrow at the Hotel Ashland, according to J. H. Fuller, secretary of the booster organization.

Colonel C. G. Thompson, Superintendent of the Crater Lake National Park will be the principal speaker of the day. Colonel Thompson will outline the plans which have been prepared for the coming season, and will give a review of the work that has been accomplished in the park during the past two years.

A musical program will be furnished by several of the University of Oregon students who are now visiting in their homes over the holidays. Violin and piano solos will be furnished by Harvey Woods and Miss Bernice Yeo.

Fuller announces that one or two matters of importance to the chamber will be brought up at the luncheon, and urges all members and directors to be present.

Klamath Falls — Shevlin Hixon Company will begin by April to log its 1,000,000,000 feet of timber in Klamath county.