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nine cases out of ten of asthma.  
This is a proven fact.

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Cannot survive three months in  
the rich ozone at Ashland. Pure  
domestic water helps.

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## 61,879 OREGON RESIDENTS PAY INCOME TAXES

### Federal Government Gets Over Four Millions From Oregonians

#### AVERAGE TAX IS \$69

#### Jackson County Has 1072 Residents Who Pay Income Taxes to the Federal Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Personal income returns were filed with the United States bureau of internal revenue in 1922 by 61,879 Oregon taxpayers who reported total net income of \$161,226,232. The total tax paid was \$4,239,789. While the number filing returns in 1922 was not so large as in 1921 by 929, the net income reported for 1922 exceeded the preceding year by \$1,651,593.

The average tax per return in 1922 was \$69, as compared with \$79 in 1921 and \$120 in 1916, but such comparisons mean nothing without the most detailed analysis because of the succeeding revisions by congress of income tax rates along with increases in individual exemptions.

Due to the high surtax on large incomes, 17 taxpayers contributed more than one-eighth of all of Oregon's tax to the government, paying \$560,602 as compared with the \$267,648 paid by the 14,935 normal taxpayers whose earning capacity averaged between \$1000 and \$2000. The 17 big taxpayers reported total net income of \$2,071,598, while the 14,935 reported \$21,742,701.

Taxes were actually paid by a much smaller number than the 61,879 who filed returns, because it is to be remembered that many thousands of returns were filed by individuals who, because of exemptions or for other reasons, were not subject to taxation under the laws.

Taxpayers were divided among the counties of the state as follows: Baker 917, Benton 578, Clackamas, 1684, Clatsop 1493, Columbia 662, Coos 1379, Crook, 97, Curry 114, Deschutes 765, Douglas, 960, Gilliam 218, Grant 173, Harney 108, Hood River 432, Jackson 1072, Jefferson 74, Josephine 121, Klamath 787, Lake 178, Lane 1513, Lincoln 145, Linn 659, Malheur 289, Marion 1980, Morrow 208, Multnomah 38,385, Polk 392, Sherman 259, Tillamook 444, Umatilla 1773, Union 1177, Wallowa 254, Wasco 760, Washington 905, Wheeler 59, Yamhill 633, miscellaneous 32.

By principal cities the following division is shown: Astoria, 111, Baker 664, Bend 676, Corvallis 512, Eugene 1011, La Grande 918, Medford 629, Oregon City 618, Pendleton 994, Portland 26,776, Salem 1286, The Dalles 636.

## Legislature Takes Slap at Pierce by Passing Veto Bill

SALEM, Jan. 20.—The house today passed over Governor Pierce's veto the Senate measure exempting from any inheritance tax, certain bequests for benevolent charities for educational purposes.

## SENATE APPROVES WALSH OIL PROBE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Seven months after the close of the famous oil investigation, the Senate today gave its formal approval of the Walsh report flaying the Doherty and Sinclair leases, and bitterly assailed former Secretary of the Interior Fall, The administration supporters opposed the approval of the report because it attacked Secretary Denby, and they declared President Harding acted "without authority by law" in transferring the oil reserves from the Navy to the Interior Department.

Riddle — Establishment of a local box factory is urged; timber and electric power are available, and good local market for product.

## Rector Takes Wine in Village "Pub" for Stomach's Sake

LONDON, Jan. 20.—"Take a little wine for thy stomach's sake" is good sound advice, in the opinion of the Vicar of Chessington, who for the last seven years, with the exception of Sundays, has spent his evenings in the village inn, "making friends over a glass of beer."

"I do not believe in sitting in my study preparing a sermon for the Sunday on 'Brotherhood' and not going down among my people and trying to put that great principle of brotherhood into practice."

## CONSERVATION CONTEST WITH PRIZES STARTS

### Oregon Resources Subject of New Contest Started to Prevent Waste

An unique contest, the object of which is to conserve Oregon's natural resources, has been announced by the Land Settlement and Marketing Committees of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Progressive Business Men's Club and Portland Ad Club and your co-operation in getting this contest before your community will be appreciated.

The following judges have been chosen from the three organizations participating, to represent each respectively: L. T. Merwin, vice-president and general manager of the Northwestern Electric Co.; Franklin Kenny of J. P. Finley & Son; and Lawrence Liljequist, attorney.

First prize, donated by the Oregon State Wide Development Fund, will be \$100.00; second prize, by the Progressive Business Men, \$50.00; third prize, by the Ad Club, \$25.00. The contest closes February 15th, 1925, and no entries will be received after that date.

The idea back of this contest is the conservation of raw materials with the possible establishment of new industries to convert the waste into useful commodities, thereby bringing new wealth into the state. An illustration of conservation of waste now entering a practical stage is the securing of by-products from sawdust by methods developed by Prof. Stafford at the University of Oregon and recently adopted by Henry Ford in his Iron Mountain, Michigan, plant.

Among materials that now are

## "Ma" Ferguson Is Inaugurated as Texas Governor

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 20.—Asking for the good will and the prayers of the women of Texas in her trail blazing journey of feminine rule, but refraining from any attempt at an explanation or detailing of her plans or policies for the government of her state, Mrs. Miriam Ferguson read her inaugural address as Governor to the joint meeting of the state legislature.

The reading of the speech, which was not over four hundred words in length, was the shortest message of its kind in Texas history.

## SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DEATH VERDICT JURY

### Arthur Covell Must Pay for Murder of Sister-in-Law at Bandon in 1923

#### PRISONER IS CRIPPLE

#### Exercised Hypnotic Influence Over Step Son of Murdered Woman. Youth Now in Penitentiary

SALEM, Jan. 20.—Affirming the decision and the sentence handed down at the time of his trial by jury, the State Supreme Court today decided that Arthur Covell, crippled Bandon, Oregon mystic and astrologer must pay the penalty for the murder of his sister in law, Mrs. Ebba Covell. He will be hanged here at the state prison upon the date originally set by the judge at Bandon in whose court the original trial was held.

Covell is said to have planned and executed the murder by exercising an alleged hypnotic influence over Alton Covell, seventeen year old stepson of the murdered woman, and a minor. Young Covell stuffed an ammonia soaked rag into the woman's mouth while she was asleep in their home at Bandon on September 3, 1923, the evidence introduced at the trial showed.

Young Covell is serving a life sentence at the state prison for the offense. He is declared to be mentally unbalanced as the result of the crime and the knowledge that he committed it against his will, and it is stated by physicians and alienists who have examined him that he will have to be removed to the State Hospital here within a short time.

Arthur Covell, whose sentence was today affirmed, and who will be hanged for his part in the crime, has occupied a cot in the prison hospital since his commitment here after his first trial. He is suffering from paralysis, and is unable to move his legs.

The Supreme Court is deciding the case held the opinion that Covell had a fair trial and was defended by an able counsel, and that therefore he was not able to demand a new trial.

## AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION LOOKS BEATEN

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—Ratification of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution by the Oregon, Washington and Idaho state legislatures appears very doubtful, according to reports coming out of the state capitols where the lawmakers are in session.

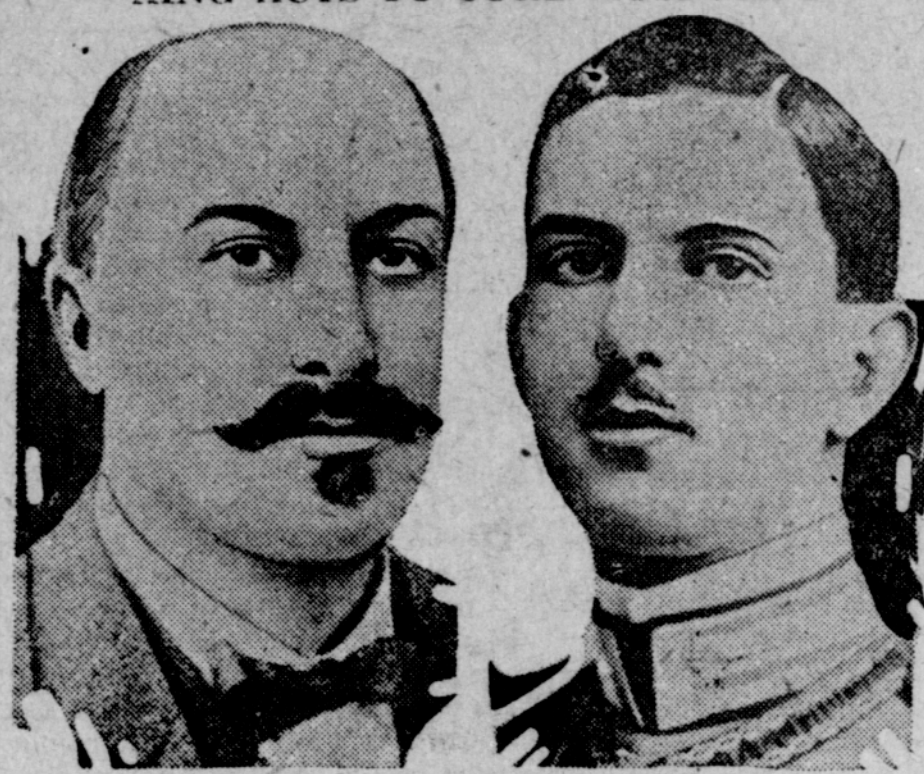
Defeat seems certain in the Oregon legislature at Salem. An informal poll taken by friends of the amendment in the house stopped when 33 negative votes—two more than enough to defeat ratification—were recorded. The Oregon senate shows a majority against or extremely doubtful.

Republican state convention platform promises made at Wenatchee last spring favoring the child labor legislation are about to be cast to the winds at Olympia. A preponderance of sentiment against ratification is evident in both houses of the Washington legislature. Democrats also are turning on their platform adopted at Seattle, following the Republican convention.

The temper of the Washington senate is seen in the shifting of the committee on labor to the new federal relations committee named on Thursday by Lieutenant Governor Johnson. Organized labor, the Washington state grange and women's clubs are lobbying for ratification at Olympia.

Considerable opposition has arisen at Boise, where the Idaho lawmakers are assembled, to the amendment. It centers on the clause which sets the minimum age for workers at 18 years of age. This is also the crux of the Oregon and Washington opposition in addition to what some term an "infringement on state sovereignty." A lively fight is expected in the Idaho legislature, with chances that ratification will be defeated.

## ...ING ACTS TO CURE MUSSOLINI



Above: GIOVANNI GIOLITTI, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY. Below: LUIGI ALBERTINI, EX-SECY. FINZI.

King Victor Emmanuel has acted to curb the dictatorial powers of Premier Benito Mussolini, reminding him that the King alone could call a general election, which Mussolini had ordered. King Victor Emmanuel is said to desire to abdicate, but will not do so because Crown Prince Umberto is too young to rule at this critical time. Giovanni Giolitti is the newly-acclaimed leader of the liberal element in Italy, and may seize the Government if Mussolini falls. At the time the Socialist deputy, Matteotti, was murdered, the King forced the retirement of Under Secretary of the Interior Finzi, who, believing Mussolini had made him the writer of a complete memorandum of the Matteotti affair which is said to involve leading Italians. These memoranda are said to have been purchased by Luigi Albertini, leading anti-Fascist newspaper proprietor, who will spring them at the proper time, it is said, and cause another political upheaval in Italy. A house-to-house search for these papers, ordered by Mussolini, has been unsuccessful.

## ASHLAND HIGH MOTHER KILLER GIRLS' HOOP TO BE TRIED IN SQUAD IS FAST JUVENILE COURT

### Victories Mark Early Season Games. Most of Members Now to Game

With a month's hard practice behind them, the girls' basketball squad of the Ashland High school has a promising season ahead. Although most of the girls are new at the game, they have learned the fundamentals thoroughly, and from now on should form a real aggregation. With one exception, that of a practice game with a number of University of Oregon girls, some of whom were from Jacksonville, the local girls have won every game so far this season.

On January 7, they took on the Phoenix team, winning, 35-21. Talent mixed with the locals on January 8, and were trounced, 41-31. The Alumni, with practically the last year's varsity outfit, held the high girls to a 27-27 tie on January 10. The Faculty fell before the team on January 15 by a score of 43-21, but promises some real opposition in the next game. On January 17, the Ashland and Central Point girls met. As the northern team had had a hard game the night before, the tussle was one sided, the locals winning, 45-16.

With such a record as they have already this season established, the Ashland girls are confident of finishing the season with an unbroken string of victories.

## Two Boys Burned to Death by Fire Which Razes Home

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 20.—Two boys were burned to death here early this morning, when a fire of unknown origin destroyed their home. The victims who were trapped in their attic room when the fire burned away the stairway were Walter Brown, 13 and his brother, George, 10.

## PARK REPORT IS MADE AT FORUM LUNCH

### Figures Given Out by Members of Board Reveal Magnitude of Travel

#### \$2,087.41 NOW IN FUND

#### Total of 11,538 Cars, Carrying 34,615 Persons Stop in Park During Year 1924

Figures which astounded the members of the Chamber of Commerce, as familiar as they are of the magnitude of the tourist travel through this section of the state, were given by the members of the park board at the Forum luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce at the Plaza today.

Figures compiled by Frank Jordan, president of the park board, show that a total of 11,538 cars, carrying 34,615 people stopped in the camp grounds at the park during 1924. Some of these cars stopped but one night, while a large number remained in the camp grounds for two, three or four nights.

Even more astounding was the figures compiled on those who used the Lithia Water fountains in the city. A total of \$1000 was realized from the sale of the paper cups which are placed at each fountain. Since these cups sell for five cents each, it is positively known that 20,000 persons used the drinking fountains during the year. According to checks made by the park board, it was discovered that but one out of each five persons visited the fountains used the paper cups provided, so it is shown that at least 100,000 persons drank from the fountains, an average of 277 persons per day.

Improvements necessary for the caring for the tourist travel in years to come were outlined by A. C. Nininger and Louis Dodge, members of the board. It was stated that a tract of land, 17 acres in size, was for sale at a low price, and that this land, being adjacent to the camp grounds, would make a splendid addition to the park holdings. A resolution, recommending to the city council that this land be purchased, was passed by the Chamber.

A report by the secretary of the board showed a total of \$22,015.89 had been received by the park board during the year, including the \$10,000 improvement bonds voted early in the year. This, added to the \$2,389.15 remaining in the fund from 1923, made a total income of \$24,405.04. Expenditures during the same period were \$22,317.63, leaving a surplus of \$2,087.41 to tide over the work until the money received from taxes is paid.

## Kiwanis Club Will Have Fine Program 10th Anniversary

Joining in the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of Kiwanis, the local Kiwanis club will hold a special program of the regular meeting, January 23, during the luncheon hour at Hotel Ashland, this meeting to be under the direction of the Committee on Kiwanis Education, of which Mr. S. J. Chaney is chairman.

Since the organization of the first Kiwanis club at Detroit, Michigan, in January, 1915, the organization has had a remarkable growth, so that now there are 1300 clubs located in that many cities in the United States and Canada.

"This anniversary of Kiwanis," said Fred C. W. Parker, International secretary, "focuses public attention to the great development of community activity that has come during and since the world war. Before that time there was only a very small percentage of people interested in their own community affairs, but with the growth of the service clubs, business and professional men who were engaged primarily in their business and their own personal social affairs, are giving up much of their time to civic affairs. All civic organizations have larger memberships and in general a much greater percentage of people are actively engaged in promoting their own cities."

Construction being rushed on Canyon Creek trout hatchery on John Day.

## Radios and Autos Supplant Churches in the Southwest

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 20.—Charges that automobiles, radios, and other "luxuries" are supplanting the churches in rural districts throughout Oklahoma will be made when the Methodist Episcopal convention meets here February 13 to discuss plans for creating more interest in the country churches, it is said.

Officials of the denomination declare that during the past few months many rural congregations have advised their pastors that they can no longer support a church. In these same communities, however, there is a radio in nearly every home and few residents do not own automobiles, according to the churchmen.

## SOLOM CHARGED BY AGENT OF BEING VENDOR

### Senator Edwards Charged With Being Member of Bootleg Gang

JERSEY CITY, New Jersey, Jan. 20.—Lionel Wilson, former Treasury Department Agent, now on trial for complicity in a rum running expedition, testified in court here today, that U. S. Senator Edwards, Democrat, had offered to sell him and another agent liquor, and that he had paid \$3,800 to the Senator for 100 cases of liquor which was brought into the United States through Weehawken, New Jersey. Wilson ventured the belief that Senator Edwards was a director of a bootlegging ring, which he said operated at Weehawken.

Edwards was formerly governor of New Jersey, and became famous almost overnight by his refusal to aid in the enforcement of the United States Prohibition laws. He fought the eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, declaring it was unconstitutional. He was supported by his legislature in his stand on the prohibition measure.

Edwards at one time was convicted of bootlegging.

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## ATTEMPT MADE TO ROB SAFE OF F. BUREAU

According to Ralph Jennings, Jackson County sheriff, who was a visitor in this city this morning, an attempt was made sometime during the night to rob the Farm Bureau Office in Medford. Jennings was in Ashland searching the railroad yards for a man likely to have committed the burglary.

The safe in the office was badly wrecked by the burglar, according to Jennings, but it is not known as yet whether the robbery was successful, since the Farm Bureau officials have not as yet been able to open their safe.

The dial was badly smashed, and the handle on the safe knocked off, according to Jennings. It appears that some nitro-glycerin was used in the robbery, but was not exploded. A substance that the officers believe might have been used to hold the "soup" in place was found on the outside of the safe when the robbery was discovered. For this reason the insurance men who have viewed the safe declared it dangerous to open it for it is their belief they may still be some of the nitro-glycerine in the container. An expert will be sent for to open the safe.

According to the Farm Bureau officials, there was little of value in the safe, since most of the money was banked late yesterday afternoon.

## CITY COUNCIL WILL BE BUSY MEET TONIGHT

### Several Important Subjects Are Almost Certain to be Brought Up

#### APPOINTMENTS IN LINE

#### Chief of Police, Police Judge, Street Commissioner and City Attorney to be Appointed

With several matters of the greatest importance to be brought up, the meeting of the city administration to be held tonight is considered one of the most important held for some time.

With several appointive offices still open, to which appointments will probably be made tonight, the meeting is likely to be a lively one. Two of the offices remaining to be filled caused a clash between Mayor Johnson and his council at their first meeting two weeks ago, and as a result the council refused to ratify his appointments to these offices. It is not known whether Mayor Johnson will again appoint these men or concede to the wishes of the council.

At the last meeting Mayor Johnson appointed J. W. Hatcher to succeed G. W. McNabb as Chief of Police and E. C. Fraley to succeed Frank Merrill as Street Commissioner. These appointments the council flatly refused to ratify and they are still open. Mayor Johnson made no appointment to the office of City Attorney or Police Judge, and it is likely appointments to these offices will be made at the meeting tonight.

The committee appointed to inspect the Chautauqua building, with the idea of the council calling a special election in order to raise the money for the purchase of the structure, will report tonight. The committee appointed at the adjourned meeting last Tuesday night to inspect the hospital will make a report tonight, and it is likely that the hospital lease will be awarded.

In addition to these special subjects which are almost certain to be brought up, routine business, such as is transacted at all meetings, will occupy the attention of the council for some time.

The water question, probably the biggest facing the city at the present time, is almost certain to again come up, as it has at almost every council meeting in the past. It is stated that the construction of the ditch to care for the Emmigrant Creek water to be supplied the city, must be constructed within a short time, and this subject will more than likely be placed before the council for consideration.

## NEW STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO SCHOOL

All pupils not now students of the Ashland high school and who are planning to enter for the next semester are asked to be present at the school at one o'clock Friday afternoon, January 23. This includes those entering from the Junior high school and children of high school age who have not been attending school.

It is necessary that all report at this time due to the fact that a number of new seats will have to be added in the assembly to make room for the new students, and the seats will be installed on Saturday. Approximately thirty pupils will enter the high school from Junior high next Monday.

## SISTERS DIE WHEN CLEANING GAS FIRES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Two sisters, Mrs. Reynolds and Miss Agnes Pashley died today from burns and injuries received in a mysterious explosion, presumably caused by gas from cleaning fluid, which became ignited and badly damaged their apartment house last night. Three others were badly burned, while many more were barely rescued from the blaze.

## TWO WOMEN DROWN WHEN CAR SKIDS

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 20.—Mrs. P. Long and Mrs. Taylor Evans, elderly women were drowned today when an automobile in which they were riding skidded off the highway into a drainage ditch near this city. Their husbands, riding in the front seat, escaped with slight injuries. The body of Mrs. Evans had not been found at an early hour this afternoon.