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Without the use of medicine cures
nine cases out of ten of malaria.
This is a proven fact.

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

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WHOLE NATION IS OPTIMISTIC SAYS MELLON

Gross Debt Reduced 734 Millions, Report of Secretary Shows

MUCH INTEREST SAVED

Income Tax Receipts to be Higher Than Since 1922, Despite Reductions in Revenue Act

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The nation is enjoying a period of genuine and distributed prosperity which warrants optimism for the future, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon declared in his annual report to Congress today.

"This advance has been aided by the prospect of tax reduction and reform," he said. "The program of public economy and public debt payments which has been rigidly adhered to during the past five years has been a direct contributing factor to the improvement in the credit and security markets."

Referring to his department's administration of prohibition, Mellon claimed that the Coast Guard has forced "marked reduction" in smuggling and that under Assistant Secretary Andrews' new organization "vigorous action is being taken to make the law enforcement agencies as effective as possible."

The department's policy was described as a concentration of effort "against the sources of supply of illegitimate alcoholic beverages" and encouragement of "local law enforcement by states and communities."

In outlining present prosperity, the secretary expressed the hope that the public's growing habit of buying "every conceivable commodity on time," and "the speculative tendency, in real estate in some communities," would not undermine business caution.

Mellon warned Congress against various proposals to reduce taxes below the Treasury estimates, to increase tax exemptions to \$5000 incomes, and to retard public debt payments.

"Any interference with the present debt-paying program would tend to offset the good effects which have already been accomplished," he said. "The debt is today about \$20,000,000. Interest and sinking fund payments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, for which provision was made in the budget, amounted to \$1,188,000,000."

"At the present rate of payment as provided by the sinking fund, the so-called domestic debt, representing money spent by America in the war and amount-

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Students Return From Conference at University

Ashland high school pupils, delegates to the conference held by the University of Oregon officials during last week, returned to school yesterday morning.

The delegates were Miss Lois Hansen, Miss Velma Clapp, Virginia Gillette, Roland Code and Henry Homes.

The Misses Hansen and Clapp were entertained at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house, where Marion Leach, a former Ashland student, is a pledge; Gillette, and Code stopped at the Lambda Psi house, where a number of former Ashland high students are pledges, while Henry Homes was the guest of John Galey at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Walter Hughes, faculty member, who accompanied the students, was entertained at the Oregon chapter of his own fraternity, Theta Beta Pi.

All the delegates report a splendid trip, and have come back with new interests concerning school activities.

LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE STARTS TOMORROW MORNING

Eight Teams, Composed of Legion Members, Will Canvas Residential Districts of City, While Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce Committee Work Business District.

Many citizens have asked questions relative to the American Legion Five Million Dollars Endowment fund and the local posts' drive tomorrow to raise its quota of this large fund.

The Tidings, recognizing the importance of this fund and what the American Legion will be able to accomplish with the income from the fund, is printing below excerpts from a pamphlet which The Legion issued in explanation of the Endowment Fund, which is dedicated to "those who gave the most."

There rests with The American Legion, in conjunction with governmental agencies, the major responsibility for the care and cure of the disabled men of the United States forces in the World War, and for the proper care, upbringing and education of the orphaned children of those who gave their lives in battle.

This trust, imposed upon the Legion when it was chartered by the Congress, September 16, 1919, was invited by the founders of the Legion, and is welcomed by every member of the Legion. President Coolidge in his message to Congress, December, 1924, expressed his confidence in The American Legion as the chief and most representative organization of service men of the World War. The duty imposed by Congress, the confidence expressed by the President, and the purpose deep rooted in the heart of every service man, have been met by a national organization of more than 11,000 posts located in practically every city and town in the nation.

MORE VETS IN HOSPITAL THAN EVER BEFORE

Report of Bureau Director Indicates 211,644 Disabled From War Experiences

By JOSEPH S. WASNEY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Caring for disabled world war veterans and dependents of deceased soldiers cost the government \$393,755,857 during the last fiscal year, General Frank T. Hines, director of the Veterans Bureau reported to Congress today.

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CONTRACTS ON NEW SCHOOL ARE SIGNED

Contracts for the new grade school building have finally been signed after several weeks of indecision, waiting for the board of regents of the Southern Oregon Normal school to come to a decision on aid to be given in the erection of the building. The contracts were formally signed recently, and the building is now under construction.

At a special meeting of the board of education Monday evening, F. H. Walker, city engineer was appointed as a special inspector. Walker met with the board and discussed the construction work on the building. The bonds voted for the construction of the building, have not yet been sold. There is enough money on hand to care for the payments on the contracts, and the board decided not to offer the bonds for sale until after January 1.

Members of the board visited the site of the new grade school in Medford, inspecting the building, yesterday.

A Royal Guard



This picture shows royalty of northern Europe following solemnly in the snow behind the cortege of the Queen Mother Alexandria. They are, from left to right: The King of England, the Prince of Wales, the King of Sweden and the King of Norway.

ASHLAND HAS PUT ON HER HOLIDAY GARB

Stores Bright With Christmas Decorations Already in Place

With Christmas but 16 days away, Ashland is rapidly putting on her holiday attire. Stores with the windows decorated with fire, holly and other Christmas features are seen on every hand. Almost every business house has put on its Christmas decorations, which will remain in place for the remainder of the year.

A number of stores have already placed small Christmas trees in front of their establishments, using the holes drilled in the sidewalk during the past summer by the American Legion, in order to support flags which are used for decorative purposes.

Santa Claus has been early in arriving. He is already on the street, with his triangle supporting a kettle, continually ringing his bell, and uttering in a monotone, "keep the pot boiling."

Church choirs have already started preparing the music to be presented Christmas morning, at which time, the finest music of the year will be given.

Charitable organizations are also making preparations for distributing aid during the holiday season. The Salvation Army is busy collecting clothing and funds with which to purchase food, to be distributed at that time.

A committee, headed by D. Perossi has been appointed by the Elks to care for the Christmas charity work of that organization.

COAST GUARDS GET 260 CASES BOOZE

ABERDEEN, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Coast guardsmen during Monday night boarded the fishing schooner Sea Hawk and seized 260 cases of Canadian whiskey and gin, and arrested J. D. Hart and John Berg, members of the crew.

VETERAN LUMBERMAN CALLED BY DEATH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—C. J. Smith, veteran lumberman of the Pacific Coast, died at Berkeley this morning, according to an announcement from the offices of the Pacific States lumber company here. Smith was interested in the huge Coos Bay holdings.

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First Auto Makes Invasion of Eskimo Land

HERB LAKE, Manitoba, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Far to the north, a small automobile chugs its way over the ice and snow, its first vehicle of its kind to invade the land of the Eskimo.

It was taken to the Far North by John Harris, who has just returned there after marketing here a large quantity of furs.

On his visit to civilization, Harris brought his Eskimo wife and three children. "Just to give them a treat," and if their wide and wondering eyes were criterions, it was a treat.

When Harris returned he took with him the small automobile, loaded down with provisions, and goods to be traded to the natives.

NINE SO. ORE. FIRMS CHARGED IN COMPLAINTS

Suits Brought for Payment of Delinquent License Fees for 1924, 1925

Complaints against nine corporations were filed yesterday by the district attorney's office at the request of the State Corporation Department for the collection of delinquent license fees for the years of 1924 and 1925.

According to law, these corporations are not allowed to do business in the state until the delinquent fees have been paid.

HILL LINE RUMOR COVERS MARSHFIELD

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Rumors relative to the sale or reorganization of the Pacific States Lumber Company, and of plans for an extension of the Hill lines to Coos Bay were left behind by a party of Northern Pacific railroad officials and lumbermen, who departed in a private car today. Included in the party were M. J. Scanlon of Minneapolis, lumber operator, four lumbermen and financiers, interested in the Pacific States holdings, and F. H. Fogarty, assistant general freight agent of the Northern Pacific.

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NEW FAD HITS ASHLAND HIGH BOY STUDENTS

Balloon Trousers Pushed into Background by Decorated Sweat Shirts

The newest fad to hit the high school youth, replacing the much talked about balloon trousers, is now popular with the local high school boys.

Although the new craze has been popular on the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College campuses for several months, it has but recently been in vogue here, but has spread like wildfire during the period it has been popular.

Sweat shirts, usually used by athletes as protection against cold during their practice periods and during the games in which they were not playing, furnish the body for the new garment.

Then comes the cartoonist with his vari-colored inks. A snappy cartoon on the back of the shirt, with the owners initials or nickname printed above the cartoon, completes the garment.

At Thanksgiving, the fad was practically unknown here. When the former Ashland students returned for the holiday from their various schools, the high school youths were quick to pick up the fad, and the following

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Deer Die When They Fall Over Edge of Cliff

Two big bucks, monarchs of the Ashland canyon, will roam the hills no more, as the result of a terrific fight, staged either late yesterday afternoon or during last night.

Employees of the city water department, on their daily trip up the canyon, found the monarchs of the forest, with their horns still locked as in battle, lying at the foot of one of the high cliffs of the canyon.

Indications at the top of the cliff point that the deer, engaged in their fight, worked closer and closer to the edge of the cliff, and finally, one of them toppling over, drew the other with him. They dropped more than 100 feet.

The deer were brought to the city warehouse this morning and after photos had been taken, and Deputy Game Warden Roy Parr had given his sanction, they were buried.

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Sure Cure for Seasickness is Said Discovered

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—What steamship agents style a "sure cure" for seasickness has been added to the medicine chest of coastwise passenger vessels.

Remedies for relieving this ocean-travel ailment have been used with satisfactory results on vessels of both the Admiral Line and the McCormick Steamship company, leading coastwise operators.

H. B. Brittain, general passenger agent for the Admiral Line, declared the remedy in use on the Emma Alexander and other vessels is "one hundred per cent effective."

"There has not been a single case of seasickness that has not been cured," said Brittain.

"One passenger was miserably sick, but after taking the remedy was cured and dancing on the deck within 15 minutes."

29 ACTIONS TO BE DROPPED TO CLEAR DOCKET

Action Against W. V. Ramsay and F. S. Merritt, to be Dismissed

In an effort to assist in clearing the present docket of cases which have not been tried and which have been disregarded for want of prosecution, the district attorney's office has made a motion to dismiss approximately 29 actions. They cover old infractions of the liquor law and other charges that have been hanging fire for some time past.

They are as follows: State vs. Mrs. J. A. McCalvey; vs. Dale Smith; vs. E. C. Winslow; vs. William Virgil Ramsey and Fred Sumner Merritt; vs. Robert J. Duff, et al.; vs. B. P. Nelson; vs. Carl Anderson and Clyde McGowan; vs. J. O. Pierce; vs. F. M. White; vs. R. H. Sears; vs. Leigh C. Wetmore; vs. Carl Anderson and Clyde McGowan; vs. James Kelly; vs. Joe D. Lepper; vs. Bill Anderson; vs. T. A. Rhodimer; vs. T. A. Thodimer; vs. Eli Dahack; vs. Dale Smith; vs. B. J. Hodges, Madeline Hodges, R. Dawson and Nettie Dawson; vs. B. J. Hodges, Madeline Hodges, R. Dawson and Nettie Dawson; vs. John Doe Blevins; vs. W. C. Gipsen; vs. John McClintie; vs. M. M. Heffling and Nona Heffling; vs. J.

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OREGON FARMS INCREASE IN PAST 5 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The total number of farms in Oregon increased from 50,206 in 1920 to 55,908 in 1925. This is shown in figures given out by the department of commerce on a farm census of the state.

The census also shows that the number of farms operated by owners increased from 29,863 in 1920 to 45,884 in 1925. Compared with this increase there was a decrease in the number of farms operated by tenants, the figures being 9,427 in 1920 and 9,406 in 1925.

The acreage of farms in the state aggregated 14,150,043 in 1925, compared with 13,542,318 in 1920.

Farm values in 1925 aggregated \$617,174,215, compared with \$675,213,234 in 1920.

The average value per acre in 1925 was \$43.71, compared with \$49.86 in 1920.

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BUDGET CALLS FOR REVENUE OF 34 BILLION

Message Transmitted to Congress This Morning by Coolidge

PRAISES COMMITTEE

Aircraft Appropriation is Set at More Than \$76,000,000 for Army and Navy

By WILLIAM J. LOSH
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The national budget for the fiscal year of 1927, transmitted to congress today by President Coolidge, estimated total revenues of \$3,824,530,203, total expenditures of \$3,494,222,308.44, and a probable surplus of \$330,307,224.56 for that year.

Revised estimates for the current fiscal year placed total revenues at \$3,880,716,942, total expenditures at \$3,618,675,186, and the probable surplus June 30 next at \$262,041,756, a decrease of \$89,082,244 below the surplus estimated by the President for that date a year ago, due to increased expenditures.

Counseling continued effort for economy, the President, in a message accompanying the document, said it had borne fruit, but added, "we have about reached the time when the legitimate business of government cannot be carried on at a less expenditure than that which it now requires. With regard to our legitimate business, the operating costs have been reduced to nearly a minimum."

"The effort for economy, however, must continue," said the President. "So far as it lies within the power of the Chief Executive, it will continue."

The message was notable for more comprehensive expression of the President's sentiments toward aircraft, prohibition, and government building than he made in his annual message to Congress yesterday.

"This government is pursuing an orderly policy toward building up its air services," he said, announcing large appropriations for new aircraft construction. "If we continue this policy, there need be no fear of our national defense situation in so far as air strength is concerned."

"Every available resource of the Government will be employed for prohibition enforcement," he warned, announcing his intention to propose a great expansion of the Coast Guard. "Such reinforcement is needed. It should be provided."

After commending the committee for the non-partisan spirit in which it framed the new tax bill, and expressing the hope that its progress through

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Local Sportsmen Attend Meeting on Rogue Problem

In spite of the published statements that every Ashland fisherman was a bait fisherman, and that the sportsmen of this city were opposed to the movement to close the Rogue River during the winter months, many Ashland sportsmen were on hand at the meeting of the Jackson county Game Protective association in Medford yesterday, and almost to a man, they recommended to State Game Warden Averill, that the Rogue be closed during the spawning season.

D. M. Lowe, Ed. Butler, Earl Hoeler and many others recommended that the river be closed, or at least, the fish given protection.

Lowe expressed what appeared to be the sentiment of most of those present, when he advocated that the Savage Rapids be repaired in order to protect the fish there.

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