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CARTER CLEARS WORK STATE LEGISLATORS

UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY GOVERNOR OLCOTT REFUSED TO SIGN MUNICIPAL EXEMPTION INHERITANCE TAX BILL.

Jackson County Delegation Firm Against Gasoline Tax Bill; Scene Preservation Bill Goes Over Opposition; Senate in Checkmate.

"Why Governor Olcott refused to sign the bill exempting from inheritance tax bequests to municipalities, is a mystery to me," says Hon. E. V. Carter, member of the lower house of the state legislature. "Before introducing the bill—which had no opposition in either the house or the senate—E. D. Briggs informed me that the measure had the entire approval of the governor.

"A possible explanation is Governor Olcott's expressed wish that no measures be considered at the recent special session except highway preservation and Portland's fair. We took it for granted, however, that any surplus time could and should be used for the considering and passage of minor bills which had no opposition, such as the one mentioned. For two days we practically marked time in the house. It may be that the governor believes the situation could be better handled by recommending to the attorney general that bequests of the nature mentioned be exempt from inheritance taxes.

"Ashland is peculiarly interested in this matter, because it involves the possible loss of \$2300 to the city, this being the amount of inheritance tax due, under present laws, would be due to the estate of the late Charles Root, which goes to the city after his widow's death. The estate is valued at \$21,000.

"A peculiar situation is involved in the Portland fair bill, which went through the house by a substantial majority, but had a majority of only one in the senate. According to the law, the approval of a majority of senators elected is required, and this was not obtained by the bill in question. The vote was fifteen to fourteen in favor. One senator, who was elected, is dead, and no one has been elected to fill his place. The case is now being considered by the supreme court.

The Jackson county delegation voted solidly against this bill, which provides for the raising of \$3,000,000 for the 1925 exposition, by a gasoline tax. There is a general sentiment in favor of using all moneys obtained from taxes on auto and auto supplies, for the building and maintenance of roads. Jackson county lawmakers voted against the bill on this account and also because they were opposed to this or any other general tax for the purpose mentioned. A poll tax was suggested, but this would be even more objectionable.

"An income tax would be the most acceptable, but this would probably meet with strong opposition in Portland itself. In fact, there is considerable opposition to the fair from Portland people, several of whom I have heard express disapproval of the project. No organized opposition came from the city, however, because the objectors did not care to be classed as knockers and frowned upon by the majority of their fellow townsmen.

Referring to the alleged delinquency of the state highway commission in failing to preserve the trees and other scenic beauty along the Pacific highway, Mr. Carter is inclined to exonerate the commission from all blame in this connection, saying they are all high-minded men, serving without compensation and being impervious to any ulterior influences. Mr. Carter also states that Governor Olcott's bill making provision for the preservation of scenic beauty along the highway was passed without considerable opposition, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Carter was asked to make a statement regarding school taxes. He made special reference to the millage on the Oregon Agricultural College. "The Oregon Voter," says Carter, "claims that 45 per cent of our taxes are used for education."

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250 WOMEN TO BE INCLUDED IN JURY CALL FOR COUNTY

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Women will be called as jurors at the February term of the circuit court, under the state law, approved by the voters at the May, 1921, special election, and County Clerk Chauncey Florey will draw the list the first week in January, which will contain the names of 250 women and 250 men. The list is for the year. The law as amended only requires that a juror be a voter, and not alone a taxpayer as heretofore.

The second story of the new county vault will be used as women's quarters, though the deliberations of a jury will not be separate.

School teachers are alone exempt from service, but all other women may be excused upon request, as follows, as provided by the law:

"Any woman desiring to be excused from jury service may claim exemption by signing a written or printed notice thereof and returning the same to the sheriff before the date for appearance, and if exemption is so claimed by reason of sex, no appearance need be made in answer to said summons; provided, that it shall be the duty of the person serving any summons for jury duty to inform every female person so served of this provision and to furnish her with a written or printed blank on which to make such claim for exemption."

The requirement for a juror of both sexes is: a citizen of the United States, over twenty-one years of age; a legal voter of the county in which he or she resides, and in possession of his natural faculties, and a sound mind.

The new jury law, effective January 1, also provides, that in all criminal actions, where the complaining witness or the defendant is under eighteen years of age, one-half of the jury shall be women.

The law also excuses members of the legislature when the august body is in session.

Oregon is the last of the Pacific coast states to have women jurors. Women served on the Roscoe (Patty) Arbuckle trial in California, one being credited with hanging the jury. In Washington, a notable case in which women acted as jurors, was the murder trial of James E. Mahoney, charged with the murder of his aged wife.

Among the cases to be tried at the February term of court, with women as jurors, will be the remainder of the Bank of Jacksonville failure cases, and the probable retrial of John Goodwin and James (Shine) Edwards, taxi drivers charged with bootlegging.

LOCAL RESIDENT FACES CHARGE OF POSSESSING BOOZE

(From Thursday's Daily)
Henry Ballenger, 361 Mountain avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police J. W. Hatcher, on a charge of having illicit intoxicating liquor in his possession. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace W. H. Gowdy, who set his bail at \$1000, and upon his failure to supply this amount, he was locked in the city jail. At 3 o'clock this afternoon, Ballenger had been unable to raise the amount, and arrangements were being made to transfer him to the county jail at Jacksonville.

The case will be tried Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the city hall before Justice Gowdy. County Attorney Rawles Moore will act for the plaintiff, and G. M. Roberts has been retained by the defendant.

The raid was made by Chief Hatcher, assisted by Constables George Robinson and J. M. Neice. While Hatcher entered the front door, the two assistants tried to effect a rear entrance, but found the door locked. Four other men besides Ballenger were in the house at the time of the raid. Two of them escaped through the front entrance, one crawled under the bed and the other, together with Ballenger, did not try to escape while Chief Hatcher was engaged in obtaining incriminating evidence.

The other two men were arrested, but released on their own recognizance. One of them is Bert Brown, who faces a charge of assault on an officer, according to police. The other one is Herbert Horan. Ballenger and Brown were in a drunken condition when arrested, police say. Ballenger was breaking a bottle of liquor in the sink when Chief Hatcher entered the room, but the officer was able to save a considerable quantity of it which will serve as evidence.

WINTER FAIR CLEARS \$230 FINAL PROFIT

(From Thursday's Daily)
Receipts of the Winter Fair were \$1810, and the expenditures to date, \$1580, leaving a profit balance of \$230. Final figures may modify these amounts slightly. One hundred and fifty persons were paid \$620 in premiums, the poultry people getting \$169 and the exhibitors of livestock \$230. The poultry entry money amounted to \$101. Sixty-seven dollars was paid for Armory rent, \$60 for the Natatorium, and \$50 for Smith's barn.

Ticket sales \$802
Ticket sales amounted to \$802, of which nearly one half was due to the excellent efforts of high school students. The city council donated \$200, which is four times last year's appropriation, and the county court, \$300, which is double the amount given last year. Merchants' displays brought in \$300. The Ladies' Civic Improvement club was paid \$25 for putting on an entertainment one evening.

Most Work Donated
The managers of the fair are reluctant to make public the fact that the project shows a small financial profit, due to the fact that practically all the work in connection with the enterprise cost the organization nothing, fearing that some will jump to the conclusion that the management should have paid salaries to all helpers, or that larger premiums should have been paid. A much larger livestock display would have put the association in debt, since the total premium offerings amounted to \$1350, which is \$730 more than the amount actually paid—\$620.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS LOCAL "HELLO" GIRLS

If anybody thinks that a telephone girl's life is just one "Hello" after another, that idea would have been dissipated Saturday evening by a peep into the room where the chief operator and her assistants sit enthroned at the switchboard. The Christmas spirit had thoroughly permeated that sacred apartment, judging by the beautifully decorated tree, the piles of presents and the jolly, friendly spirit which prevailed every nook and corner of the sanctuary.

Wire Chief H. S. Alken officiated as Santa Claus, distributing gifts with lavish hands to the other employees, who were more accustomed to receiving phone calls than presents. In addition to things which were useful and beautiful, there were a number of things which were supposed to be peculiarly appropriate to the recipient. Thus, Mr. Aiken received rattles, baby toys and a jumping frog; S. F. Kelly, janitor, a toy broom, pick and shovel; Mildred Carleton—athletic duck, duck and other feathered things; Lola Conroy—a Dickey doll and cock-eyed mannikin; Alice Craig—little baby dolls; Bessie McMillan—rag dolls; Bertha Smith—monkey and other comical things; Gladys Inlow—man dolls; Norma Williams—sailboat and similar nautical toys; Myrta Otterdale, "Bob" sled, put-on-and-take up; Mrs. Dora Hubbard—Katzenjammer kids, scale and bank.

After the merriment which these gifts occasioned had subsided, other and more valuable presents were handed out. Each girl gave a present to every other girl in the office, mostly caps, jackets, towels, aprons, and other things dear to the feminine heart, and which showed the personality and handwork of the giver.

The traffic department presented Mr. Aiken with Elks' emblem cuff links. Mr. Kelly also received a pair of fancy cuff links. Beautiful boxes of candy were received from each of the following business houses: H. F. Norton Co., E. R. Isaacs Co., Price's Confectionery, Porter's Confectionery, and Mack's Taxi. Dr. F. G. Swendenburg gave each girl a box of candy, and S. F. Kelly sent up two dozen lovely carnations from the greenhouse. Mrs. Sugg, milliner, gave each operator a corsage bouque which will not wither. There were oranges and other good things too numerous to mention.

Bert Hinthorne appeared at just the right time and took a flashlight photograph of the tree, presents and pretty girls. Ashland is the only place in southern Oregon where the Christmas spirit in the telephone employes blossomed out into a company tree and appropriate festivities, but already others are planning to follow their example.

Sixty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary Is Celebrated By Local Couple

Rev. Johnson Reminiscent of Past

By O. H. BARNHILL.
Rev. William Johnson, 347 Almond street, who celebrated his sixty-fifth wedding anniversary December 17, was one of the two first men to distill kerosene from petroleum, but was induced by Moody, the famous evangelist, to give up the oil business for Christian work, and for seven years was music superintendent of John Wanamaker's Sunday school. He remembers seeing Abraham Lincoln on his way to Washington to be inaugurated in 1861; heard Henry Ward Beecher, Wendell Phillips and D. Watt Talmadge preach; taught school at the age of sixteen; pastor of a church when nearly eighty years old; teaches a Sunday school class of thirty in his eighty-seventh year; cares for his invalid wife of the same age, and considers Ashland the best place in the world for old people.

The subject of this sketch considers himself a millionaire, because he has memories and experiences valued at that figure, having been used as an instrument in divine hands to turn men from darkness and despair to light and happiness.

The decision to change from money-making to soul-saving came at the close of a meeting held by D. L. Moody, the great evangelist. Turning his back to the audience, the speaker threw this at Johnson who was his orkist:

"Johnson, what are you doing every day in the week for Jesus Christ?"
For eight years a wealthy oil man in Cleveland named Doane paid Johnson to hold services in a big tabernacle and work among the needy of the city. Rev. Talmadge preached there one Sunday evening to 5000 people, also addressing an after meeting of 600 in the basement, where 135 were converted. "One of the homeliest, awkwardest, God-fest men I ever saw," is Rev. Johnson's comment on the great Brooklyn divine.

Afterwards, while playing the organ at a Y. M. C. A. convention at Carlisle, Penn., Prof. Johnson—MASONRY INSTALL OFFICERS WITH EASTERN STAR
Ashland lodge No. 23, A. F. & A. M., and Alpha chapter No. 1, O. E. S., held a public installation of officers Tuesday evening. It was the annual joint affair and was largely attended by Masons and Eastern Stars and their families.

Following are the Eastern Star officers which were installed last night for the coming year:

Worthy Matron, Lorenz McNair; worthy patron, S. A. Peters Sr.; associate matron, Georgie Coffee; secretary, Mrs. Leah Caldwell; treasurer, Lydia McCall; conductress, Mrs. Effie Brown; associate conductress, Jessica Porter; chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Sant; organist, Mrs. Mabel Jacobs; marshal, Emma Murphy; Ada, Mrs. Bertha Denton; Ruth, Ruth Osmun; Esther, Mrs. Mazie Bates; Martha, Miss Helen Dickerson; Electa, Mrs. Lulu Cheever; warden, Mrs. S. A. Peters Sr.; sentinel, W. H. Day.

The installing officer was Mrs. Elizabeth Bush, past matron, assisted by the marshal, Mrs. Mazie Bates.

The new officers of Masonic lodge which were installed were as follows: Worshipful master, George Icenhower; senior warden, K. P. Nims; junior warden, Milton Biegel; senior deacon, Milton H. Ellis; junior deacon, S. A. Peters Jr.; junior steward, Dr. R. L. Burdick; junior steward, W. E. Cook; chaplain, P. K. Hammond; Tyler, O. C. Welsenbarger. Dr. W. E. Buchanan served as installing officer.

Mr. Icenhower was unable to attend the ceremony on account of illness, so had to be installed at his home, in bed.

The following literary and musical program was rendered: Piano solo, Bernice Yeo; vocal solo, Mrs. Guy Jacobs; reading, Dr. Mattie Shaw; poem, S. Penniston. All numbers were heartily enjoyed. Rev. P. K. Hammond had charge of the program.

OREGON TEAM BEATS ELEVEN COACHED BY FORMER LOCAL MAN

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The University of Oregon football team's 47 to 0 victory over the University of Hawaii eleven at Honolulu Monday was of especial interest to local sport lovers by reason of the fact that the Hawaii team was coached this year by Otto "Proe" Klum, former local high school and captain by Robert Spencer, who starred on Ashland high athletic teams in 1914 and 1915.

Klum grew to young manhood in Ashland and established an enviable record first as a player on local athletic teams and later as coach of Ashland and then Medford teams. This is his first year as coach of the Islanders, but, according to press reports, he moulded one of the strongest machines Island sportsmen have ever seen and it is probable he will be proffered the mentorship again next year.

Spencer is star player
Spencer, as quarterback of the ukelele players, has proven a tower of strength to the eleven and the star of every conflict. He played on the University of Hawaii team last year.

Athletic officials of the island university are making a strong bid for football honors with teams from the mainland, and last year brought the University of Nevada eleven across the Pacific for a Christmas day game. The Nevadans, although they were not rated high in Pacific coast intercollegiate circles, had no trouble in decisively trouncing the Hawaiians.

The University of Oregon squad left Eugene December 17 for the islands, and will remain there to play a navy eleven from Pearl Harbor January 4. The Oregon eleven got away to a poor start this year but each game showed the players improving, until, at the end of the season, they were acclaimed one of the strongest elevens on the coast this year. The eleven was composed almost entirely of new men who will return next fall so that gridiron prospects for the university loom brightly.

Bezek to stay East
An effort was made to secure the return of Hugo Bezek as coach of the Oregon team when that famous athletic director visited the West early this month with his Penn State team to play the University of Washington. Despite a tempting financial offer, Bezek later decided to remain in the East, and the university again hired "Shy" Huntington, coach for the past three seasons, to mould the team next season.

Arthur Erickson married
Local Man Weds Miss Helen Clark of Medford
Arthur Erickson, prominent young man of this city, and Miss Helen Clark, were united in marriage Saturday evening in Medford, Judge P. M. Calkins officiating in the presence of only a few immediate relatives.

The bride is a popular member of Medford's younger set and the daughter of a well-known family.

Mr. Erickson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Erickson of this city, and is employed with the Standard Oil company branch here. He was a member of the old First company, C. A. C., which was mobilized at Fort Stevens in August 1917, and later saw service overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have rented a home at the corner of Iowa and Fairview streets, where they are now residing.

THIRTY-SECOND DEGREE MASONS PLAN MEETING

Due to the fact that there is no consistory in southern Oregon, the thirty-second degree Masons of the Scottish rite who reside here, have never convened socially, as a body.

To bring them together, a dinner meeting is being arranged at the Medford hotel at Medford January 4, when all thirty-second degree Masons are invited to attend and bring their ladies.

A meeting of a small number of Scottish rite Masons was recently held, and plans were made for the dinner meeting. Tickets are being sold at two dollars per plate, and may be obtained in Ashland from Dr. George J. Kinz.

It is estimated that there are nearly seventy-five Scottish rite Masons in southern Oregon and at the meeting it is planned to offer suggestions that will, if followed, ultimately result in making it possible to have the Scottish rite degrees conferred in this locality.

Record Attendance Crowns Success New Year's Ball

If a record-breaking attendance of members and their ladies, dancing and hilarity are to be taken as an index of success, the Elks' New Year's ball yesterday evening, was a crowning one. From 9 o'clock, when the guests began to assemble, until the wee sma' hours in the morning, everyone seemed to be there to enjoy themselves. The entertainment committee, consisting of H. H. Gillett, Millard Grubb, Milton Beagle, Glen Simpson, Elmer Smith and Carl H. Harris, left nothing undone to assure a success.

At 11 o'clock the celebrators gathered in the banquet hall in the basement of the Elks building and were served with a sumptuous luncheon. The carnival spirit pervaded the banquet hall, and toy balloons, ticklers and such merry-making devices were much in evidence and added to the enjoyment of the evening. At the conclusion of the luncheon, the joy-makers returned to the ball room, where dancing was enjoyed until all were ready to resolve that the Ashland Elks have started the New Year a-right.

RAIL WORKER HAS LEG BADLY BROKEN

(From Thursday's Daily)
Edward P. Spencer, 47, train clerk in the local Southern Pacific yard office and a life-long resident of Ashland, received a very bad fracture in the bones of his right leg, a short distance above the ankle, in an accident which occurred at Fall Creek, Calif., near the Copco dam, Tuesday.

Mr. Spencer had gone to Fall Creek to spend the day with his brother, A. H. Spencer, who is a watchman for the California Light and Power company at Copco. Together with friends he was riding on a motor truck on a railroad track which runs to the dam. During the night a huge boulder had rolled down the hill to the roadbed. The motorman saw the rock and shouted back a warning to the men riding on the truck with their legs dangling over the side. Others on the truck swung their pedal extremities out of the way, but Mr. Spencer, whose limbs were incapacitated as the result of an accident he suffered many years ago, was unable to get them out of the way, and his right leg smashed against the rock, badly shattering the bones.

He was taken to Thrall, Calif., by his brother in a machine, where he was put on train 16 and brought to Ashland. The injured member was set by Dr. George Jarvis at the local sanitarium, but due to the fact that the break is a particularly bad one, together with Mr. Spencer's condition, he will leave on train 53 for San Francisco tonight where he will enter the general hospital of the Southern Pacific company.

Nearly thirty years ago, when Mr. Spencer was working on the section crew of the railroad company, he was run over by a push car in an accident in which his back was broken. His body was totally paralyzed for four years afterwards, but by dint of undying courage and determination he improved to such an extent that he could hobble along with difficulty, although his left leg has always been paralyzed. The nerves of his right leg have always caused him trouble.

Mr. Spencer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Spencer, well-known pioneer family of southern Oregon, who live on East Main street.

NINE FROM COUNTY AT TEACHERS' MEET

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Jackson county is represented by nine delegates at the Oregon State Teachers' association meeting which opened this morning in Portland, and will extend to Friday. The Jackson county division of O. S. T. A., sends six delegates, the Medford grade teachers one, and the high school teachers and principals' club, one. Immediately following the Superintendent A. C. Smith, E. H. Hedrick, Walter Hughes, Inc. Willits, Almeda Fuller, Elizabeth Burr, Kitty Bragg, Superintendent George A. Briscoe, and Susanne W. Homes will be the delegates in attendance.

Fare at one and one-half rates are guaranteed to all teachers, and the members of their families, who go to Portland on or after December 23 and return not later than January 4.

Pure home life is the most precious asset this nation has.