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In Polk County

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HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Told by Exchanges, Reporters and Gleaned From Other Reliable Sources.

YEGGMEN FAIL TO CRACK SAFE

Attempt to Blow Safe in Selig's Department Store Unsuccessful. Nitroglycerine Failed to Explode.

EVIDENTALLY THE WORK OF NOVICE

Books and Papers Slightly Burned. Three Dollars Taken From Cash Register

To say that N. Selig received the surprise of his life Tuesday morning when he came to open his store would be putting it mild. On opening the door there was smoke and the smell of burned powder in the air that gave him a creepy sensation. On examination he found that someone had attempted to blow his safe. A hole had been drilled through the top of the safe just back of the inner door over the vacant space left to put books, etc. The "soup" being poured through this hole ran down to the bottom of the safe and out at the bottom of the door. A fuse was inserted and fired, but it is evident that they did not attach a dynamite cap else there would have been an explosion that would have caused the natives to imagine that this Coast had been invaded by the Germans. As it was the fuse sputtered and burned the oil in the "soup" and went out doing no other damage than slightly scorching some of the books and papers and making the inside of the safe black and sticky.

About three dollars was taken from the cash register is the only loss noted. The robbers gained entrance by prying open the back door. Tools were obtained at Nick Lunde's blacksmith shop which they entered by prying off a padlock. Tracks were found at the back door supposed to have been made by the robbers. Sheriff Orr was notified and came to investigate; but what conclusion he came to or the methods he will employ in detecting the criminals is not known.

Evidently the robbers were beginners or they would have made a better job.

LOG TRAIN WRECKED

Last Saturday the log train running between Balderee and Dallas had two wrecks between Black Rock and Falls City. The first occurred at Dutch Creek when a car was derailed. The train was uncoupled and the crew started to take the front part of the train to Falls City to sidetrack and go back and pick up the cars left. Just as they were pulling into Falls City the logs on another car slipped and caused the coupling to break. The front trucks started in on the siding near the crossing at Bridge street while the hind trucks kept on the main line. The result was that the front trucks were derailed. Two big logs were rolled off and the train and section crews worked several hours in getting the car on the track.

WANTS TAX ON LAND VALUES

Congressman Bailey Urges That Tax Be Placed on Land to Raise Needed Revenue.

Washington, Nov. 28.—A direct tax on land values, in place of other suggested methods of raising revenue, is proposed by Representative Warren Worth Bailey of Pennsylvania, one of the prominent Democratic opponents of the administration's defense plans.

"In proportion to his income," says the Pennsylvanian, "the land carrier pays 10,000 times as much toward the support of the army and navy as a Rockefeller or a Morgan. This isn't right. It is an outrage against which I protest.

"The income tax, as far as it goes, is meritorious in that it is direct and cannot be shifted. But it is largely a tax on conscience, and is evaded by the tricky and dishonest. The proposed inheritance tax is also direct, but it doesn't reach to the tap root of the evil it is intended to check.

"My plan somewhat resembles that 'put across' by Lloyd George in England in the great budget which so outraged British land-lordism. I have prepared a bill along the lines of previous enactments providing for direct taxation, my proposal differing from those only in the particular that its provisions will apply to land values only.

"At first blush critics will assail this proposition on the ground that a tax on land values will fall chiefly on the farmers, but this is not so. It will fall chiefly on great centers of population, for it is in the cities that these values are found. The land values of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, San Francisco and the other principal cities of the country far exceed those found outside their borders, so the money for 'preparedness' would come from those who are most vehemently supporting the jingo program."

Representative Bailey says he intends to press the land value tax proposal, and expects to have a lot of help from different parts of the country before he is through.

Some Rutabaga

R. S. Ferguson had a rutabaga on exhibition last Saturday that certainly was some "begga." It was 17 inches across and 20 inches long, weighing 32 pounds. Mr. Ferguson says that it was grown without irrigation and no special cultivation.

Municipal Ownership

The Ashland municipal electric light plant and system is proving to be a big asset to the city. The plant is a success from every point of view, is paying for itself and setting aside a depreciation fund which will completely rebuild the plant in 20 years with some to spare, and is providing patrons with electric current at a less rate than that paid in almost any other city on the coast.—Ashland Tidings.

LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NEXT YEAR WANTED

A. Goldman, Manager of the Oregon Importing Company, Believes Prohibition Law Will Be Declared Invalid

On the chance that a fight will yet be made which might result in the Oregon prohibition law being invalidated by the courts, A. Goldman, manager of the Oregon Importing company, better known as O. I. C., Portland, has made application at the city hall for a city liquor license for his place for 1916.

The application was made in compliance with the city ordinance, which requires that it be filed at least thirty days before in advance and that the money be deposited by December 24.

MUST PADDLE HIS OWN CANOE

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov.—: Fearing that his runaway son would carry out an often expressed desire to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, Morris Kanue, of Leopold, West Virginia, has written to the local recruiting office of the "sea soldiers" as follows:

"U. S. Marine Corps, Pittsburg, Pa. I hereby warn you not to employ or hire my son, Anthony Kanue, as a submarine of the Navy. He has run away from home and I think he has gone to Pittsburgh to enlist. He is only 17 years old, in proof of which I am only 39 myself. If he comes there whale him within an inch of his life and send him back to me.

His father,
MORRIS KANUE."

Sergeant Michael DeBoo, in charge of the Pittsburgh recruiting office of the United States Marine Corps, has assured the anxious parent that the boy will not be enlisted should he apply, but that "whaling" him is out of the question, and the "father should "paddle his own Kanue."

BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE

There will be a meeting of the Business Men's League at Toller's Hall December 8 for the purpose of discussing plans for the good of the town in general. Consider that you are a "Business" man no difference what your occupation may be. A man does not necessarily have to wear "store clothes", sell goods or dispense brick-bats to be a business man, so if you are a citizen of our little city, or even a "stranger within our gates" and have something good to offer, come out and air your voice. We hear much said about "knockers", but we do not believe there is such an animal, only in imagination. We all see things that we do not like and believe to be radically wrong. One man can tell you of your faults in a smooth persuasive way and you will not take offense, but rather like him. Another will bluntly tell you that you are dead wrong, stroke your fur the wrong way and you will declare that he is a knocker. If things are going wrong come out and point a better way.

Peculiar

It may be but a coincidence, but as soon as President Wilson became engaged to Mrs. Galt he commenced preparing for war.—Jefferson Review.

Liquor men are expressing some hope that the prohibition law will be declared illegal, and why not? Almost every other law that restrains in any way has been declared unconstitutional by some "high" authority.

Formed as One of 15 to Represent University of Oregon in the Ford Peace Trip.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 29.—Lamar Tooze, president of the Associated Student Body, was chosen this afternoon as a representative of the university on Henry Ford's peace trip to Europe.

The invitation was received this morning by President P. L. Campbell from Louis J. Lochner, secretary to Mr. Ford, in a telegram asking that the university recommend one college student to accompany 15 other college representatives on the proposed peace mission. This gives the University of Oregon the honor of having one of the 15 college representatives of the United States present at the peace conference.

Student Leaves at Once.

Mr. Tooze left tonight on the owl train and will go directly to New York, hoping to catch the first boat that leaves. If the Oscar II sails in the afternoon of December 4, he will be successful, otherwise he will be forced to sail on the Frederick. The representatives will first go to Stockholm, then Copenhagen, and finally to The Hague, where a conference will be held with the representatives of the warring nations.

Asked by President Campbell as to his views on peace, Mr. Tooze replied:

"I favor peace, but I am not a peace-at-any-price man."

The trip will consume six weeks and bring Mr. Tooze back to the university just before the mid-year examinations.

Career in College Brilliant.

Besides being president of the student body, Mr. Tooze is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, National journalism fraternity, Alpha Kappa Phi, National commerce fraternity, Beta Theta Pi and Fraternity, honorary senior society. In his freshman year he was a member of the underclass debating team that won the cup. In his sophomore year he was president of his class.

He hails from Salem, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Tooze. His father was candidate for Representative to Congress on the Republican ticket from the First District in 1906. Lamar was born in Woodburn, but has spent most of his life at Falls City, in Polk County, graduating from the grammar school and high school of that place. He is a hard-working and industrious student, having worked most of his own way through the university by corresponding for newspapers. His summers are spent as the special representative of The Oregonian at Newport.

AMERICA DRAWS CRIMINALS

War Is Driving Hordes From Europe. Declares Chicago Detective.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Hundreds of confidence men, "de luxe" safecrackers, penmen and crooks of other classifications have been driven to the United States by the European war, according to a statement made by Captain P. D. O'Brien, chief of detectives.

O'Brien said that hordes of Europe's most expert and best educated crooks are either already in Chicago or on their way here. Many, he said, according to reports from New York officials, only stop in the

TEAR

WATCH AND WAIT

For

SALE CIRCULARS

Beginning

Thursday Dec. 9th

SELIG'S

Falls City's Largest Store.

East long enough to get a stake, and then head for the Middle West.

"The influx of European gentry of suspicious profession," said O'Brien, "has been especially noticeable since the threat of drafting army recruits in England."

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County, Oregon, will hold the regular examinations of applicants for State Certificates at Dallas, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December 15, 1915, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, 18, 1915, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon

Writing, U. S. History.

Wednesday Afternoon

Reading, Physiology, Compositions, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon

Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

Thursday Afternoon

Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate, Science of Education.

Friday Forenoon

Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, History of Education.

Friday Afternoon

School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government, Childhood and Adolescence.

Saturday Forenoon

Geometry, Botany, School Administration.

Saturday Afternoon

General History, Bookkeeping, Methods.

Very truly yours,

H. C. Seymour,

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Polk County, Ore.

SLUGGED SPECIAL TAX

The meeting last Saturday at Oakhurst school house called for the purpose of determining if a majority of the taxpayers of Road District No. 21 desired to levy a special tax for road purposes was well attended. The meeting was called to order by A. Sampson, who was elected chairman, and G. D. Treat was elected secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated by reading the call. W. F. Nichols introduced a resolution asking that a tax of 1 mill be assessed on all taxable property for special road work. He set forth reasons why such a levy was desirable. F. K. Hubbard objected to an increase in taxation at this time. He and Nichols sparred, good-naturedly, on past, present and future, but it appeared that everyone had come to vote and not to listen to arguments as few questions were asked.

J. C. Talbott and C. J. Bradley were appointed as tellers and the vote tallied: Thirty for and fifty-five against.

The result of this election does not signify that the majority of the people are opposed to good roads, but there seems to be a feeling that there has been too much money expended on automobile roads and not enough on roads that would enable the farmer to market his crops. It is unfortunate that such a feeling exists. Then the fact that it is within the power of the county court to say where the money shall be expended is another sore spot. It does look like that the people putting up the money should say where it should be expended.

Don't forget the election Monday. Everyone should be interested in the welfare of the town, and the welfare of the town depends largely upon the good judgement of the councilmen. There are eight candidates out—all good men—but there may be good, better and best. Select the best.