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STILL WANTS LOAN DRIVE DURING APRIL

Though short time notes may be issued in lieu of bonds the Government is planning for a fifth loan drive just the same.

The Victory Liberty loan campaign will begin not later than April 21. The requirements of the treasury are imperative and cannot be financed without such a campaign.

BATTLEFIELD RELICS SENT HOME BY ATHENA SOLDIERS

Another consignment of battlefield relics has been sent home by Athena soldiers. In addition to those received previously by relatives and friends, the collection is assuming interesting proportions.

This week's mail brings from Ed Sebakky two spiked helmets. (The first of the spiked helmets being received some time ago by H. I. Watts, and sent by George Winship.)

Harry Keller sends a couple of steins of two litres measure, which with other relics are displayed in the windows of the library.

By far one of the most interesting relics seen here is a shell from one of the famous French 8-in. '75s. It is on display at Steele's harness shop.

TOBACCO SELLERS MUST TAKE STOCK INVENTORY

Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, requests the Press to announce that all dealers in tobacco, cigars and cigarettes must comply with the law which provides a penalty if inventories are not taken and the increased tax paid on stocks in the hands of the dealers.

"The pending revenue bill will no doubt be passed before the middle of February. All dealers in cigars, tobacco and cigarettes must ascertain the date of the passage of the Act and inventory their stock before commencing business on the next day thereafter."

"Arrangements have been made to have the inventory blanks in the hands of Postmasters in most places and they may be obtained there. In case dealers do not receive an inventory blank in time, they should list their stock and write to Milton A. Miller, Collector Internal Revenue, Portland, Ore., for proper blank."

Willaby-Tharp.

At the Christian church in Pendleton, Wednesday afternoon at the hour of 4 o'clock, February 19, 1919, the wedding of Mr. Virgil Willaby and Miss Lula Tharp, was solemnized.

O. E. S. Installs Officers.

The installation of officers, delayed on account of the influenza epidemic, of Mackenzie Chapter, No. 112, O. E. S., was held Wednesday evening in Masonic hall.

RESUME OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Last Week of Session Begins With Work in Both Houses Badly Congested.

Anti-Paving Trust Bill Causes Dissension—Inheritance Tax Bill Passed—People to Vote on County Salary Increases—Longer Legislative Session Proposed—Ballot for Absent Voters—Tax on Motor Fuel Passes—Persistent Office Seekers Hit.

Salem.—The present legislature in one respect at least has followed precedent for it started out on the closing week of the session with the legislative hopper clogged with undispensed business.

Practically the only important piece of legislation to its credit when the legislature started out on Monday was the appropriation of \$100,000 for the soldiers.

Stormy times are expected over road legislation this week. The house and senate started the week at loggerheads over the anti-trust paving bill which passed the senate last week after an extremely bitter debate.

By a vote of 21 to 9, the senate passed bill 67, the chief of the four anti-paved pavement bills.

The bill as passed is identical as reported by the majority of the roads and highways committee and favored by those seeking to curb the paving trust, with the exception of the Moser amendment to section 7, which now says: "All contracts which may be awarded for laying any pavement or for the purchase of any material, mixture or process entering therein, shall be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest aggregate bid under the specifications in the class of pavement which the public authorities mentioned in section 2 of this act shall determine to accept."

Those who have been straining the patent paving company fought the minority report of the road committee, which recommended the adoption of the words, "considering quality and durability," which gave this discretion to the state highway commission.

Moser's amendment is construed as tying the hands of the state highway commission, by those who voted no. The others say not.

Strong opposition developed against the senate anti-trust paving bill when it reached the house and the ire of house members was aroused by threats of certain senators to defeat the \$10,000,000 road bonding bill unless the house enacted the senate bill.

Tax on Estates Proposed.

Estates in Oregon will contribute an extra \$100,000 annually to the state treasury under the provisions of Representative Schuebel's inheritance tax bill which passed the house.

Exemption is provided on estates up to \$10,000, but above that amount the tax is assessed against the estate and not against the distributed shares as under the present law.

Local Autonomy for Counties Favored.

By adopting senate joint resolution 14, introduced by Senator Farrell, the senate went on record in favor of taking from the legislature authority to increase the salary of any state of-

Remembered



Official during his term of office and of referring all county salary increases to a vote of the people of the county.

The resolution embodies a constitutional amendment, which will be referred to the people for approval if the house takes the same action at the senate.

A proposed constitutional amendment submitted to the senate by Senator Jones of Lane county contemplates several changes in the provisions governing Oregon's legislative assemblies.

The most important proposal would extend the session from 40 to 60 actual working days, for which members shall receive \$300. It also provides that in case an extra session is called by the governor it must not be of more than 20 days' duration and the members shall be paid at the regular rate for every day of such extra session.

It provides that all bills must be introduced during the first 20 days of the session.

Absent Voter Bill Passes the House. The house passed a bill introduced by Representative Kubli which will enable qualified voters who may be away from home on election day to vote.

The bill provides that voters who are absent from home but within the state may notify his county or city clerk, as the case may be, 30 days before election. The clerk will then forward an official ballot, which the absentee will sign, together with a certificate, which will then be returned to the clerk, who will cast the ballot for him.

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Income Tax is Proposed. The committee on assessment and taxation in the house introduced a bill providing for income taxes in the state and exempting certain personal property from taxation.

Under the bill a rate of 1 per cent would be charged on the first \$1000 of taxable income; 1 1/2 per cent on the next thousand; 2 per cent on the next; 2 1/2 per cent on the next; 3 per cent on the next; and a similar ratio on the next each succeeding thousand up to 5 1/2 per cent on the tenth \$1000 and 6 per cent on any sum in excess of \$10,000.

Gasoline Tax Bill Passed By House.

The house passed the bill of the roads and highways committee providing for imposition of a tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline and a tax of half a cent on distillate. The bill as passed carries the emergency clause, but with a tacit understanding among the members that in event the emergency clause is stricken from the big bond issue bill it will be taken from this and other minor road bills. The

bill will raise about \$300,000 in revenue, of this \$310,500 coming from gasoline and the balance from distillate.

Women of West Again Called to the Colors. A bill aimed at disappointed candidates and persistent office seekers was introduced in the senate by Senator Norblad, of Clatsop county.

The bill provides that if a person is a registered voter of one political party he cannot become the candidate of another political party, nor can he accept the nomination of that party, should he be nominated.

The principal purpose of the bill, however, is to prevent defeated party candidates from running after the primaries as independent candidates, according to the author of the bill.

A joint resolution, calling for a bill to be placed on the ballot providing for compulsory registration and voting, was adopted by the senate.

Death came to the Oregon military police when the bill to keep the organization alive under the measure introduced by Senator Orton was killed.

With but eight opposing votes, Senator Dimick's resolution providing for a submission of the capital punishment amendment to a vote of the people, was adopted in the senate.

Delinquent tax notices will not be sent to the owners of property on which the delinquent tax amounts to less than \$1, according to an amendment to the delinquent tax notice law passed by the senate.

The prediction that the consolidation programme for the session was virtually killed when the house killed the department of agriculture bill, was fulfilled when the committee withdrew all of its bills.

A house bill by Senator Gill, providing for compulsory surgical treatment of all school children afflicted with diseases of the eyes, ears, nose, throat or teeth, was defeated after a stormy debate, which was featured by Provision for re-establishment of the straight Australian ballot system in the state, with party candidates segregated on the ballot and the voter given the right to vote a straight ticket by checking the circle at the top of the ballot over the party of his choice, as made in a bill by Representative Lewis which passed the house.

The gasoline tax bill was introduced in the house by the joint committee on roads and highways. Under bill a tax of 1 cent a gallon is levied on gasoline, distillate, liberty and all other inflammable fuels in motor vehicles.

The sub-committee of the roads and highways committee decided to abandon the proposal to pleasure automobiles according to weight, and also to eliminate the p to collect, in addition to the license tax, an equivalent of the property and turn the latter back to the counties.

A GROUP OF INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR HOME LADS "OVER THERE"



Gen. Ugo Pizarello, one of the most famous and honored of Italy's heroes, who is here on a mission for his government, has been decorated 14 times for gallantry in action.

LARGE BOOK CIRCULATION BY THE ATHENA LIBRARY

That Athena ranks second only to Pendleton in book circulation from the branch libraries of Umatilla county is shown by the tabulated report given below, from the month of January to August, 1918, inclusive.

Table with columns for month and circulation numbers for various libraries.

WILL GIVE A CONCERT IN THE NEAR FUTURE

The people of Athena will have the privilege in the near future of attending a concert given by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sutton and Miss Hazel Burton.

Saved Lives of 100 Men.

Saving the lives of 100 men was one of the little things which Fred Geissel of Pendleton, did while in France, instructing members of the 116th Engineers in the use of hand grenades.

Jan. 20, 1919. Just a few lines to let you know where I am, and that I often think of Athena and the people there, and still consider that place my home.

It may be of interest to you to know that the squadron to which I belong is a part of what is known as the Army of Occupation, occupying German territory until a satisfactory peace can be signed.

There is nothing official about us going home and it is possible that we may be here for some time yet, though I have certainly enjoyed doing what I could, and having the opportunity to see these foreign countries, I will be glad when I get back home and can knock around with my old friends again.

Ed. Sebakky Sends Trophies.

Hohr, Germany, Jan. 17, '19. Dear Mother: I am feeling fine. Am sending you a couple of helmets and a saber knot I picked up in the Argonne Woods near Dun-sur-Meuse.

Got the box of candy the other day, it sure came in fine and we had some feed on it. Well, we do not know a thing of when we will be going home. We are drilling now every day and going to school. It sure has been raining here some lately, but the weather is not cold.

BOOKS OF FICTION HERE FOR THE LIBRARY PATRONS

Following is the list of new fiction at the local library: Barclay, The Rosary; Barr, Bow of Orange Ribbon; Belasco, Return of Peter Grimm; Boshier, House of Happiness; Boshier, Mary Cary; Brady, Hearts and The Highway; Burnett, White People; Cable, Dr. Sevier; Craik, John Halifax, Gentleman; Dumas, Count of Monte Cristo; Duncan, Robert of Roseberry Gardens; Duncan, Suitable Child; Elliott, Mill on the Floss; Favre de Coulevain, On the Branch; Ferber, Personality Plus; Howells, Lady of the Aroostook; Lippman, Martha and Cupid; Macaulay, Lady of the Decoration; Locke, Beloved Vagabond; Locke, Fortunate Youth; Martin, Emmy Lou; Martin, The Fighting Doctor; Miller, Come Out of the Kitchen; Montgomery, Mrs. Mahoney of the Tenements; Nickolson, Hoosier Chronicle; O'Brien, Thirty; Olmstead, Cloistered Romance; Oppenheimer, Illustrious Prince; Oppenheimer, Mischief Maker; Page, Gordon Keith; Parker, Money Master; Parker, The Weavers; Phillips, Brunel's Tower; Phillips, Old Delahoe; Porter, Four Million; Rice, Mr. Opp; Richmond, Indifference of Juliet; Rinehart, Circular Staircase; Rives, Vallants of Virginia; Sapper, No Man's Land; Sinclair, Gringos; Sinclair, Her Prairie Knight; Smith, Enoch Crane; Smith, Tom Grogan; Stevenson, Kidnapped; Stuart, Sonny; Tarkington, Penrod; Tompson, Alice of Old Vincennes; Turgenyev, House of Gentle Folk; Turgenev, A Very Little Person; Ward, Etham House; Wells, Research Magnificent; Westcott, Hepsy Burke; Wharton, Rose of Old Quebec; White, Gold; White, Adventures of Bobby Orde; Williamson, Heather Moon.