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TOMORROW IS THE DUE DATE ON TAX

"A person who waits for an income tax man to pull his door bell or his coat tails, may find himself a delinquent subject to severe penalties," is the warning sounded today by the Internal Revenue Bureau officials.

Frankly speaking, the Government needs the money to meet its obligations falling due on that date. The returns of 1918 income are due at the same time.

It is urged that every taxpayer who can do so, make payments in full when filing his return.

Red Cross Work.

The Athena Red Cross this week turned in the following garments to headquarters at Pendleton, finishing up all work at present in hand.

The French Orphans.

Miss Brenda Francklyn, official speaker in the interests of the Fatherless Children of France, appeared in the High school auditorium Sunday afternoon.

The Sutton Concert.

Weston people who attended the Sutton concert given there Tuesday evening, speak very highly of the performers, giving especial praise to the sweet, unaffected singing of Mrs. Sutton.

Tonkin Gets 'Em.

George Tonkin, Umatilla county game warden, recently cut the rural telephone wires near Bend, to prevent game violators receiving notice of his coming.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Negotiations have been closed for the establishment of a shingle mill in Reedsport.

South Umatilla county plans to erect a \$35,000 school building for high school purposes only.

It has definitely been decided by the Graves Canning company to erect a \$16,000 cannery at Woodburn.

An epidemic of smallpox has hit the state school for the deaf, and 70 children are now under quarantine.

The state securities commission has approved a bond issue of \$17,000 for the Hood River irrigation district.

Plans for the formation of a Lin county chamber of commerce were launched at a meeting of the Albany chamber.

The Coquille corn show had a larger line of exhibits this year than had been shown before, a total of 3000 ears having been offered for exhibition.

Recent rains so saturated the ground that a portion of the paved highway about a mile south of Roseburg has been undermined and made unsafe for travel.

Charles D. Latourette, a prominent Oregon City attorney, recently presented to Oregon City ten drinking fountains, seven of which already have been installed in Main street.

Representative Hawley hopes to complete his work with the house committee on committees in time to leave for Oregon this week. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Hawley.

A special school election to authorize the floating of \$28,000 in bonds for the construction of a new school building in Bend has been announced.

The election has been set for March 28. First Lieutenant Ralph M. Wilcox, of Portland, and Second Lieutenant Lewis C. Beebe of Cottage Grove, have been awarded distinguished service crosses for extraordinary heroism in action.

Of 410 accidents reported last week to the state industrial accident commission, one was fatal. The victim of the fatal accident was James McColm, who was killed in connection with shipbuilding in Portland.

Mrs. J. R. Norton of Hood River was drowned in the Sandy river, about 20 miles east of Portland, when an automobile in which she was riding with her husband left the grade, crashed down the embankment and into the stream.

Nine million dollars is now available for road and trail construction, maintenance and survey work within the national forests of Oregon and Washington, according to an announcement made in Portland at the district forest headquarters.

Brandold Zanatta, unaturalized Italian, was arrested near Prineville by Deputy United States Marshal F. B. Tichenor. He is accused of threatening to kill President Wilson if prevented from bringing his wife to this country from Italy.

It is costing \$2.12 a thousand feet more to produce lumber in western Oregon and western Washington than the mills are able to get for it, according to figures presented at a meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association in Portland.

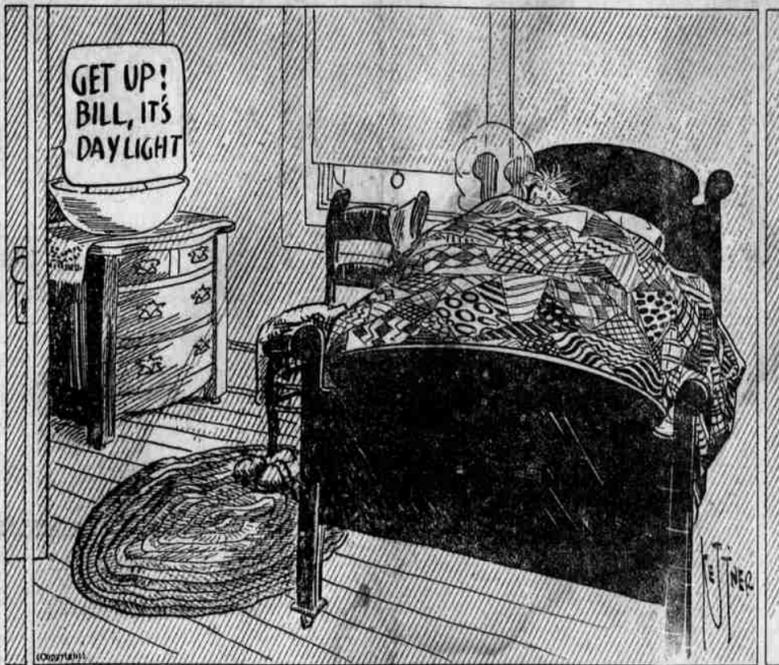
The legislature just closed exceeded all records for bills passed, although lagging behind the three preceding sessions for the number of bills introduced. The number of bills finally passed was 435 out of 821 introduced, or over 50 per cent passed.

Ninety per cent of the votes cast at the special election in Umatilla county favored the issuance by the county of \$1,050,000 in road bonds. Less than 5000 votes were cast against the proposal and only four of the 84 precincts, all small ones, returned unfavorable majorities.

The chambers of commerce of North Bend and Marshfield have jointly appealed to the commissioners of the port of Coos bay to take steps toward securing for the harbor a powerful harbor tug. The plan is to have the tug for aiding in unloading large vessels and for towing over the bar.

Bids opened by the county court for \$277,000 worth of Douglas county road bonds were disappointing to the officials, and acceptance of proposals was deferred. Morris Bros. of Portland bid approximately 95 cents on the dollar, while the bid of Freeman Smith

Nights Are Getting Shorter



A camp of Portland was a trifle less than 94 cents.

Deputy Fish Warden Larson, who is patrolling the Columbia river during the closed season, reports that thus far there have been practically no violations of the law, but a strict watch is to be kept with a view of punishing everyone who attempts to fish during the closed season.

Twelve days were spent in covering a distance of 33 miles by state employes who arrived in Bend from Elk lake, bringing with them 640,000 freshly gathered brook trout eggs which were immediately taken to the new hatchery six miles from Bend, as the first to be placed in the troughs at the new plant.

After a trial lasting four days James Fullerton of Eugene was found guilty by a jury in circuit court of the charge of libel against the University of Oregon, its president, P. L. Campbell, and the students.

That work will be started in the near future on three fishways at falls below Bend in the Deschutes river was the statement of Master Fish Warden R. E. Clanton. The concrete ladders are provided for by a \$5000 appropriation made by the last legislature, and when installed will make available hundreds of miles of spawning grounds for Columbia river salmon.

That the Smith industries on Coos bay are likely to open again is admitted generally since it became known A. H. Powers was ordering his foremen to return to Powers by March 15.

Laws enacted by the 1919 legislature will become effective on May 29, unless they carry the emergency clause or the referendum is applied. This statement was issued by Secretary of State Olcott. He said that the session laws will be available for distribution by May 20. Laws not carrying the emergency clause are effective 90 days from the end of the session.

Governor Olcott has let it be known that in event an adjudication may be obtained of the question of whether or not he would still remain governor in event he resigns as secretary of state and it is determined by such adjudication that he will remain governor and not automatically forfeit the office by so resigning, he will surrender the office of secretary of state and name a successor for that office.

A herd of 26 registered Guernsey cattle has been given the Oregon agricultural college by W. B. Ayer of Portland, former federal food administrator for Oregon, and owner of the Foot-hill farm at Carlton. The college herd is now one of the largest among those maintained by agricultural colleges of the country—100 head.

That two main branches of co-operative work among the farmers of Klamath county—the promotion of sulphuring of the alfalfa lands and eradication of the squirrel, under the

of the county agricultural board, will be immediately increased, was decided at a meeting at Klamath Falls of the executive council of farmers. The fight against the ground squirrel is to be a strenuous one. Poison will be used in all sections of the county.

Central road projects, including The Dalles-California highway branch road north through Bend, and the east and west road from Klamath Falls to Lakeview, will be undertaken at once by the state highway commission, according to Commissioner R. A. Booth, who addressed a banquet at The Dalles, attended by delegates from Wasco, Sherman, Crook and Klamath counties.

Besides state and national appropriations which already have been made available for these projects, Mr. Booth announced that the forest service has just promised the state that it would assist in building roads through forest reserves on a 50-50 basis.

The state highway commission has instructed the engineer to prepare plans and specifications for a number of new paving and grading projects for which bids will be opened at the next meeting of the commission, March 26. These include: Paving 12 1/2 miles in Coos county between Marshfield and Coquille; paving in Umatilla county between Milton and the Washington state boundary; paving 6 miles in Marion county between Jefferson and Salem; paving and grading in Linn county between Albany and Tangent; paving 4 miles in Josephine county between Wolf creek and Grave creek; paving in Douglas county between Oakland and Yoncalla and between Dillard and Myrtle creek; paving in Yamhill county between Belleuve and McMinnville; paving 3 miles in Wasco county between The Dalles and Seufert; grading in Columbia county between Seappoose and Melrose; grading and graveling in Umatilla county between Echo and Morrow county line; grading 1 mile in Douglas county between Canyonville and Galeville; grading in Josephine county on Smith Hill ridge.

Roberts Predicted Foch's Victory. When Lord Roberts was in Canada ten years ago at the dedication of the Plains of Abraham park and playground he made this prediction: "They refuse to believe me, and we are asleep under a false security, for I do not hesitate to affirm that we will have a frightful war in Europe, and that Great Britain and France will have the hardest experience of their existence. They will, in fact, see defeat very near, but the war will finally be won by the genius of a French general named Ferdinand Foch, professor in the military school in Paris."

GOOD MONEY FROM BAD EGG

Buckley Finally Proved Truth of Saying That He Was Fond of Repeating.

"Thar ain't nothin' in the world but is good fer somethin'" is one of the favorite sayings of Jim Buckley of Bear Lake.

Buckley is a thrifty soul. He farms in summer and traps in winter and between wheat and furs he is growing rich. One morning his wife was cooking breakfast. She broke a rotten egg into a skillet and was starting toward the door to throw it away when Buckley stopped her.

"Woman, don't throw that egg away," said Buckley. "But it's rotten," protested his wife. "Makes no difference," declared the philosopher, "Thar ain't nothin' in the world but—"

"James Buckley," exclaimed his wife, "I've heard that a thousand times. The wolf never sniffs at the doors of the prosperous farmers of the Peace river country. But foxes are different animals—here is something you don't know—rotten eggs are rated as an epicurean titbit in vulpine menus.

That night Buckley set a trap in a poplar grove near his home and baited it with the rotten egg. He hoped to catch a red fox or perhaps a coyote. But when he went out to his trap next morning, what do you think he found? The biggest silver fox Buckley ever had clapped eyes on. He sold the pelt in Peace River the other day for \$340.

"A right nice lot o' money to hatch from a rotten egg," remarked Buckley as he stuffed the money in his pocket. "I've allers allowed that thar ain't nothin' in the world but is good fer somethin'."—Chicago Post.

ONE GOOD THING FROM WAR

Cocone Nut, Hitherto Considered Only as Nuisance, Has Been Made Article of Commerce.

Before the war the cocone, which grows freely in the Southern Americas, on large trees of the palm family, was literally such a hard nut to crack that its vegetable oil had no place in commerce, and the tree was known chiefly as a botteration to banana planters when they wished to enlarge their plantations. Eighteen hundred pounds' pressure is required to crack the cocone nut, and there was no machinery for doing it. Then government experts said that nothing else in the world would provide such good carbon for gas masks as the cocone nut, and the United States financed the creation of machinery for cracking it, thus starting a new and important industry. Hereafter it will be well worth while breaking the shells for the vegetable oil inside them, valuable for cooking, lighting, and the making of nut butter; and the shells, happily no longer needed for masks, can be used as fuel or in the manufacture of gas. And so, out of an effort to prevent the expansion of autocracy by conquest, the Southern Americas find opportunity to expand by commerce.—Scientific American.

Sending to Europe 141,000,000 bushels of wheat from a surplus of apparently nothing was the outstanding exploit of the American food army in the critical year of the war. Half the world is wondering where the other half gets its money.

ROME GIVES U. S. FAMOUS PALACE

Bankers Purchase Historic Home to House All American Organizations.

TOPROMOTECLOSERELATIONS

Will Be Permanent Headquarters for Representatives Sent to Italy by American Business and Financial Institutions.

Rome.—Thanks to the generosity of Italian financial and commercial interests, the United States will have a house of its own in Rome.

The Palazzo Salviati, one of the famous group of historic family palaces that line the Corso Umberto, formerly the Flaminian way, has just been purchased by the big banking interests of Italy, rechristened "La Casa dell'America" or "The American House," and placed at the disposal of all societies, organizations and movements that have for their object the furthering of commercial, financial, social and industrial relations between the United States and Italy.

The project was planned by Minister of Provisions Crespi, who through his contact with American Food Administrator Hoover, became convinced of the great mutual benefit to be derived by Italy and America through closer relations. The money for the purchase of the palace was put up by the leading banking institutions of Italy.

The Salviati palace, which is near the entrance of the Corso Umberto into Piazza Venezia, or where the Flaminian way formerly led up to the Capitoline hill, is surrounded by the other equally historic palaces of the Odescalchi and Doria families. Its interior furnishings and decorations will be kept intact as far as possible.

The first floor of the palace will be occupied by the central headquarters of the Italian-American league, of which Senator Ruffini is president and which has for its object promoting every possible relation between the American and Italian peoples.

The second floor will be given over to the offices of financial organizations that are especially interested in Italian and American stocks and bonds.

Still other portions of the palace will be given over to the societies and organizations promoting interests along special lines between the United States and Italy.

THE TEACHING OF THRIFT IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The school authorities of the country were urged to join in the government campaign to make thrift a happy national habit, in a telegram sent by Secretary Glass of the treasury department to the National Educational Association in convention at Chicago. Secretary Glass asked that the teaching of thrift be made a part of the school curriculum during 1919. The telegram read as follows:

"To the members of the National Educational Association assembled at Chicago I wish to extend the sincere appreciation of the Treasury Department for the assistance rendered by the members of the teaching profession in the Liberty Loan and War Savings campaigns during the past year.

"Besides being of immediate value in meeting the financial needs of the government these campaigns have been of permanent value to the country in encouraging habits of wise spending, intelligent saving and investment. These habits of saving and patriotism, encouraged and stimulated by the necessities of the war, will have a great permanent value to the country if applied to its development in time of peace.

"The teachers of the country by their daily contact with the children who are to be its future citizens, can do much to influence them in teaching good citizenship and thrift. It is therefore my earnest request that the school authorities throughout the country incorporate the teaching of thrift in the school curriculum for 1919.

"Carter Glass."

Adams Soldier Dead.

Word announcing the death of her husband, Clark Maxey, in France, has been received by Mrs. Maxey, of Adams. A message to that effect was received Wednesday. Mr. Maxey, prior to enlisting in the army for service overseas was a resident of Adams for ten years, and was in the employ of Pearl Hales. After entering the service he was married to Miss Effie Cargill.

LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

That both Dick and George Winship have been in hospitals, though far apart, and unable so far to communicate with each other, is told in the two following letters received this week from them. Dick received a broken leg in December, but has failed to tell how the accident happened.

"Nantes, France, Feb. 9. "Received your letter some time ago. Getting a letter is one of the best things that happens in the army. Your letter and one other are the only ones I have received for several months, don't know what is the matter. I have never seen it only from the window. Am able to hobble about now on crutches. Was down to the Red Cross but today they sure treat us fine. Don't know when I will get back to my company, nor do I know where they are now.

It is not very cold here but we sure get plenty of rain, is trying to snow tonight. I am glad the fighting is over, as it would not be very pleasant lying out in the front line trenches this weather. I have never seen any one over here that I ever knew before; a familiar face would look good now. The division I belong to, the 77th, is from New York City, except the replacements, they are mostly from Montana and Minnesota, and a few from the South.

General Pershing was here a few days ago, but I didn't get to see him. He came into the hospital but only stopped a few minutes. Have you heard from George lately? Pvt. W. R. Winship, Co. G, 806 Inf., Evacuation Hosp. No. 84, A. P. O. 747.

Nurse and Patient Write.

Feb. 15, 1919.

Dear Mrs. Winship: As representative of the Home Communication Service, American Red Cross, I am writing for Sgt. Winship. He says he has not written you for three weeks and fears you may be worrying about him. He has been quite ill but is convalescing now from pneumonia. Has had every attention from these good doctors and nurses. He tells me to assure you not to worry about him and will be writing you himself as soon as he is strong enough. Trusting you are well, very truly yours,

Anna F. Hopper, Evac. Hospital No. 14, A. P. O. 927.

Army of Occupation, Feb. 19, 1919.

Dear Mother and all: Will drop you a line to let you know I am getting all right. Can't get out of bed yet but expect to get up in a few days; have been on my back for 23 days now but we sure have good care here. I lost a lot of weight, but my eating is good now and I will pick up fast. I sure was sick, had flu first and then pneumonia. Have to stay in bed until I get strength enough to get up. The doctor said he thought I could get up Sunday, but I doubt it for 1 sure am weak. Geo.

Letter Tells of Hero's Death.

Omar Stephens hands us the Enterprise, Wallawa county, Record-Chief, in the which following information regarding the death of his nephew, Jos. V. Stephens, killed in action in France, is given. The letter was received by his sister, Mrs. C. C. Horn of Pilot Rock, and forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott, of Enterprise, with whom the young man had made his home in boyhood. The letter, written by Capt. Walter Brinkop, machine gun company, 344th Inf, is part says: "Corporal Joseph V. Stephens, who was a member of this company, was killed on September 30, 1918, at a point about 1000 yards northwest of Bellfontaine, France, (northwest of Verdun); during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was leading his gun squad when we were mounting our guns on Hill 216 during a threatened counter attack. We were subjected to a heavy shelling at this time and a number of our men were killed and wounded. A shell struck very close to your brother, mortally wounding him. He signalled to his men to go ahead. Private Albert L. Smith of this company came back to administer first aid to him. His wounds in the abdomen were so severe besides the serious wounds on his legs, that not much could be done for him and he passed on in about thirty minutes.

"Corporal Stephens was a ideal soldier. He was liked by his comrades and officers, and the latter reposed great trust and confidence in him. He was never found wanting, but saved faithfully in the battles and shellings of that historic offensive until he fell in action. He died fighting in the cause of Liberty and Justice, and in the greatest battle in the history of the world."