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## PIERCE AGAIN HAMMERS AT PROBLEM OF HIGH TAXES IN PORTLAND SPEECH

Walter M. Pierce was the principal speaker before the open meeting of the Democratic club, held Saturday night in Portland, and presided over by Edgar Frees, president of the club. Frees outlined the purposes of the club, declaring it intends to make active workers out of Oregon's young Democrats, and that within six weeks it will have an active representative in every precinct in Multnomah county.

Other speakers at the meeting were Elton Watkins, Democratic nominee for the state senate, and Dr. C. J. Smith, state central committeeman. Pierce's evening address covered much the same ground as that of the afternoon. He gave striking instances of the constant increase in taxation in Oregon, and declared the time has come to call a halt. He compared the taxation of this state with several of the Middle Western states, showing that the burden here is excessive.

"Piling up of bonds is where the real trouble comes," said the speaker. "For years this state was without bonds. Then in 1917 a body of men went up to Salem and urged a little matter of a \$6,000,000 bond issue. That was five years ago, and now Oregon has passed to the heaviest bonded state in the union, considering wealth and population. These bonds sold way below par, but they have to be paid for at 100 cents on the dollar, besides the interest.

"We may not be able to lighten the tax burden so very much but we can prevent its increasing, and we will. I charge no graft, for I don't know of any, but we have paid too much for what we've got.

"We have an excess of state officials. There's an army of clerks at Salem and an army of automobiles, and somebody has to pay for the gas and tires. We can consolidate many of our commissions and abolish others. I mean every word I say and want it to go into the record.

"There are two lines of thought in this state today on the matter of getting money to relieve the burden which the farmer has to carry. He must get relief or he'll have to leave the farm. We must redistribute this burden or the Anglo-Saxon farmer will be a thing of the past.

"One of these thoughts is the income tax, and I declare unequivocally that I'm for it. If that beats me for governor then let it, for I am for the income tax unalterably. If you don't make the money you don't have to pay it; and if you do make the money you can well afford to pay the tax.

"The other line of thought is the business or sales tax; but that eventually comes back on the ultimate consumer, and I'm simply strengthening in my stand for the income tax."

### LUCILLE SMITH'S PARTY

Miss Lucille Smith entertained a number of her friends at her home last Saturday evening. The evening was spent in music and games. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies. Those present were: Clara Wendell, Joyce Johnston, Inez Benefiel, Leola Benefiel, Ethel Praeger, Lucille Smith, Lois Smith, Charley Smith, Ray Johnston, Robert Schneider, Melvin Benefiel, Roy Varner, Billie Varner, Grandville Cannon.

### HARVEST UNDER WAY

Harvest operations are well under way in this section, many machines having started up this week. Other machines will begin operations Monday, so that next week will see grain cutting full blast. General indications point to an average crop of grain, although quality is "pinched" in varied degree. Some fields are getting by with small damage from hot winds of several weeks ago, while others show the effects considerably more. Thirty to forty-five bushels per acre seems to be the yield.

### FREEWATER SHIPS BEANS

Over 20,000 pounds of beans have been shipped out of Freewater since July 4 over the Walls Valley Railroad company's tracks alone. Fifteen cents per pound for 546 pounds was received by the first shipper, Fred McElrath of Ferndale. The beans are now selling at 4 cents per pound and are for the most part being shipped to Seattle and other coast points.

### CAME FROM THE EAST TO SEE MOTHER'S GRAVE

Thirty five years ago Mary Gibbons died in Athena, then Centerville, leaving her husband, a small son, and a brother Pat Maxwell to mourn her loss. The body was laid to rest in the local cemetery, by N. A. Miller, who had but a few months before opened his furniture store and undertaking establishment.

Sunday a man stopped his car on Main street and enquired for any resident who had lived here 30 years or longer. He was directed to Mr. Miller, who was standing near. The man introduced himself as J. J. Gibbons of Cheltenham, Pa., and inquired of Mr. Miller if he had known Mr. Maxwell, an uncle.

Answering in the affirmative, the man from the east said he was the son of Mrs. Gibbons, and when Mr. Miller informed him that he also had known her and had buried both her and her brother, Pat Maxwell, the traveler was entirely overcome.

He said he had come from the East for the sole purpose of visiting his mother's grave. He was but a small boy when his mother died. Mr. Miller accompanied Gibbons to the cemetery and in a little while the man's long-cherished desire was gratified.

Before leaving, Gibbons gave the undertaker \$100 for the Cemetery Association fund, \$15 for temporary upkeep of the grave and \$5 contribution for cemetery road improvement. Thirty-five years wends back to pioneer days, and the small boy, leaving his mother's graveside, has seen much of the world since then. Jack in Cheltenham he is known as Father Gibbons, pastor of a Catholic parish.

### FUEL SHORTAGE

The fuel shortage, growing out of the miners' strike is causing the annulment of trains and otherwise interfering with industry of the nation. The Northern Pacific announces the annulment of six trains out of Pasco. The local fuel situation will be somewhat alleviated by the use of wood instead of coal, should occasion demand.

### FIRE LOSS \$25,000

Fire Saturday night destroyed a block of wooden buildings in Dayton, Wash., causing a loss of \$25,000. The fire originated in the Home Comfort barn and 15 head of horses were burned before help came. A machine shop and garages caught. The fire then crossed the street and burned the asphalt pavement. The entire block was destroyed with exception of a brick building at the corner. Insurance covered not more than one-fourth of the losses.

### HIGHWAY SIGNS TARGET

R. H. Baldock, division engineer for the state highway department, has announced that steps are now being taken to remove all signs along the highways of the state which do not conform with the law. Besides marring the scenic beauty of the road, they are a distinct menace to safety, the engineer declared.

### 77 IN LA GRANDE SHOPS

Seventy-seven men are working in the O. W. R. & N. shops at La Grande, according to announcement by the division offices. These men are at work in three shifts. Strikers declare that a large part of the force working now is composed of unskilled labor.

### THE ROUND-UP

The Pendleton Round-Up—that unsurpassed outdoor drama with its Indians, cowboys, cowgirls and plainsmen, its wild steers, bucking bronks and fleet-footed horses—will again thrill thousands at the 1922 show, September 21, 22 and 23. The Round-Up city is once more making preparations for the big show.

### EDITORIAL CONVENTION

Clark Wood will represent the Western Leader and the Athena Press at the convention of the Oregon State Editorial Association at Corvallis today and tomorrow. The editors will visit one of the beach resorts in search of pleasure and recreation after the convention.

### Certified Seed's Merits Clearly Demonstrated

The great advantage in planting certified potato seed is illustrated by a field of potatoes belonging to Al Knight, near Mission station. Mr. Knight used eight tons of certified seed which he bought of W. L. Rayborn, well known grower of Weston mountain. Last week his field was gone over by a state inspector, accompanied by Fred Bennion, county agent. After being thoroughly rogued out it showed a 97 percent stand, containing only one percent of all potato diseases combined. Other fields adjoining, where common seed had been planted, were found to be diseased to the extent of from 30 to 55 percent. Herein is an object lesson which will probably not be lost upon Umatilla county spud men in the future.

### OUTSIDE STUDENTS WILL PAY MORE FOR TUITION

Students whose homes are outside of the state of Oregon will hereafter have to pay a higher fee for education obtained in either the University of Oregon or the Oregon Agricultural College, as a result of a action taken at a meeting of a joint committee of the boards of regents.

The existing rate of \$60 a year for non-residents has been raised to \$105, the same amount as is now charged in both the University of Washington and the University of California. The only exceptions to this are the students who have matriculated in the University under the old rate, who will continue at the rate throughout their college courses; graduate students, who will pay no extra fee, since it is the policy of all institutions of higher education to encourage exchange of advanced students; and ex-service men, who will be held for only half of the new fee.

It was the aim of the committee, as explained after the meeting at which the change was decided upon, to put the fees where they would not be prohibitive and at the same time would prevent such an overflow of non-resident students as would tax the facilities and resources of the institutions.

### TIMBER FIRE RAGING

Fire in the Oregon national forest section, starting at Herman creek and running through the timber on a three mile front toward Hood River along the Columbia River Highway, sent every available fighter from the Portland district office of the forest service. The fire was started Thursday by a settler, it was announced by Forest Ranger Brown, who arrested him and lodged him in jail at Hood River.

### Stock Land Bank Doing Business

Although in business only a month, says the Oregon Journal, the Oregon-Washington Joint Stock Land bank of Portland is closing more than \$1,000,000 of 6 per cent farm loans. The flood of applications from farmers of Oregon and Washington shows that the federal farm loan act under which the joint stock land bank was created is proving very popular with farmers. They are already beginning to realize the immense benefit to accrue to them and to agriculture through this new method of financing that for the first time in history provides them with long time, cheap money.

The Oregon-Washington bank is the first joint stock land bank to operate in the Pacific Northwest and an analysis of its loan applications gives the first opportunity to ascertain the purpose for which the farmers desire money and shows their views of the federal land bank act. Thus far the overwhelming number of applicants have stated that they desire to secure loans to refund existing high interest bearing mortgages. A strong minority are seeking additional funds for improvements, however.

The division of the applications into groups shows that the wheat raisers of Eastern Oregon and Washington lead both in the number of applications made and the amount of loans desired. The stock men are second, with alfalfa raisers third and fruit growers fourth.

The average loan made thus far is \$18,000.

"There is no doubt but that the joint stock land bank system is destined to play an all important part in financing our farms," said Robert E. Smith, president of both the Oregon-Washington Stock Land Bank and the Lumbermen Trust company bank. "The farmers are very enthusiastic over the plan, which for the first time in history gives them cheap money and up to 33 years to repay it. "Any number of farmers have told us that 6 per cent money means a difference between profit and loss to them, and the long term loan will make it extremely easy for them to carry on operations and meet their obligations promptly. The fact that borrowers have to pay no bonus or commission for their loan under the federal act is meeting with universal approval."

### MILTON MILL IS BUSY

The Milton box factory is running full capacity, working two shifts and has shipped 45 carloads so far this season, averaging a car a day to Yakima and other fruit sections. More than 50 people are employed in the factory.

### Autos Crash Together At a Bad Weston Crossing

Two automobiles collided Tuesday afternoon at a dangerous crossing on the state highway near the J. M. Banister place in the lower end of Weston. Both were badly wrecked. One of the machines, a touring car, was driven by Mrs. George B. Carmichael, and besides Mrs. Carmichael and her baby contained Mrs. Marion O'Hara, Mrs. Morrisette and child and Miss Amy O'Hara. The other was a new Buick roadster, owned and driven by William J. Hall, commissioner of the department of public works, Boise, Idaho. Although the two cars crashed together with a terrific impact, the occupants all escaped with a few minor cuts and bruises.

### A WHIRLING RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emmel and Mrs. Rabb, who left Athena July 3rd, by auto for Newton, Iowa, where Mr. Emmel will open a J. C. Penney store, were met with the whirling reception attendant with periodical visitation of an Iowa tornado. The party arrived at Newton Friday, and Sunday the "tail end" of a "twister" struck Newton, after having toyed with Boone, Ames, Colfax and Okaloosa in a playful manner, uprooting trees, leveling buildings to the ground with a resultant loss of thousands of dollars. The home town of the writer, Grinnell, 22 miles east of Newton, was visited by a cyclone in 1882 in which 44 people were killed or died as result of the storm, and he can fully appreciate the introduction given our Athena friends to an Iowa twister.

### RICHARDS BUYING GRAIN

Its "natural for an old dog to do old tricks," is an old saw which may be aptly applied to B. B. Richards. After being out of the grain-buying business for a number of years, Bert again comes to bat, this time for the Northern Grain and Warehouse company. He has opened offices in the company warehouse, located on the Northern Pacific tracks on lower Main street. Bert wants a share of the grain business, and would appreciate a visit from his farmer friends.

### N. P. TRAINS ANNULLED

After July 19, train No. 351 is discontinued and on and after July 20 No. 352 is discontinued between Walla Walla and Pasco. On and after July 19, No. 347 leaves Pasco at seven instead of 3:50 a.m. On and after July 19, No. 355 and No. 356 are discontinued between Pasco and Pendleton. No. 390 and No. 350 will be mixed trains, and No. 349 will be made up and leave passenger station at Pasco.

## BROTHER OF MURDERED MALLETT GIRL CORRECTS EARLY NEWSPAPER REPORTS

### LEGION CONVENTION AT THE DALLES NEXT WEEK

The tri-conventions of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux will be held in The Dalles Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Glen Dudley who is chairman of committee on rules will attend, leaving here Wednesday next. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McFadden also will attend the convention. Those who go to the convention will meet at Hermiston, Wednesday morning, the Umatilla county cars going in caravan to The Dalles.

Thursday the day will be given over to La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux which to the Legion is much the same as is the Dokies to the Knights of Pythias order. It is quite a distinction to hold membership in the Societe, and only live wires in Legion organization and endeavor can hope to secure the coveted honor.

Registrations are already beginning to pile up at The Dalles for attendance at the fourth annual convention, when 2,000 men and women are expected to forgather to enjoy the hospitality of Wasco county.

### COOLER WEATHER

With a south-west wind, the hot wave of the week was tempered with coolness yesterday morning, much to the delight of the harvesters and everyone else.

### SPODS NEED RAIN

The potato crop on the mountain ranches is in serious need of rain, and does also the spring sown grain of that district.

### HERE WITH AFGHAN BEAUTY

Red-Haired Huntress Arrives From Asia in Company of Retired British Army Officer.

When the White Star liner Adriatic arrived here recently from a tour of Mediterranean ports there was on board one Percival M. Fielding, a retired army captain of London, and Tazidah the beautiful, said a recent issue of the New York Tribune.

It was in the hills of Afghanistan that the captain first met Tazidah. She was chasing a gazelle over the snow-covered hills. Her red hair streamed behind her in the breeze. Her easy grace attracted the attention of the captain.

Later he came to know her better. He gave her sweetmeats. From that time on they were inseparable. Before long it was a common sight at the inn to see the captain smoking his pipe with one hand and stroking Tazidah's lovely red hair with the other. When the captain left the hills of Afghanistan Tazidah went with him.

Tazidah had unusually large feet, but in her own country no one ever thought of them in any other than an admiring way. They were hunters, those people, and Tazidah was a huntress. Her feet were of invaluable service to her in pursuing gazelles. Being as they were, big and flat, they acted as snowshoes. They had been big from the day of her birth, and were looked upon by her countrymen as a rare inheritance.

Tazidah stood on deck, rejoicing in the sloppy weather. To be sure, the snow was more diluted than that to which she had been accustomed. But it was snow, and that was the main thing. She yearned for the sight of a gazelle.

"Are you going to enter in the dog show?" some one asked the captain. "I don't think so," he replied. "But she's a rare dog and fast on her feet. Eh? Oh, she's an Afghan gazelle hound."

### Obesity Undesirable.

Are you fat? Be on your guard if you are. Doctor Joslin of Boston has gathered striking statistics that show an undeniable association of obesity and diabetes, the condition in which sugar, the most common of food fuels, is not properly metabolized or stored in the body. There are in this country alone more than half a million diabetics. "The penalty of taking too much alcohol is well known, and a drunkard is looked upon with pity or contempt," says Doctor Joslin. "Rarely, persons who become fat deserve pity, because of a real tendency to put on weight despite moderate eating, but most of them should be placed in some what the same category as the alcoholic. In 900 cases out of 1,000 being fat implies too much food or too little exercise, or both combined."

Original reports concerning the details of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett, former Oregon woman, and Normal student at Weston in Jackson, Mich., were incorrect in several respects according to a statement made by Harold Mallett, brother of the slain woman which was published by the Ontario Argus. Mallett went to Jackson to investigate. The statement: "As the public has been wrongly informed in a measure regarding the manner in which my sister, Alice Mallett, met death at Jackson, Mich., on June 8, I desire to explain how the newspapers came to give an incorrect report, and to make plain the facts as I learned them in Jackson from those whose authority cannot be questioned.

"Owing to the fact that the police found it necessary to withhold from the press and the public for a number of hours any information regarding the nature of the slaying, false impressions grew out of rumor and excited speculation, giving rise to sensational newspaper stories which, as usual such cases, once started could not be suppressed.

"I wish to state that my sister's death, terrible though it was, came instantly, and as a result of a blow upon the head dealt from the rear. She was returning from spending the evening with a friend who had accompanied her within a few blocks of her home, leaving her at 10:10 There was no violence and no assault. People sitting on their porches directly across the street from the scene at the time testified that no outcry was heard, and that there was no sound of any disturbance. Robbery was the motive, and it was the finding of my sister's pocketbook in the possession of the ex-convict which led to his arrest. It had been hastily torn apart, but still contained several easily identified articles.

"The body was carried, evidently by two persons, from the sidewalk where the deed was committed, and placed upon a lawn a few feet distant, left undisturbed, clothing intact, and the body was not mutilated in any way.

"To substantiate the above, I have in my possession signed statements from the state detective, as well as from the physician who examined the body.

"As to the report of mob violence, I shall be frank in saying that it was my desire to see the wretch who committed the atrocious deed, lynched or burned at the stake, as it was that of the mob of over 7000 who gathered at the Jackson jail after the arrest of Straub. However, it may be better that the law took its course, since upon the testimony of this man rests the means of apprehending his accomplice. As the public knows, Straub has been convicted and sentenced to solitary confinement with hard labor for life, in the Marquette prison."

### STANDARD PICTURES

Hoot Gibson will be seen in "The Fire Eater" at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night. This is one of Gibson's very best big western pictures and the favorite cowboy actor will be seen at his very best. "Trial of the Wolf" an International News will be on the program also. Sunday night Wanda Hawley in "Eden and Return" will make pleasant entertainment for movie fans who enjoy good clean comedy dramas. Pathe Review and comedy complete the program.

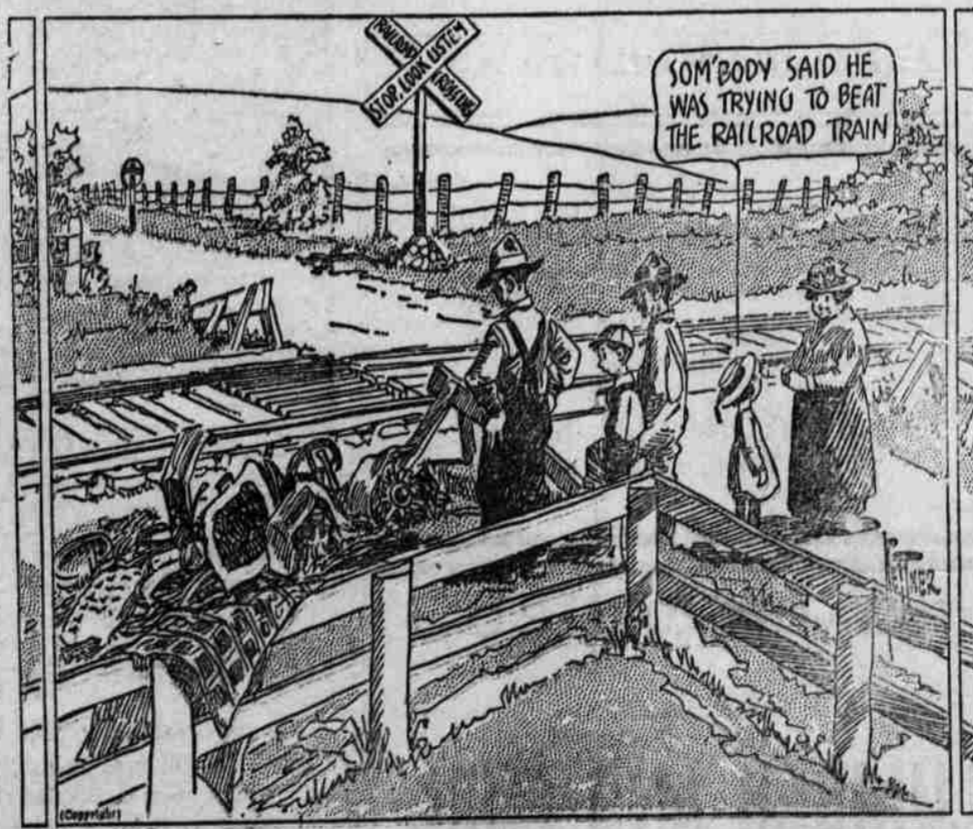
### DR. FROOM TO RETURN

A letter from Dr. A. C. Froom, who with his wife and Mr. Abercrombie, has been on a ranch in Alberta for several months, announces that he will return to Athena about August 15 to resume the practice of dentistry. Dr. Froom says they are well pleased with Alberta and fishing is splendid. The season was late but now all is verdant, and the soil is very productive. Mrs. Froom and son remain in town, while the doctor and Mr. Abercrombie live in a tent on the ranch, a house not having yet been constructed.

### BIG BEND CROP SHORT

The Big Bend will harvest a much smaller crop than a year ago, when it eclipsed all previous high production records. It will show a crop this year that will not be far from normal, although the output is naturally most disappointing to the average producer of that territory.

## The Mourning After



THERE WERE 5,250 similar accidents during the year 1920 in the United States, killing 1,273 and injuring 3,077 persons, and an increased number during 1921. When statistics are available for November 1921 it will show that the month as being one of the worst in history. Isn't it about time automobilists were coming to a realization of the necessity for stopping before proceeding over railroad grade crossings, not only for the safety of themselves, but also occupants of their cars whose lives they have in their hands, as well as persons on trains. The great number of accidents occurring would indicate that travelers on public highways misjudge the speed of trains and do not look for them in both directions. Many accidents occur by reason of the fact that automobiles proceed over crossings after a train passes without knowing whether or not another train is coming in the opposite direction.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN for trains on all tracks before attempting to cross.